



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 23, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 28 percent very short, 44 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 26 percent very short, 40 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 70.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens. Highs ranged from 79.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 90.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro. Hot and dry weather conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the east central area receiving the highest average of rain concentration at 0.57 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending October 23, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	95	87	89	90
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	99	100	99
Soybeans, mature	99	97	98	NA
Soybeans, harvested	97	93	96	95
Sugarcane, harvested	25	17	24	24
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	84	77	72	72
Winter Wheat, planted	8	3	6	14
Winter Wheat, emerged	3	1	3	4

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending October 23, 2016**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	1	5	32	57	5
Pasture	5	22	39	31	3
Sugarcane	1	4	30	52	13
Vegetables	2	13	33	50	2

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Harvest is complete except for sweet potatoes. Some producers planted winter grazing even though it is still very dry. Others waiting for some rain.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“The recent cool front brought spotty showers across the area, additional rains would be beneficial. Dry conditions are setting back winter pasture plantings and wheat acres that will be planted. Second crop rice is coming off with very mixed yields, reports of good sugar coming with the early harvested sugarcane, and sweet potatoes were impacted from the excessive rains in August. Land prep for 2017 crops continues, while producers make decisions on what will be planted.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry conditions allowed for very efficient sugarcane harvest, finishing up on hay harvest and ratoon crop rice harvest. Some cattle ranchers are waiting on moisture to plant. The cool weather should help slow down armyworms.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Dry weather conditions again this week. Sugarcane harvest is progressing nicely with tremendous recoverable sugar; however tonnage remains below normal. Sugarcane farmers are plowing out old stubble, and preparing fields for next year. Much low quality hay has been bailed, and lots of cool season grass planted. Crawfish ponds have been prepared, and are flooded up as cages will go out in November to December in most ponds.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Dry conditions continue to facilitate the harvesting of crops. Sugarcane farmers are reporting good sugar with some improvement in tonnage as they move into better cane. Ideal harvest conditions have allowed some sugarcane growers to already be a quarter of the way thru harvest. If this rate continues cane harvest might be finished before Christmas. Soybean harvest is winding down with yields in the 40 bushel range being reported on beans that were not severely flood damaged. Cool season pasture planting continues but rain is needed for development to commence. Crawfish ponds are being flooded and the dry weather is making pumping more costly”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Very dry conditions persist. Cold front has moved in making fieldwork pleasant.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 23, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	81.7	58.9	70.3	63.2	7.1	0.00	0	-1.26	2.42	-1.90
Mooringsport	82.8	61.2	72.0	64.0	8.0	0.00	0	-0.88	0.20	-3.35
Red River	86.0	66.0	76.0	64.6	11.1	0.02	1	-0.85	1.07	-2.50
Shreveport	80.0	58.4	69.2	64.0	5.2	0.20	1	-1.13	0.75	-3.83
Extreme/Average	82.6	61.1	71.9	64.0	7.8	0.06	1	-1.03	1.11	-2.90
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	62.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	81.3	59.3	70.3	64.2	6.1	0.00	0	-1.33	1.22	-3.50
Homer	79.6	54.7	67.1	62.0	5.1	0.00	0	-1.10	1.42	-2.90
Extreme/Average	80.4	57.0	68.7	62.8	5.6	0.00	0	-1.22	1.32	-3.20
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	84.8	65.2	75.0	64.3	10.4	0.12	1	-0.86	0.70	-3.64
St Joseph	88.8	62.2	75.5	65.7	9.6	0.27	2	-0.39	0.27	-2.72
Tallulah	86.0	59.4	72.7	64.6	8.1	0.00	0	-1.13	0.00	-3.85
Winnsboro	90.8	67.2	79.0	64.9	13.7	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-3.40
Extreme/Average	87.6	63.5	75.6	64.9	10.4	0.13	2	-0.79	0.24	-3.40
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	63.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	89.8	70.2	80.0	66.1	13.5	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-3.53
Leesville	84.4	56.7	70.6	64.8	5.8	NA	0	-1.25	0.03	-4.20
Natchitoches	82.4	59.1	70.8	65.5	5.3	0.09	1	-1.17	0.09	-3.84
Extreme/Average	85.5	62.0	73.8	65.0	8.2	0.09	1	-1.21	0.04	-3.86
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	84.1	59.4	71.8	66.6	5.2	0.02	1	-1.31	0.02	-4.32
Bunkie	84.3	58.4	71.4	66.5	4.9	0.25	1	-1.15	0.25	-3.83
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	68.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	83.0	59.0	71.0	66.3	4.7	1.20	2	-0.08	1.20	-2.99
New Roads	88.5	66.8	77.6	67.7	9.5	NA	NA	NA	0.58	-2.77
Extreme/Average	85.0	60.9	72.9	67.1	6.1	0.49	2	-0.85	0.51	-3.48
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.93	1	-0.19	0.93	-3.09
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	66.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.69	2	NA	1.10	NA
Slidell	82.0	61.1	71.6	NA	NA	0.10	1	NA	0.72	NA
Extreme/Average	82.0	61.1	71.6	66.7	NA	0.57	2	-0.19	0.92	-3.09
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	88.3	66.3	77.3	68.4	8.5	NA	NA	NA	0.50	-3.22
DeRidder	85.1	59.4	72.3	66.6	5.6	0.00	0	-1.25	0.08	-4.31
Jennings	83.4	61.3	72.4	68.5	3.9	0.28	1	-1.07	0.33	-4.26
Oberlin Fire	83.1	58.7	70.9	67.1	3.8	0.00	0	-1.38	0.00	-4.68
Extreme/Average	85.0	61.4	73.2	67.7	5.5	0.09	1	-1.23	0.23	-4.12
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	83.9	60.4	72.1	67.6	4.5	0.33	2	-0.87	0.51	-4.00
Jeanerette	85.8	65.8	75.8	68.3	7.2	0.65	1	-0.22	1.14	-3.01
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	67.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	81.2	63.0	72.1	69.8	2.4	NA	NA	NA	0.67	-2.52
Extreme/Average	83.6	63.1	73.4	68.3	4.7	0.49	2	-0.55	0.77	-3.18
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	81.1	52.0	66.6	69.7	-3.1	0.00	0	-1.08	1.02	-3.21
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.15	1	-1.01	0.15	-3.88
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	84.9	67.9	76.4	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.00	NA
Extreme/Average	83.0	60.0	71.5	69.7	-3.1	0.05	1	-1.04	0.39	-3.54
<b>State</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.93</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>-3.47</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.