



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 30, 2014**. Corn and rice planting continues as field started to dry out. Subsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Top soil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 55.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 64.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 73.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. The precipitation for the week was spread throughout the state from under 1 inch in the southwest to over 7 inches in the east central part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending March 30, 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	75	19	94	84
Rice, planted	31	14	60	41
Soybeans, planted	1	0	4	2
Winter Wheat, heading	9	2	21	36

Crop condition for week ending March 30, 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	12	46	37	4
Pasture	3	18	49	28	2
Sugarcane	1	14	50	33	2
Vegetables	1	19	49	24	7
Winter Wheat	0	16	36	47	0

Comments

“Rice planting is progressing rapidly. Sugarcane field work has also made good progress. Summer pastures have been slow to develop. Calving is about mid way. Ryegrass is excellent.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion

“Several days of dry weather in the last couple of weeks have allowed some normal field work and planting to progress. Rain in the forecast over the next days will slow progress somewhat.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry

“Rain continues to hamper field activity. Crawfish producers are seeing a little more production from ponds and size picking up. Citrus producers are still assessing trees, and vegetable producers trying to plant.”

–Barton Joffrion JR, Terrebonne

“Rain and cold weather has delayed rice planting.”

– Randy Bellon, Allen

“Rice planting progressed rapidly this week. Drilling was fast and furious in many area, water planting still going on. Soil moisture worked out excellent in most cases for drill planting. Soybean land being prepared.”

–Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline

“Growers are starting to perform some field work but are still waiting for some fields to dry up. Some milo has been planted. Sugarcane growers are applying herbicides and cultivating.

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 30, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	66.6	41.7	54.1	58.3	-4.1	1.97	2	0.89	5.19	0.87
Mooringsport	66.3	43.6	54.9	59.5	-4.6	0.79	2	0.18	3.50	-0.35
Red River	66.9	43.4	55.1	59.6	-4.4	1.39	3	0.41	3.42	-0.41
Shreveport	67.3	43.4	55.4	59.1	-3.8	1.83	3	0.89	3.89	-0.06
Extreme/Average	66.8	43.0	54.9	59.1	-4.2	1.49	3	0.50	4.00	0.01
North Central										
Calhoun	69.2	39.0	54.1	58.0	-4.0	2.09	2	1.19	4.17	-0.23
Farmerville	65.9	43.6	54.7	59.1	-4.4	2.56	2	1.28	4.76	-0.01
Homer	65.7	37.9	51.8	56.9	-5.1	2.02	2	1.55	3.67	2.72
Extreme/Average	66.9	40.2	53.5	58.0	-4.5	2.22	2	1.34	4.20	0.83
Northeast										
Lake Providence	64.7	42.6	53.6	58.6	-5.0	2.98	2	2.52	4.84	3.72
St Joseph	70.2	50.8	60.5	60.9	-0.3	4.53	2	3.71	7.90	3.25
Tallulah	66.4	40.6	53.5	60.1	-6.6	1.63	2	0.50	5.98	1.22
Winnsboro	64.0	34.7	49.3	60.3	10.4	0.00	0	0.46	3.34	-0.50
Extreme/Average	66.3	42.2	54.2	60.0	-5.6	2.29	2	1.57	5.51	1.92
West Central										
Ashland	68.1	40.6	54.4	59.5	-5.2	2.53	3	1.46	4.12	0.94
Hodges Gardens	66.6	45.0	55.8	61.2	-5.2	0.82	1	0.05	2.75	-1.34
Leesville	69.8	41.3	55.6	61.2	-5.6	0.56	1	0.33	2.96	-1.08
Natchitochers	65.4	45.1	55.3	61.3	-6.0	2.95	2	1.59	5.64	0.90
Extreme/Average	67.5	43.0	55.3	60.8	-5.5	1.71	3	0.69	3.87	-0.15
Central										
Alexandria	70.6	45.3	57.9	61.9	-3.9	1.47	2	0.29	3.83	-0.74
Bunkie	67.4	45.9	56.6	62.2	-5.6	2.01	2	0.95	4.32	-0.06
Eunice	67.9	47.0	57.4	63.8	-6.4	1.93	3	1.02	3.22	-0.50
Johesville Locks	69.4	45.4	57.4	60.7	-3.2	3.98	2	2.75	6.29	1.47
New Roads	73.7	52.0	62.8	62.6	0.4	0.95	1	0.52	2.56	-0.82
Extreme/Average	69.8	47.1	58.5	62.2	-3.7	2.07	3	1.11	4.04	-0.13
East Central										
Hammond	64.6	41.4	53.0	61.9	-8.7	1.32	2	0.49	2.38	-2.00
Slidell	66.9	48.4	57.6	NA	NA	7.06	2	0.00	11.3	
Extreme/Average	65.8	44.9	55.3	61.9	-8.7	4.19	2	0.49	6.84	-2.00
Southwest										
Crowley	68.7	48.9	58.8	63.1	-4.3	0.50	3	0.41	1.82	-1.75
DE Ridder	68.0	47.1	57.6	62.5	-5.0	1.36	3	0.21	3.24	-0.94
Jennings	68.6	50.0	59.3	63.0	-3.7	0.93	4	0.05	2.08	-1.67
Oberlin Fire	68.7	45.7	57.2	62.9	-5.7	0.99	2	0.03	2.71	-0.88
Extreme/Average	68.5	47.9	58.2	62.9	-4.7	0.95	4	0.06	2.46	-1.31
South Central										
Donaldsonville	68.7	46.1	57.4	63.1	-5.7	1.33	5	0.31	2.46	-1.41
Jeanerette	65.0	47.8	56.4	63.8	-7.2	0.52	4	0.16	1.58	-1.66
Lafayette	68.4	47.7	58.1	63.0	-5.0	0.99	3	0.13	2.81	-0.76
Morgan City	67.4	50.7	59.1	63.5	-4.4	3.99	5	3.12	5.98	2.35
Extreme/Average	67.4	48.1	57.7	63.4	-5.6	1.71	5	0.85	3.21	-0.37
Southeast										
Galliano	65.8	52.4	59.1	64.3	-5.2	0.72	2	0.01	3.13	-0.47
Grand Isle	66.8	55.0	60.9	NA	NA	2.52	5	1.58	6.92	2.40
Extreme/Average	66.3	53.7	60.0	64.3	-5.2	1.62	5	0.79	5.03	0.96
State	67.4	45.9	56.7	61.5	-5.2	2.00	3	0.79	4.29	-0.07

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.