



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, December 8, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 33.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 47.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 59.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 72.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Sparse precipitation was reported throughout the State with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the State with an average of 0.07 inch.

Crop progress for week ending December 8, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Sugarcane, harvested	77	71	(NA)	(NA)
Sweet potatoes, harvested	100	98	100	99
Winter wheat, planted	89	86	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat, emerged	84	73	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending December 8, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	12	40	44	3
Pasture	3	10	34	49	4
Sugarcane	3	11	39	40	7
Vegetables	0	4	33	61	2
Winter wheat	0	4	63	31	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Field conditions have been dry for many crop production areas, some ground preparation for spring planting is taking place. Sugarcane harvest nears the end with good field conditions. Warmer conditions have been a benefit for livestock. Winter pasture plantings of ryegrass and other forages are growing well from warmer and reasonably dry conditions recently. Some producers are making the transition on to grazing winter plantings.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Area could use a good rain for ryegrass pastures. Farmers have completed most all of fall fieldwork with the dry and warm weather.”

–James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Dry weather conditions have continued to aid sugarcane harvest with most across the region being near completion. Sugar and tonnage yields remain lower than growers had hoped. Cattle producers are busy feeding hay and supplements, and enjoying the lack muddy conditions faced in the previous two winters. However, rain is now needed to jump start winter pasture growth which has slowed due to lack of moisture. Crawfish producers were busy putting out test traps or beginning to run cages in hopes of getting their early season trapping started.”

–Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“A dry week allowed growers to make good field progress. Sugar levels in some fields showed some decline from freeze related factors. Ryegrass pastures are in need of some additional moisture for continued development. Dry field conditions allowed some clipping and spraying of pastures. Warm temperatures accelerated winter vegetable growth and development. Pecan harvest is winding down with most producers reporting a light crop. Citrus harvest is in full swing.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending December 8, 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	65.0	37.1	51.1	48.5	2.6	0.00	0	-1.30	0.94	-4.16
Mooringsport	63.4	40.0	51.7	48.7	3.1	0.00	0	-1.23	0.88	-3.53
Red River	68.4	46.6	57.5	49.7	7.8	0.00	0	-1.18	0.57	-3.82
Shreveport	65.0	36.7	50.9	48.6	2.3	0.00	0	-1.12	0.79	-3.58
Extreme/Average	65.5	40.1	52.8	48.8	4.0	0.00	0	-1.21	0.79	-3.77
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	48.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	48.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	59.2	33.0	46.1	47.3	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.97	1.02	-4.00
Extreme/Average	59.2	33.0	46.1	47.9	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.97	1.02	-4.00
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	48.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	63.0	35.0	49.0	51.6	-2.9	0.07	1	-0.89	1.62	-3.51
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	50.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.18
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	50.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	63.0	35.0	49.0	50.4	-2.9	0.07	1	-0.89	0.81	-1.84
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	49.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	51.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	70.1	37.4	53.8	51.4	2.4	0.00	0	-1.54	1.20	-4.59
Natchitoches	66.3	41.1	53.7	50.6	3.1	(NA)	0	-1.48	1.69	-3.47
Extreme/Average	68.2	39.2	53.8	50.9	2.8	0.00	0	-1.51	1.44	-4.03
Central										
Alexandria	65.0	41.7	53.4	52.2	1.1	0.10	1	-1.39	2.60	-3.31
Bunkie	66.4	39.9	53.1	53.0	0.2	0.00	0	-1.42	1.42	-3.86
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	61.7	39.1	50.4	52.0	-1.5	0.00	0	-1.44	3.03	-2.70
New Roads	63.2	45.5	54.4	54.6	-0.7	0.00	0	-0.67	3.20	-0.36
Extreme/Average	64.1	41.5	52.8	53.4	-0.2	0.03	1	-1.23	2.56	-2.56
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	0.70	(NA)
Slidell	64.6	44.3	54.4	55.0	-0.5	0.00	0	-1.13	1.13	-3.09
Extreme/Average	64.6	44.3	54.4	54.3	-0.5	0.00	0	-1.13	0.91	-3.09
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.5	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.76	2.52	-1.59
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	66.0	42.0	54.0	54.9	-0.9	0.00	0	-1.14	2.17	-2.39
Oberlin	67.0	41.7	54.4	53.8	0.5	0.00	0	-1.44	1.54	-3.67
Extreme/Average	66.5	41.9	54.2	54.0	-0.2	0.00	0	-1.11	2.08	-2.55
South central										
Donaldsonville	67.4	41.1	54.3	55.2	-1.0	0.00	0	-1.06	0.95	-3.09
Jeanerette	63.2	38.5	50.9	56.0	-5.4	0.00	0	-0.56	1.00	-2.17
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	68.1	45.1	56.6	57.0	-0.3	0.00	0	-1.03	0.35	-3.30
Extreme/Average	66.2	41.6	53.9	55.8	-2.2	0.00	0	-0.88	0.77	-2.85
Southeast										
Galliano	72.0	47.8	59.9	57.5	2.3	0.00	0	-0.71	0.54	-1.75
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-1.17	1.25	-3.06
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	63.5	43.5	53.5	58.3	-5.4	0.00	0	-0.25	0.64	-2.55
Extreme/Average	67.8	45.6	56.7	57.9	-1.5	0.00	0	-0.71	0.81	-2.45
State	64.9	40.4	52.7	52.8	-0.4	0.01	0	-1.07	1.37	-2.96

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.