



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



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 23, 2014**. Rice and corn planting continues as fields started to dry out. Subsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus while top soil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending March 23, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	19	4	82	61
Rice, planted	14	3	49	26
Winter Wheat, heading	2	0	14	18

Crop condition for week ending March 23, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	13	45	37	4
Pasture	3	21	47	27	2
Winter Wheat	0	17	36	47	0
Sugarcane	1	19	51	23	6
Vegetables	1	15	55	28	1

Comments

“Rice- Very small amount planted thus far, all water planted, field work preparation for drilling has begun. Forage will improve with warmer and drier weather.”

- Keith Fontenot, Evangeline

“Harvesting strawberries and spraying to control diseases and insects. Planting bell peppers, cucumbers, beans and eggplants.”

- Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa

“Lingering cool weather is slowing crop development. The crawfish catch is improving. Rice planting is progressing. Sugarcane growers are starting herbicide applications. Ryegrass pastures are developing nicely under these cool conditions. ”

- Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin

“Sugarcane producers working ground, crawfish producers beginning to catch more in ponds, vegetables producers planting crops, and citrus producers evaluating cold damage.”

-Barton Joffrion, Terrebonne

(Temperatures and precipitation for the week ending March 23, 2014 were not available at press time.)