



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Message from the Editor

This is the **final** *Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report* for 2018. We will resume this report in March 2019. We would like to give special thanks to our Parish Agents, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, and the Southern Regional Climate Center for their ongoing participation.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, December 2, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 29.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 66.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Highs ranged from 59.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans to 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Light precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the State with an average of 0.84 inch.

Crop progress for week ending December 2, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	99	98	100	100
Sugarcane, harvested	65	57	95	69
Sweet potatoes, harvested	99	98	100	99
Winter wheat, planted	68	59	83	74
Winter wheat, emerged	53	42	49	54

Crop condition for week ending December 2, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	9	39	44	6
Pasture	2	20	40	34	4
Vegetables	2	7	38	50	3
Winter wheat	0	4	45	28	23

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Field conditions were generally wet. The sugarcane harvest continued to be a challenge with wet field conditions but good yields were reported. Livestock producers are extremely short on hay, but a warm forecast is predicted for the winter. Recent warm conditions allowed winter grazing pastures to make really good progress.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Despite weather slightly improving, sugarcane farmers continued to deal with muddy fields. Sugarcane tonnage reports remained above average with recoverable sugar slightly increasing.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Slightly drier weather improved fieldwork conditions. Cane harvest continued with sugar levels lagging behind expectations, but cane tonnage exceeding projections. Hay producers scrambled to make a final hay cutting. Cattle producers started limited grazing on early planted ryegrass pastures. Some crawfish producers started setting out traps. Pecan harvest is winding down. Cole crops, citrus, and fall vegetable harvest is in full swing.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Drier conditions earlier in the week allowed more second crop (ratoon) rice to be harvested. Ratoon rice harvest is pretty much wrapped up with a good second crop season. Several crawfish boats have been running traps now, while others remain idle until labor comes in. Dried weather this past week allowed for some hay to be cut and baled; there will be a shortage of hay this winter.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending December 2, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	66.7	40.3	53.5	50.3	3.2	0.16	1	-1.14	5.90	1.08
Mooringsport	68.0	44.0	56.0	50.6	5.4	0.20	1	-0.82	3.33	-0.63
Red River	61.7	32.3	47.0	51.6	-5.2	0.00	0	-0.45	7.82	4.15
Shreveport	66.7	42.1	54.4	50.3	4.1	0.05	1	-1.04	8.33	3.76
Extreme/Average	65.8	39.7	52.7	50.7	1.9	0.10	1	-0.86	6.35	2.09
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	50.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	49.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	63.0	38.3	50.7	49.2	1.3	0.20	2	-1.02	4.06	-0.60
Extreme/Average	63.0	38.3	50.7	49.7	1.3	0.20	2	-1.02	4.06	-0.60
Northeast										
Lake Providence	64.4	41.6	53.0	50.7	2.3	0.98	2	-0.49	9.52	4.64
St Joseph	63.0	37.8	50.4	53.4	-3.3	0.25	1	-0.83	6.42	1.52
Tallulah	70.0	29.0	49.5	52.0	-3.2	0.00	0	-0.20	0.55	-0.63
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	65.8	36.1	51.0	52.2	-1.4	0.41	2	-0.51	5.50	1.84
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	51.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	69.0	45.4	57.2	53.0	4.2	0.34	2	-1.21	3.02	-2.20
Natchitoches	69.4	45.9	57.6	52.6	5.1	0.20	2	-0.98	4.53	-0.11
Extreme/Average	69.2	45.6	57.4	52.7	4.6	0.27	2	-1.09	3.78	-1.16
Central										
Alexandria	67.9	42.7	55.3	54.0	1.3	0.28	2	-1.27	4.13	-1.70
Bunkie	67.7	41.4	54.6	54.6	0.0	0.83	2	-0.65	6.20	1.01
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	65.3	40.2	52.8	53.7	-1.2	0.24	2	-1.09	5.15	-0.02
New Roads	61.0	39.5	50.3	56.3	-6.5	0.00	0	-0.61	5.39	2.31
Extreme/Average	65.5	41.0	53.2	55.1	-1.6	0.34	2	-0.91	5.22	0.40
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.93	3	-0.13	3.92	-0.35
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.33	1	(NA)	4.22	(NA)
Slidell	66.1	48.1	57.1	56.6	0.6	1.26	3	0.11	5.41	1.29
Extreme/Average	66.1	48.1	57.1	55.9	0.6	0.84	3	-0.01	4.52	0.47
Southwest										
Crowley	73.0	66.0	69.5	56.1	13.7	0.89	2	0.06	5.15	0.95
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	68.7	47.3	58.0	56.6	1.4	0.40	3	-0.78	2.86	-1.66
Oberlin Fire	68.4	45.0	56.7	55.5	1.2	0.61	2	-0.82	2.34	-2.72
Extreme/Average	70.0	52.8	61.4	55.7	5.4	0.63	3	-0.51	3.45	-1.14
South central										
Donaldsonville	68.1	46.1	57.1	56.8	0.3	0.93	2	-0.11	4.82	0.83
Jeanerette	65.6	41.4	53.5	57.4	-4.2	0.12	1	-0.53	4.57	1.28
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	66.8	43.8	55.3	57.3	-1.9	0.53	2	-0.32	4.70	1.05
Southeast										
Galliano	68.6	52.1	60.4	59.0	1.3	1.08	4	0.28	6.04	3.13
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.21	3	0.08	5.77	1.53
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	59.3	42.3	50.8	59.8	-9.5	0.00	0	-0.41	3.08	-0.25
Extreme/Average	63.9	47.2	55.6	59.4	-4.1	0.76	4	-0.02	4.96	1.47
State	66.2	44.1	55.1	54.5	0.6	0.47	2	-0.59	4.65	0.36

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.