



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 17, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 24.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 40.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 52.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 73.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Light precipitation was reported throughout the State with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the State with an average of 0.65 inch.

Crop progress for week ending November 17, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	98	96	97	99
Sugarcane, harvested	54	47	51	53
Sweet potatoes, harvested	89	85	91	94
Winter wheat, planted	65	53	52	48
Winter wheat, emerged	37	25	29	31

Crop condition for week ending November 17, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	12	43	41	3
Pasture	5	19	45	28	3
Sugarcane	1	6	46	42	5
Vegetables	0	11	38	51	0
Winter wheat	0	10	54	36	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rice farmers completed ratoon crop harvest with average yields. Ranchers began feeding cattle. Fall calving was underway. Ryegrass pastures were slow to develop with dry, cold conditions. Cane harvest was progressing well with favorable conditions. Yields have been average.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Field conditions were dry with some land preparation for 2020 spring planting taking place. Sugarcane harvest continued with concern for quality issues caused by the week's low temperatures of mid-20's. Livestock pastures were also greatly affected by the early freeze. Cattle producers in full swing feeding hay and supplements. Winter pastures were slow growing with the cold weather but should improve with warmer temperatures forecasted.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Temperatures fell below 32 degrees during last week causing concern for all crops and livestock in the parish. The overall long term effect on the sugarcane crop is still uncertain as nearly half of the crop had not been harvested. In the short term, fields were drying up allowing for sugarcane harvest conditions to improve and for producers to plow and get fields ready for next year.”

–Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Cold but drier week. Area didn't receive much rain, which was good. Producers started cutting the last hay fields over the weekend. Should be a good week ahead for cutting second crop rice and finishing fieldwork, etc.”

–James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Freezing temperatures browned sugarcane tops and lawns. Dry soil conditions allowed growers to make good field progress. Ryegrass needs some moisture for development. Some crawfish growers started to put out traps. The freeze killed some cold sensitive vegetables and tropical. Dry conditions allowed some hay cutting and baling.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry weather conditions enhanced both sugarcane harvest and fall fieldwork. Sugarcane harvest near mid-point and most of wheat and ryegrass now planted.”

–Stanley Dutille, Lafayette Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 17, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	56.4	26.7	41.6	55.5	-14.0	0.46	2	-0.83	4.80	-0.13
Mooringsport	54.3	28.9	41.6	56.3	-14.7	0.48	2	-0.63	4.39	0.11
Red River	59.9	38.1	49.0	56.8	-7.8	0.39	2	-0.72	3.84	-0.76
Shreveport	55.4	26.9	41.1	55.8	-14.6	0.53	3	-0.66	4.09	-0.91
Extreme/Average	56.5	30.1	43.3	56.1	-12.8	0.46	3	-0.71	4.28	-0.42
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	52.7	24.7	38.7	54.4	-15.7	0.54	3	-0.77	5.92	1.11
Extreme/Average	52.7	24.7	38.7	55.0	-15.7	0.54	3	-0.77	5.92	1.11
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	55.2	30.4	42.8	58.3	-15.8	0.65	3	-0.24	6.55	2.81
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7.57	5.77
Extreme/Average	55.2	30.4	42.8	57.2	-15.8	0.65	3	-0.24	7.06	4.29
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	60.7	30.0	45.4	57.7	-12.3	0.40	2	-0.97	8.22	3.01
Natchitoches	57.7	31.3	44.5	58.1	-13.6	0.44	3	-0.66	4.79	0.01
Extreme/Average	59.2	30.6	44.9	57.7	-13.0	0.42	3	-0.81	6.51	1.51
Central										
Alexandria	57.4	31.4	44.4	58.9	-14.5	0.43	2	-0.99	3.22	-2.34
Bunkie	57.0	31.4	44.2	59.4	-15.2	0.15	1	-1.15	3.59	-1.83
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	54.3	30.6	42.4	58.7	-16.3	0.86	3	-0.47	5.66	0.58
New Roads	57.5	34.5	46.0	60.7	-15.2	0.11	3	-0.40	3.86	0.24
Extreme/Average	56.5	32.0	44.3	59.9	-15.3	0.39	3	-0.75	4.08	-0.84
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.25	1	(NA)	2.34	(NA)
Slidell	59.7	36.6	48.1	60.9	-12.8	0.20	3	-0.84	9.14	5.37
Extreme/Average	59.7	36.6	48.1	60.3	-12.8	0.23	3	-0.84	5.74	5.37
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.8	(NA)	0.10	1	-0.55	3.71	-0.67
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	57.1	32.9	45.0	61.2	-16.2	0.10	2	-1.06	2.05	-2.93
Oberlin	58.1	33.7	45.9	60.1	-14.2	0.23	2	-0.96	3.06	-2.07
Extreme/Average	57.6	33.3	45.5	60.4	-15.2	0.14	2	-0.86	2.94	-1.89
South central										
Donaldsonville	60.4	33.0	46.7	61.0	-14.3	0.04	3	-0.92	6.95	2.90
Jeanerette	59.3	33.3	46.3	61.6	-15.3	0.19	3	-0.67	4.11	0.09
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	63.1	37.3	50.2	62.7	-12.4	0.23	1	-0.68	9.22	5.87
Extreme/Average	60.9	34.5	47.7	61.5	-14.0	0.15	3	-0.76	6.76	2.95
Southeast										
Galliano	73.3	38.0	55.7	63.2	-7.6	0.02	1	-0.31	8.94	6.23
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.09	2	-0.93	10.11	5.85
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	61.6	40.4	51.0	64.2	-13.2	0.05	1	-0.94	7.08	3.54
Extreme/Average	67.5	39.2	53.3	63.7	-10.4	0.05	2	-0.73	8.71	5.21
State	58.3	32.5	45.4	59.3	-14.0	0.33	3	-0.73	5.57	1.63

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.