



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 28, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 61.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 64.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence and Tallulah to 74.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 1.45 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 28, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	86	75	92	93
Soybeans, mature	100	99	100	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	93	91	100	98
Sugarcane, planted	98	97	100	100
Sugarcane, harvested	31	27	32	29
Sweet potatoes, harvested	72	62	95	84
Winter wheat, planted	17	8	24	21
Winter wheat, emerged	1	(NA)	2	5

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending October 28, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	6	36	51	6
Pasture	2	13	41	40	4
Sugarcane	0	4	32	50	14
Vegetables	2	7	41	48	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Drying conditions toward the end of the week allowed fieldwork to progress. Growers worked to quickly complete hay baling, ryegrass planting, and crop harvesting before the next round of showers. Fall vegetables made good progress. Satsuma harvest was in full swing. Pecan prices and yields remains low and quality is fair. Sugarcane growers continued to report good tonnage as they applied ripener to improve sugar yields.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rains continued to hamper the ability of producers to bale hay and finish planting sugarcane. Sugarcane harvest progressed nicely with respectful tonnage and recoverable sugar values.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Rice ratoon crop continue to mature as the remainder of soybean crop including late maturing soybeans were being left in the field due to quality. Hay producers struggled to harvest hay between rains.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Continued October rains made harvesting the last portion of the cotton and soybeans difficult. The final 6-10 % of these two crops are deteriorating in the field.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Field conditions improved with great weather later in the week which presented a much better harvest situation for the sugarcane growers. Soybeans not harvested were being destroyed and some land preparation began for spring planting. A few acres of wheat were planted by livestock producers who are planting winter pastures. An abundance of hay was cut with favorable weather for curing.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 28, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	67.5	48.0	57.8	61.7	-3.8	1.30	2	0.25	4.45	0.28
Mooringsport	66.0	48.0	57.0	62.7	-5.7	1.34	2	0.19	5.20	1.09
Red River	64.6	49.0	56.8	63.2	-6.6	1.42	1	0.56	8.29	4.36
Shreveport	66.7	49.6	58.1	62.5	-4.4	1.59	1	0.35	9.38	4.73
Extreme/Average	66.2	48.6	57.4	62.5	-5.1	1.41	2	0.34	6.83	2.62
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	64.4	42.3	53.4	60.6	-7.2	1.34	2	0.15	4.98	1.27
Extreme/Average	64.4	42.3	53.4	61.4	-7.2	1.34	2	0.15	4.98	1.27
Northeast										
Lake Providence	64.3	46.4	55.4	62.7	-7.3	0.09	1	-1.15	6.00	1.25
St Joseph	68.6	47.2	57.9	64.2	-6.6	0.81	1	0.12	2.72	-0.48
Tallulah	64.3	44.0	54.2	63.1	-9.4	0.45	1	-0.04	0.45	-0.33
Winnsboro	66.8	46.2	56.5	63.5	-7.5	0.45	1	-0.23	6.56	2.86
Extreme/Average	66.0	46.0	56.0	63.4	-7.7	0.45	1	-0.32	3.93	0.82
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	68.1	48.9	58.5	63.4	-4.9	0.92	3	-0.37	5.50	1.05
Natchitoches	67.9	50.6	59.2	64.2	-5.0	0.85	2	-0.33	5.11	1.17
Extreme/Average	68.0	49.8	58.9	63.6	-4.9	0.89	3	-0.35	5.30	1.11
Central										
Alexandria	67.3	50.0	58.6	65.1	-6.5	0.57	2	-0.80	4.28	-0.41
Bunkie	69.7	50.0	59.9	65.2	-5.3	0.36	4	-1.08	3.01	-1.36
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	70.3	47.3	58.8	64.8	-6.1	0.67	2	-0.61	3.07	-1.45
New Roads	72.0	58.0	65.0	66.3	-1.7	0.31	3	-0.36	2.44	-0.95
Extreme/Average	69.8	51.3	60.6	65.7	-4.9	0.48	4	-0.71	3.20	-1.04
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.72	4	-0.24	4.49	0.67
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.59	1	(NA)	1.84	(NA)
Slidell	72.4	54.0	63.2	66.4	-3.2	1.61	4	0.74	9.43	6.09
Extreme/Average	72.4	54.0	63.2	65.8	-3.2	0.97	4	0.25	5.25	3.38
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.9	(NA)	0.88	4	-0.10	6.10	1.67
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	70.0	53.9	61.9	67.1	-5.2	0.63	3	-0.70	3.39	-1.36
Oberlin Fire	66.8	51.3	59.1	65.8	-6.9	0.42	2	-0.79	3.46	-1.22
Extreme/Average	68.4	52.6	60.5	66.3	-6.0	0.64	4	-0.53	4.32	-0.30
South central										
Donaldsonville	72.6	53.7	63.1	66.3	-3.1	0.96	4	-0.16	3.96	-0.54
Jeanerette	72.6	57.8	65.2	67.0	-2.0	1.00	4	0.18	2.77	-1.36
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	72.6	55.8	64.2	67.0	-2.6	0.98	4	0.01	3.37	-0.95
Southeast										
Galliano	74.3	61.0	67.7	68.4	-0.9	1.98	4	1.19	3.63	-0.25
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.91	4	-0.20	4.13	-0.12
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.04	1.74
Extreme/Average	74.3	61.0	67.7	69.1	-0.9	1.45	4	0.49	3.93	0.46
State	69.2	51.4	60.3	65.2	-4.8	0.93	3	-0.12	4.45	0.67

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.