



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 25, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 59 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 33.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 54.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 68.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Light precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 1.01 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 25, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	99	98	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	98	97	100	100
Sugarcane, harvested	57	52	62	61
Sweet potatoes, harvested	98	92	100	99
Winter wheat, planted	59	53	81	70
Winter wheat, emerged	42	31	48	51

Crop condition for week ending November 25, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	8	36	46	9
Pasture	1	14	45	36	4
Vegetables	2	10	32	53	3
Winter wheat	0	1	38	36	25

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Not too much rain fall during last week but producers still need a few more dry days to finish ratoon rice crop. Second crop rice did not perform well throughout the parish. Cattle producers tried to hold off feeding hay for a few more weeks because of projected short supply for upcoming winter. They are feeding supplements instead.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“The sugarcane harvest was challenged in areas with wet field conditions slowing the process and leaving some growers somewhat behind. Little to no field preparations took place for spring planting due to wet conditions. Livestock producers struggled with short hay supplies while waiting on winter grazing and some producers have no hay at all.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Sugarcane fields remained muddy. Despite difficult harvest conditions sugar tonnage per acre remained above average. Some cattle producers started to feed hay, which may be in short supply this winter. Some crawfish producers put out cages, and should start fishing soon.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“A wet week made field conditions difficult for cane harvest. Cooler temperatures allowed the cane to ripen naturally so most growers have suspended ripener applications. Fertilizer went out on ryegrass pastures and wet field conditions will not allow most hay producers to make a final cutting. Hay supply will be tight for many cattle producers. Recent cool weather improved citrus quality and harvest was in full swing. Cool season vegetables made good progress.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Producers harvested more second crop rice last week. Yields were still good but continues to slide some every week. Producers are wrapping up second crop harvest of rice because the recent frosts has caused the grain formations to stop. Crawfish ponds were flooded with some reports of growers started fishing. Rye pastures greening up nicely.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 25, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	59.7	35.1	47.4	52.7	-5.3	0.49	3	-0.73	7.76	3.02
Mooringsport	59.0	36.4	47.7	53.2	-5.5	0.23	3	-0.84	5.15	1.12
Red River	61.7	36.3	49.0	54.0	-5.7	0.45	2	0.01	9.88	6.07
Shreveport	59.9	36.7	48.3	52.8	-4.5	0.68	3	-0.32	10.17	5.46
Extreme/Average	60.1	36.1	48.1	53.2	-5.2	0.46	3	-0.47	8.24	3.92
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	57.0	33.4	45.2	51.6	-6.4	0.65	3	-0.31	6.33	1.74
Extreme/Average	57.0	33.4	45.2	52.1	-6.4	0.65	3	-0.31	6.33	1.74
Northeast										
Lake Providence	58.1	41.4	49.8	53.1	-3.3	0.76	3	-0.36	11.98	7.64
St Joseph	60.0	37.0	48.5	55.7	-7.8	0.07	2	-0.53	7.15	3.17
Tallulah	66.0	36.5	51.3	54.3	-3.9	0.15	1	-0.03	2.81	0.79
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.07	1.30
Extreme/Average	61.4	38.3	49.9	54.5	-5.0	0.33	3	-0.31	6.00	3.22
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	64.2	44.0	54.1	55.2	-1.1	0.82	3	-0.16	5.71	0.81
Natchitoches	63.0	42.5	52.8	55.1	-2.5	0.39	3	-0.83	6.40	1.59
Extreme/Average	63.6	43.2	53.4	55.1	-1.8	0.60	3	-0.49	6.05	1.20
Central										
Alexandria	61.3	43.1	52.2	56.3	-4.1	0.52	2	-0.93	5.75	0.10
Bunkie	62.8	43.7	53.3	56.8	-3.6	0.42	1	-0.70	7.65	2.77
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	63.9	42.0	52.9	56.0	-3.1	0.46	2	-0.97	4.92	0.20
New Roads	63.5	47.5	55.5	58.4	-3.7	0.44	2	0.17	7.07	4.21
Extreme/Average	62.9	44.1	53.5	57.3	-3.6	0.46	2	-0.61	6.35	1.82
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.54	2	-0.48	4.62	0.31
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.92	2	(NA)	5.13	(NA)
Slidell	65.8	48.5	57.2	58.6	-1.5	0.31	2	-0.63	6.35	2.50
Extreme/Average	65.8	48.5	57.2	57.9	-1.5	0.59	2	-0.55	5.37	1.41
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.2	(NA)	0.55	1	0.09	5.77	1.85
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	65.8	48.7	57.3	58.7	-1.5	0.60	4	-0.35	4.78	0.23
Oberlin Fire	62.0	44.7	53.3	57.6	-4.9	0.37	1	-0.14	3.58	-0.62
Extreme/Average	63.9	46.7	55.3	57.9	-3.2	0.51	4	-0.13	4.71	0.49
South central										
Donaldsonville	66.9	45.9	56.4	58.8	-2.4	1.15	2	0.15	6.07	2.18
Jeanerette	67.7	46.0	56.8	59.3	-3.1	0.88	1	0.52	5.81	2.64
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	67.3	46.0	56.6	59.2	-2.7	1.01	2	0.34	5.94	2.41
Southeast										
Galliano	68.4	54.2	61.3	61.0	0.3	0.59	2	0.02	7.86	4.95
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.51	2	-0.51	6.99	2.99
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	64.2	49.4	56.8	61.7	-5.2	0.13	2	-0.60	5.16	1.67
Extreme/Average	66.3	51.8	59.1	61.4	-2.5	0.41	2	-0.36	6.67	3.20
State	63.0	43.5	53.3	56.7	-3.6	0.54	3	-0.35	6.10	2.02

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.