



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending October 8, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 8, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 56 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 42 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 61.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 81.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 88.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 2.12 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending October 8, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	100	99
Cotton, harvested	63	43	64	62
Hay, second cutting	99	98	100	100
Rice, harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	96	96	95
Soybeans, mature	96	91	93	NA
Soybeans, harvested	91	85	85	83
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	75	60	52	51
Sugarcane, planted	100	98	97	99
Sugarcane, harvested	13	5	9	8

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending October 8, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	1	28	45	26	0
Livestock	0	6	38	51	5
Pasture	1	11	49	36	3
Sugarcane	1	4	17	54	24
Vegetables	3	14	49	32	2

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We are very dry. Some rain this past weekend but not enough to make a difference. Some producers have finished picking cotton. Fieldwork has stopped for most due to dry conditions.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“A general rain would be in order. Conditions are very dry!!! The tail end of soybean acres are being harvested. Sugarcane harvest appears to be offering some good yields, and most hay fields have been harvested. Land preparations for next year's crop continued and crawfish ponds are going under flood. Cattle producers continued to sell spring born calves at fairly steady prices as the fall calf crop is hitting the ground.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“We could use about two inches of rain in order to germinate the late planted sugarcane. Harvest has begun and sugar recovery is good, while tonnage is very respectable for the old stubble.”

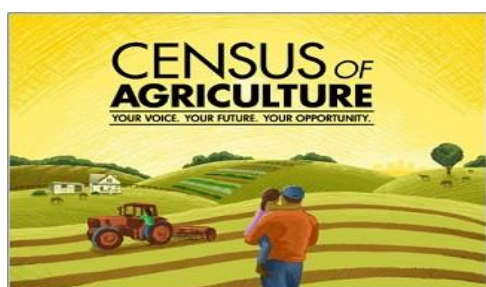
– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry and warm weather pattern continued. Pasture conditions deteriorating quickly and cattlemen desperate for rain so they can get some ryegrass planted. Sugarcane planting, hay and soybean harvest near completion. Sugarcane harvest is progressing well but aided by dry conditions.”



– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Dry conditions continue halting sweet potato harvest. Soybean harvest is concluding. Some producers are planting ryegrass while others are waiting for more moisture. Ratoon rice crop is requiring continued irrigation due to dry conditions.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 8, 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	87.0	66.0	76.5	68.1	8.4	0.00	0	-0.99	0.11	-3.44
Mooringsport	85.6	65.7	75.6	68.6	7.1	0.27	1	-0.76	0.27	-3.40
Red River	84.8	65.2	75.0	69.4	5.3	NA	0	-0.67	NA	-3.09
Shreveport	85.0	64.6	74.8	68.8	6.0	NA	0	-1.17	NA	-4.02
Extreme/Average	85.6	65.4	75.5	68.7	6.7	0.14	1	-0.90	0.19	-3.49
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	67.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	68.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	81.4	62.4	71.9	66.8	4.8	NA	0	-0.79	0.04	-3.34
Extreme/Average	81.4	62.4	71.9	67.6	4.8	NA	0	-0.79	0.04	-3.34
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	84.6	65.0	74.8	69.3	5.5	0.20	2	-0.77	0.85	-0.33
St Joseph	85.8	61.8	73.8	70.4	3.1	0.01	1	-0.60	0.17	-2.87
Tallulah	88.3	69.7	79.0	69.4	9.3	0.20	1	-0.22	0.65	-0.74
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	69.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	86.2	65.5	75.9	69.7	6.0	0.14	2	-0.53	0.56	-1.31
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	68.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	70.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.01	-2.48
Leesville	87.6	65.6	76.6	69.4	7.2	0.21	4	-0.79	0.23	-3.87
Natchitoches	84.7	66.6	75.6	69.9	5.7	0.14	1	-0.75	0.14	-3.50
Extreme/Average	86.2	66.1	76.1	69.7	6.4	0.17	4	-0.77	0.13	-3.28
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	86.7	65.6	76.1	71.5	4.6	0.27	2	-0.69	0.27	-3.41
Bunkie	88.2	63.8	76.0	70.8	4.9	0.00	0	-0.80	0.00	-3.86
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	72.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	84.5	64.7	74.6	71.0	3.5	0.07	2	-0.74	0.07	-3.14
New Roads	84.0	67.8	75.9	72.4	2.9	0.00	0	-0.52	0.01	-3.20
Extreme/Average	85.8	65.5	75.7	71.7	4.0	0.09	2	-0.69	0.09	-3.40
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.60	3	-0.34	1.70	-2.12
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	71.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.15	NA
Slidell	82.7	68.0	75.4	NA	NA	2.11	3	NA	3.39	NA
Extreme/Average	82.7	68.0	75.4	71.3	NA	1.35	3	-0.34	1.75	-2.12
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	NA	NA	NA	72.8	NA	0.23	1	-0.53	0.93	-3.02
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	71.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	87.9	67.7	77.8	72.7	5.1	0.20	3	-0.86	0.67	-4.03
Oberlin Fire	85.9	67.6	76.7	71.4	5.3	0.05	1	-1.03	0.23	-4.57
Extreme/Average	86.9	67.7	77.3	72.0	5.2	0.16	3	-0.81	0.61	-3.87
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	85.1	67.4	76.3	72.1	4.2	0.44	2	-0.67	1.96	-2.62
Jeanerette	86.2	67.8	77.0	72.6	4.1	0.02	1	-0.74	0.40	-4.58
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	71.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	84.4	71.7	78.1	74.2	3.9	1.45	3	0.50	2.68	-1.45
Extreme/Average	85.2	69.0	77.1	72.7	4.1	0.64	3	-0.30	1.68	-2.88
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	83.8	73.0	78.4	73.9	4.6	2.67	3	1.51	3.17	-1.61
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.58	2	0.57	1.63	-2.43
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	83.8	73.0	78.4	73.9	4.6	2.12	3	1.04	2.40	-2.02
<b>State</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.45</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>-2.93</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.