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

**Week Ending November 5, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 5, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 10 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 43.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley to 60.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 69.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley to 79.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Natchitoches. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 2.78 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending November 5, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	98	94	100	98
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	98	96	92	87
Sugarcane, harvested	45	33	40	38
Winter Wheat, planted	33	27	11	35
Winter Wheat, emerged	5	2	8	15

**Crop condition for week ending November 5, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	0	4	34	57	5
Pasture	2	18	43	33	4
Sugarcane	0	2	11	55	32
Vegetables	4	14	33	43	6

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Sugarcane harvest proceeded well with favorable yields. Second crop of rice harvest continued in areas, and crawfish ponds were flooded with anticipation of a good catch in the coming months. Winter crops of leafy vegetables and other vegetable crops are suffering from warmer than normal temperatures. Disease, insects, and excessive soil moisture in areas are creating problems. Livestock producers are seeing good signs from winter pasture emergence with recent rains.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Up to eight inches of rain across most of the parish. There were some flooded fields and the rain made fieldwork more difficult. Sugarcane harvest continued with growers reporting better than expected tonnage producing sugar yields per acre on a pace to exceed 2016 figures. Rice growers were harvesting second crop rice with yields in the 30 barrel range. Pecan harvest continued to be light. Cool season pastures were still being planted and fertilized. Some early crawfish were being harvested.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rain showers last week halted fieldwork. Some parts of the parish received an inch, while other parts received five plus inches. Many pastures are saturated due to the rains, while others received optimum amounts after ryegrass planting. Ratoon rice harvest was halted and many farmers are concerned about rutting their fields now.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 5, 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	77.4	55.7	66.6	59.4	7.2	0.87	2	-0.35	1.53	-3.27
Mooringsport	74.4	54.6	64.5	60.4	4.1	0.99	2	-0.11	1.78	-2.71
Red River	73.2	54.4	63.8	60.8	2.7	1.09	2	0.28	2.51	-1.69
Shreveport	74.7	55.0	64.9	60.1	4.8	1.10	2	-0.17	2.10	-2.65
Extreme/Average	74.9	54.9	64.9	60.2	4.7	1.01	2	-0.09	1.98	-2.58
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	58.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	60.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	78.5	55.8	67.1	58.3	9.0	0.20	2	-0.31	1.33	-2.79
Extreme/Average	78.5	55.8	67.1	59.0	9.0	0.20	2	-0.31	1.33	-2.79
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	74.7	54.9	64.8	60.1	4.7	4.17	4	3.40	5.79	4.67
St Joseph	75.4	53.0	64.2	62.0	1.9	0.71	2	0.02	2.42	-1.01
Tallulah	73.3	44.7	59.0	60.8	-1.9	0.75	1	0.31	1.51	-1.57
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	61.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	74.5	50.9	62.7	61.0	1.6	1.88	4	1.24	3.24	0.70
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	60.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	62.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-1.04
Leesville	78.7	58.6	68.6	61.2	7.5	1.30	2	0.07	2.11	-2.62
Natchitoches	79.0	58.0	68.5	62.0	6.5	0.73	2	-0.54	1.29	-3.38
Extreme/Average	78.8	58.3	68.6	61.4	7.0	1.02	2	-0.24	1.13	-2.35
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	77.4	57.3	67.4	62.7	4.7	1.54	2	0.16	2.56	-2.48
Bunkie	77.6	54.9	66.2	63.0	3.3	1.45	2	0.10	3.64	-1.66
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	65.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	75.1	55.6	65.4	62.5	2.9	1.62	2	0.39	3.68	-0.55
New Roads	78.5	54.8	66.6	64.1	2.1	0.00	0	-0.60	11.06	7.45
Extreme/Average	77.2	55.6	66.4	63.5	3.2	1.15	2	0.01	5.24	0.69
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.01	2	1.90	5.66	1.37
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	63.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.03	2	NA	14.38	NA
Slidell	75.7	55.6	65.6	NA	NA	0.05	1	NA	2.87	NA
Extreme/Average	75.7	55.6	65.6	63.1	NA	1.36	2	1.90	7.64	1.37
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	69.5	43.5	56.5	64.6	-8.9	4.21	2	3.54	7.58	3.14
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	63.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	77.7	58.0	67.9	64.9	3.0	2.81	3	1.60	5.39	0.47
Oberlin Fire	74.4	52.0	63.2	63.6	-0.7	1.33	2	0.44	2.38	-2.35
Extreme/Average	73.9	51.2	62.5	64.1	-2.2	2.78	3	1.86	5.12	0.42
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	78.1	54.6	66.4	64.2	2.1	0.91	1	-0.04	2.62	-1.70
Jeanerette	74.8	53.2	64.0	64.9	-1.1	0.22	1	-0.50	7.93	3.79
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	64.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	77.0	60.3	68.6	66.0	2.6	0.01	1	-0.85	2.60	-0.71
Extreme/Average	76.6	56.0	66.3	64.8	1.2	0.38	1	-0.46	4.38	0.46
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	77.0	55.6	66.3	66.4	-0.1	0.00	0	-0.80	3.85	0.27
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.19	2	1.15	3.78	-0.51
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	77.0	55.6	66.3	66.4	-0.1	1.09	2	0.17	3.81	-0.12
<b>State</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>3.96</b>	<b>-0.35</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.