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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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This report contains the results from the **Crop Progress and Condition** weekly survey. The survey is completed by parish extension agents' visual observations and contact with producers in their parish. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all of the parish extension agents who responded to this survey.

Week Ending: September 17, 2023

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 17, 2023**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 53 percent very short, 27 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 55 percent very short, 32 percent short, 13 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 17, 2023

Crop	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton bolls opening	93	79	90	87
Cotton harvested	15	3	11	11
Hay second cutting	93	92	90	96
Rice mature	99	98	99	98
Rice harvested	93	91	86	90
Soybeans coloring	96	89	91	89
Soybeans dropping leaves	88	81	81	78
Soybeans mature	80	70	70	66
Soybeans harvested	66	45	47	48
Sugarcane planted	85	75	68	78
Sweet potatoes harvested	19	13	17	23

Crop Condition for Week Ending September 17, 2023

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cotton	5	20	23	48	4
Hay, all	28	29	30	13	0
Livestock	14	19	46	19	2
Pasture	35	33	25	7	0
Soybeans	12	22	24	39	3
Sugarcane	13	24	42	21	0
Sweet potatoes	2	11	13	74	0
Vegetables	9	17	16	57	1

The USDA NASS National Crop Progress release is a more detailed report including crop progress and condition at the National level. You can locate that release at: <https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/prog3723.pdf>

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Louisiana Subsoil Moisture Map for the week of September 4 – September 10, 2023

The Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) provides measurements of soil moisture in the root zone as a weekly average, represented by pixels. Each pixel represents 9 by 9 kilometer plot or about 20,000 acres. The SMAP data measures soil moisture in cubic centimeters of water/cubic centimeters of soil. The scale represents the percent of water in a given volume of soil. More information and additional mapping is available at <https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/>.

