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**Cooperating with Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry**

**Week Ending October 22, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 39 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 34 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River to 65.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 75.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 90.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 1.91 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending October 22, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	83	76	94	88
Soybeans, mature	100	99	99	NA
Soybeans, harvested	98	95	96	94
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	88	84	83	73
Sugarcane, harvested	28	19	24	22
Winter Wheat, planted	5	1	7	11
Winter Wheat, emerged	0	0	3	3

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending October 22, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	1	5	30	58	6
Pasture	3	12	48	33	4
Sugarcane	0	3	17	55	25
Vegetables	4	11	48	33	4

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rain over the weekend was beneficial in many areas. Sugarcane harvest proceeded, soybeans were all harvested, and a little second crop rice will soon be harvested. Temperatures cooled and crawfish ponds went under flood. Winter seeded livestock and cattle pastures should do well following the rain event. Fall calving season is upon us, some cattle producers were feeding a little hay and supplement to maintain their cows.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Heavy rainfall and flooding in the parish have slowed or even stopped fieldwork in some areas of the parish. High winds have knocked down some sugarcane fields across the parish. Some pastures in the parish are flooded causing cattle to be moved to higher ground.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Continued dry conditions allowed for fall field prep for cane and rice farmers. Cattle ranchers continued to wean and market calves. Some were looking to make a late final hay cutting. Ryegrass planting is near complete. Ratoon crop rice harvest is underway with good yields reported.”

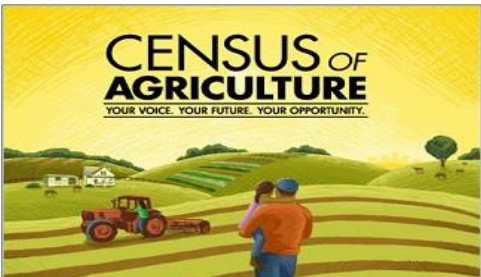
– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Cane harvest continued to benefit from relatively dry harvest conditions. Soybean harvest is wrapping up. Second crop rice harvest will begin this week. Hay cutting and baling is nearly complete. Cattle producers planted fall forage crops. Vegetable growers planted cole crops and harvested early planted vegetables.”



– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“2-4 inches of rain across area over weekend was welcomed by cattlemen getting ryegrass established for winter grazing. Sugarcane harvest progress continued with sugar yields remaining strong, good harvest conditions over past month will be hindered somewhat this week with downed cane and mud from last weekend's rains.”

– Stanley J Dutille, Lafayette Parish



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**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 22, 2017**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	80.9	49.9	65.4	63.5	1.9	0.05	1	-1.21	0.05	-4.21
Mooringsport	78.0	49.7	63.9	64.3	-0.4	0.55	1	-0.68	0.82	-3.50
Red River	78.0	45.2	61.6	64.9	-3.6	NA	0	-0.86	NA	-3.65
Shreveport	78.0	50.6	64.3	64.3	0.0	0.78	1	-0.52	0.78	-3.75
Extreme/Average	78.7	48.8	63.8	64.2	-0.5	0.46	1	-0.82	0.55	-3.78
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	62.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	64.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	75.9	45.6	60.7	62.3	-1.6	1.1	2	-0.18	1.10	-3.52
Extreme/Average	75.9	45.6	60.7	63.1	-1.6	1.1	2	-0.18	1.10	-3.52
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	80.0	53.0	66.5	64.6	1.9	0.42	1	-0.92	0.62	-2.28
St Joseph	80.8	49.6	65.2	65.9	-1.0	0.08	1	-0.58	0.09	-3.13
Tallulah	81.6	53.3	67.4	64.9	2.5	0.06	1	-1.05	0.26	-2.37
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	65.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.8	52.0	66.4	65.2	1.1	0.19	1	-0.85	0.32	-2.59
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	63.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	78.7	46.7	62.7	66.4	-4.3	0	0	-0.50	0.00	-1.56
Leesville	82.7	52.9	67.8	65.1	2.7	0.43	1	-0.81	0.64	-3.56
Natchitoches	79.6	53.9	66.7	65.7	1.0	0.38	1	-0.88	0.52	-3.34
Extreme/Average	80.3	51.2	65.7	65.3	-0.2	0.27	1	-0.73	0.39	-2.82
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	80.7	57.3	69.0	66.9	2.1	0	0	-1.31	0.27	-3.87
Bunkie	81.8	51.7	66.8	66.8	0.0	0.7	1	-0.48	1.04	-2.94
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	68.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	80.0	55.6	67.8	66.6	1.2	0.43	1	-0.85	1.25	-2.31
New Roads	78.0	54.8	66.4	68.0	-2.1	0	0	-0.65	1.76	-1.42
Extreme/Average	80.1	54.8	67.5	67.4	0.3	0.28	1	-0.82	1.08	-2.63
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.35	2	0.24	2.45	-1.29
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	67.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA
Slidell	79.7	60.3	70.0	NA	NA	2.06	3	NA	4.56	NA
Extreme/Average	79.7	60.3	70.0	67.0	nan	1.71	3	0.24	2.34	-1.29
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	90.0	62.0	76.0	68.7	6.5	0	0	-0.75	1.62	-2.24
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	66.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	81.3	59.3	70.3	68.7	1.6	0.02	1	-1.31	1.22	-3.34
Oberlin Fire	79.6	54.4	67.0	67.4	-0.4	0.55	1	-0.81	0.60	-4.05
Extreme/Average	83.6	58.6	71.1	67.9	2.6	0.19	1	-0.96	1.15	-3.21
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	81.9	58.3	70.1	67.9	2.2	0.57	2	-0.61	1.04	-3.45
Jeanerette	80.6	54.2	67.4	68.6	-1.5	0	0	-0.86	0.97	-3.19
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	68.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	82.2	65.3	73.8	70.0	3.8	0.23	1	-0.60	2.66	-0.47
Extreme/Average	81.6	59.3	70.4	68.6	1.5	0.27	2	-0.69	1.56	-2.37
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	79.9	63.9	71.9	70.0	1.9	3.34	2	2.24	6.53	2.42
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.48	2	-0.67	2.06	-2.10
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	79.9	63.9	71.9	70.0	1.9	1.91	2	0.79	4.29	0.16
<b>State</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.43</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>-2.42</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.