



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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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, September 23, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 27 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 69.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 90.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley to 97.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 2.39 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 23, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, open bolls	98	95	97	95
Cotton, harvested	36	14	23	20
Rice, harvested	96	93	97	96
Sorghum, harvested	100	99	99	98
Soybeans, turning color	97	94	98	94
Soybeans, dropping leaves	91	83	90	85
Soybeans, mature	86	75	84	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	66	51	73	62
Sugarcane, planted	80	68	93	87
Sweet potatoes, harvested	30	24	41	37

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 23, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	3	26	64	7
Livestock	1	7	38	47	7
Pasture	4	13	40	36	7
Sugarcane	0	10	32	44	14
Sweet potatoes	0	6	33	61	0
Vegetables	5	14	44	36	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Recent rainfall halted harvest of all crops. Wet conditions negatively affected the quality of mature crops remaining in the field.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Very wet conditions stalled the soybean crop. Second crop of rice is in full swing. Forecasts are predicting another wet week.”

– Bradley Pousson, Cameron Parish

“Scattered showers continued last week; however farmers were able to make some progress in their fields. A few local sugarcane mills will start grinding this week with about 20% of the sugarcane crop remaining to be planted. Area could use cooler and drier weather.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Spotty rain showers slowed soybean harvest. Soybean harvest was hit and miss; some fields reported good yields while other fields were reporting marginal yields.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“More rains hurt efforts to harvest soybeans. Some soybeans started to sprout before harvest. Need some drier days to resume harvest.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Growers dodged showers to complete fieldwork. Sugarcane planting is wrapping up and grinding is scheduled to start at the end of week. Soybean growers continued to report highly variable yields. Early pecan harvest has lots of scab and stink bug damage. Satsumas are coloring and persimmon are ripe. Crawfish growers are putting a light flood on fields.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 23, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	93.3	73.5	83.4	74.0	9.4	1.23	2	0.56	3.45	0.43
Mooringsport	91.3	71.9	81.6	74.5	7.1	2.48	3	1.66	5.64	2.54
Red River	92.1	72.9	82.5	75.0	7.5	1.83	3	1.11	4.11	1.47
Shreveport	90.9	71.9	81.4	74.7	6.7	2.71	3	1.86	5.92	3.13
Extreme/Average	91.9	72.6	82.2	74.5	7.7	2.06	3	1.30	4.78	1.89
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	90.7	69.6	80.1	72.5	7.7	2.39	3	1.53	5.12	1.96
Extreme/Average	90.7	69.6	80.1	73.2	7.7	2.39	3	1.53	5.12	1.96
Northeast										
Lake Providence	94.4	72.1	83.3	74.8	8.5	0.14	2	-0.56	2.20	-0.74
St Joseph	97.3	69.7	83.5	75.7	7.8	0.09	2	-0.67	2.41	-0.86
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.70
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	95.8	70.9	83.4	75.1	8.2	0.12	2	-0.61	1.54	-0.77
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	92.9	71.6	82.2	74.6	7.7	0.60	3	-0.42	3.68	-0.21
Natchitoches	93.4	75.1	84.3	75.9	8.4	0.69	2	-0.15	3.67	-0.80
Extreme/Average	93.2	73.3	83.3	75.1	8.0	0.65	3	-0.28	3.67	-0.51
Central										
Alexandria	95.0	73.1	84.1	76.9	7.2	1.16	3	0.29	4.13	0.53
Bunkie	95.0	71.9	83.4	75.6	7.9	1.45	4	0.40	3.74	-0.52
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	95.0	72.3	83.6	76.1	7.5	1.45	3	0.69	4.80	1.28
New Roads	94.1	74.0	84.1	77.6	6.5	0.47	3	-0.42	3.62	-0.47
Extreme/Average	94.8	72.8	83.8	76.8	7.3	1.13	4	0.24	4.07	0.21
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.12	2	-0.88	5.80	1.26
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	3.11	(NA)
Slidell	91.9	74.6	83.2	77.1	6.1	0.69	2	-0.30	6.09	0.98
Extreme/Average	91.9	74.6	83.2	76.6	6.1	0.27	2	-0.59	5.00	1.12
Southwest										
Crowley	90.6	73.2	81.9	77.2	4.8	1.22	4	0.19	10.85	6.12
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	90.7	74.4	82.6	77.3	5.3	0.94	6	-0.24	7.44	2.25
Oberlin Fire	91.7	73.3	82.5	76.2	6.3	0.11	2	-1.11	7.22	2.32
Extreme/Average	91.0	73.6	82.3	76.7	5.5	0.76	6	-0.39	8.50	3.56
South central										
Donaldsonville	94.1	73.0	83.6	76.9	6.7	0.52	1	-0.61	9.26	4.30
Jeanerette	92.1	73.6	82.9	77.1	5.8	1.39	5	-0.02	9.65	3.40
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	92.0	75.3	83.6	78.3	5.4	0.91	6	-0.28	6.29	0.39
Extreme/Average	92.7	74.0	83.4	77.2	5.9	0.94	6	-0.30	8.40	2.70
Southeast										
Galliano	92.0	77.3	84.6	78.1	6.5	2.88	5	1.58	9.41	3.33
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.97	2	1.13	8.20	3.95
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	95.7	78.3	87.0	79.4	7.1	0.35	1	-0.20	10.15	5.24
Extreme/Average	93.8	77.8	85.8	78.8	6.8	1.73	5	0.84	9.25	4.17
State	92.8	73.3	83.1	76.1	6.9	1.15	4	0.22	5.75	1.72

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.