



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 29, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 20 percent very short, 45 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 16 percent very short, 24 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 62.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Bunkie to 74.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River. Highs ranged from 87.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Jennings to 95.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. Sparse precipitation was reported in the State.

Crop progress for week ending September 29, 2019

Crop	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton, open bolls	94	90	99	98
Cotton, harvested	33	19	38	37
Rice, mature	100	99	100	100
Rice, harvested	94	91	97	98
Soybeans, turning color	98	92	98	98
Soybeans, dropping leaves	91	81	93	92
Soybeans, mature	81	70	89	87
Soybeans, harvested	68	56	69	74
Sugarcane, planted	96	91	84	91
Sugarcane, harvested	5	1	2	2
Sweet potatoes, harvested	33	23	34	43

Crop condition for week ending September 29, 2019

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cotton	0	0	26	62	12
Livestock	1	8	36	51	4
Pasture	5	13	39	40	3
Sugarcane	1	4	32	55	8
Sweet potatoes	0	0	29	71	0
Vegetables	6	21	33	40	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Sugarcane planting was nearly complete as more sugarcane mills opened during the week. Recoverable sugar and tonnage are low, but this is typical for the start of the grinding season.”

–Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Soybean harvest was in full swing and dry conditions allowed farmers to get the crop out of the field. Yields varied. Dry conditions lately allowed farmers to do fieldwork in preparation for the 2020 season.”

–Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“A relatively dry week provided good harvest conditions. Scattered showers over the weekend provided some light rains which helped to settle dusty field conditions. Cane harvest progressed with growers reporting lighter than expected tonnage and decent sugar. Cattle producers were planting cool season forages and marketing calves. Hay harvest was winding down with plentiful supplies. Crawfish producers started to flood ponds. Fall vegetable planting was in full swing.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Still no rain. Irrigated late summer crops were still in production, fall crops began to go in ground.”

–Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 29, 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	95.3	70.4	82.9	71.6	11.3	0.00	0	-0.90	1.35	-1.87
Mooringsport	91.4	71.9	81.6	72.0	9.6	0.00	0	-0.98	1.32	-2.01
Red River	94.4	74.4	84.4	72.7	11.7	0.00	0	-0.61	1.07	-1.69
Shreveport	92.6	68.3	80.4	72.3	8.1	(NA)	0	-1.03	1.50	-1.79
Extreme/Average	93.4	71.2	82.3	72.2	10.2	0.00	0	-0.88	1.31	-1.84
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	90.4	65.9	78.1	70.1	8.0	0.00	0	-1.03	0.42	-3.10
Extreme/Average	90.4	65.9	78.1	70.9	8.0	0.00	0	-1.03	0.42	-3.10
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	94.8	67.6	81.2	73.5	7.3	0.00	0	-0.56	0.02	-2.50
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.62
Extreme/Average	94.8	67.6	81.2	72.9	7.3	0.00	0	-0.56	0.01	-1.56
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	94.4	66.3	80.4	72.5	7.8	(NA)	0	-1.01	1.18	-2.90
Natchitoches	93.1	69.6	81.4	73.4	8.0	(NA)	0	-0.75	0.63	-3.60
Extreme/Average	93.8	67.9	80.9	72.9	7.9	(NA)	0	-0.88	0.91	-3.25
Central										
Alexandria	90.1	69.7	79.9	74.8	5.1	0.00	0	-0.89	0.80	-2.87
Bunkie	88.4	62.6	75.5	73.6	1.9	0.00	0	-1.04	2.31	-1.95
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	90.3	68.1	79.2	74.1	5.1	0.00	0	-0.81	0.50	-2.99
New Roads	91.8	71.0	81.4	75.6	5.3	0.00	0	-0.51	3.91	0.33
Extreme/Average	90.2	67.9	79.0	74.8	4.4	0.00	0	-0.81	1.88	-1.87
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.06	(NA)
Slidell	88.6	70.3	79.4	75.3	4.1	0.00	0	-0.93	0.73	-3.64
Extreme/Average	88.6	70.3	79.4	74.8	4.1	0.00	0	-0.93	0.40	-3.64
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.5	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.71	1.74	-2.53
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	87.9	71.1	79.5	75.4	4.1	0.00	0	-1.15	4.67	-0.41
Oberlin	89.0	69.0	79.0	74.3	4.7	0.00	0	-0.84	1.87	-2.84
Extreme/Average	88.5	70.0	79.3	74.8	4.4	0.00	0	-0.90	2.76	-1.93
South central										
Donaldsonville	90.9	67.7	79.3	75.0	4.3	0.00	0	-1.09	0.38	-4.26
Jeanerette	88.5	69.5	79.0	75.4	2.9	0.00	0	-0.39	2.94	-2.24
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	89.9	72.3	81.1	76.7	4.3	0.01	1	-1.09	2.14	-3.01
Extreme/Average	89.8	69.8	79.8	75.5	3.8	0.00	1	-0.86	1.82	-3.17
Southeast										
Galliano	88.2	71.4	79.8	76.5	3.3	0.00	0	-0.89	1.09	-2.82
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.99	1.95	-1.96
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	90.0	74.0	82.0	77.8	3.4	0.00	0	-0.18	0.00	-4.45
Extreme/Average	89.1	72.7	80.9	77.1	3.4	0.00	0	-0.69	1.01	-3.08
State	90.6	69.2	79.9	74.1	5.7	0.00	0	-0.84	1.27	-2.55

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.