



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 6, 2014**. Wet and cooler weather slowed down planting. Subsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Top soil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 61.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 71.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 81.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. The precipitation for the week was spread throughout the state from under an inch in south central to over 2 inches in the northeast.

**Crop progress for week ending April 6, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	91	75	97	92
Corn, emerged	51	-	60	60
Rice, planted	55	31	73	56
Sorghum, planted	5	-	41	40
Soybeans, planted	8	1	7	6
Winter Wheat, headed	20	9	41	58

**Crop condition for week ending April 6, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	1	11	44	40	4
Pasture	1	16	45	35	3
Vegetables	1	12	49	36	2
Sugarcane	1	18	49	25	7
Winter Wheat	0	7	45	46	2

## Comments

“Rice planting continues, rain on Friday slowed down some drill planting. Soybean land preparation was still underway in most cases. Forages- most ryegrass in excellent shape, many buttercups, bitter sneezeweed and thistles showing up in pastures in large numbers now.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline

“Cool wet conditions continue to slow spring planting progress. Sunny, dry weather is in need for progress to continue.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry

“Rice planting continues, good progress made this week. Have seen some army worms moving into seedling rice from burned down fields. Crawfish catches have increased. Rain has slowed bean ground preparation.”

–Frances Guirdry, Jefferson Davis

“Due to cool and wet conditions, corn is slow to emerge and grow.”

– Richard Letlow, Ouachita

“We received 3-6 inches of rain Sunday. Soils were already wet from previous rain fall. Some backwater into corn, soybean and wheat fields. Duration of standing water, air temperature and stage of growth will determine effect to crops.”

–Carol Pinnell, Franklin

“Crawfish harvest in full swing, sugarcane farmers working crop. Cattlemen fertilizing pastures; vegetable producers planting and working crops.”

–Barton Joffrion Jr, Terrebonne

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 6, 2014**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	72.6	51.6	62.1	59.9	2.1	1.20	2	0.03	5.43	1.09
Mooringsport	71.1	51.9	61.5	61.2	0.3	1.24	3	0.38	3.57	-0.12
Shreveport	73.1	52.3	62.7	60.7	2.0	0.80	3	-0.09	4.12	0.34
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	78.8	45.8	62.3	59.7	2.5	2.48	2	1.62	5.89	1.89
Farmerville	72.9	50.9	61.9	60.9	0.9	1.63	3	0.45	5.56	0.75
Homer	73.0	50.1	61.6	58.6	3.0	1.43	2	0.99	5.01	3.95
Extreme/Average	74.9	48.9	61.9	59.7	2.2	1.85	3	1.02	5.49	2.20
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	73.4	52.4	62.9	60.5	2.4	1.58	2	1.08	5.41	4.30
St Joseph	75.0	55.6	65.3	62.5	2.7	2.92	3	1.85	10.01	5.65
Tallulah	74.3	50.7	62.5	61.7	0.7	2.68	3	1.74	7.36	2.96
Extreme/Average	74.2	52.9	63.6	61.7	2.0	2.39	3	1.56	6.28	3.16
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	74.9	53.1	64.0	61.0	3.0	1.04	2	0.04	4.90	1.07
Hodges Gardens	74.0	54.6	64.3	63.0	1.3	0.58	3	-0.45	3.43	-0.84
Leesville	76.0	53.7	64.9	62.6	2.3	1.07	2	0.05	3.69	-0.38
Natchitoches	73.0	53.9	63.4	62.8	0.6	1.26	2	-0.08	6.45	1.28
Extreme/Average	74.5	53.8	64.1	62.4	1.8	0.99	3	-0.11	4.62	0.28
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	75.9	54.9	65.4	63.4	2.0	1.13	2	-0.02	4.13	-0.31
Bunkie	75.4	55.3	65.4	63.7	1.6	0.97	0	-0.09	4.02	-0.22
Eunice	76.6	57.0	66.8	65.2	1.6	0.55	3	-0.28	3.05	-0.47
Johesville Locks	77.4	55.9	66.6	62.4	4.2	1.75	3	0.64	7.48	2.71
New Roads	81.0	54.3	67.7	64.2	3.9	NA	2	-0.59	1.61	-1.87
Extreme/Average	77.3	55.5	66.4	63.8	2.7	0.88	3	-0.07	4.06	-0.03
<b>East Central</b>										
Hammond	75.0	52.5	63.8	63.2	0.8	NA	2	-0.70	3.06	-1.06
Slidell	73.1	57.1	65.1	NA	NA	2.40	2	NA	12.87	NA
Extreme/Average	74.0	54.8	64.4	63.2	0.8	0.96	2	-0.64	5.86	-1.75
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	75.4	57.6	66.5	64.7	1.8	0.53	2	-0.31	1.45	-2.02
DE Ridder	73.3	55.4	64.4	63.8	0.5	1.20	3	0.15	3.45	-0.61
Jennings	76.0	59.6	67.8	64.4	3.3	0.96	2	0.12	2.22	-1.41
Oberlin Fire	72.3	51.8	62.1	64.4	-2.3	1.01	2	0.18	2.87	-0.64
Extreme/Average	74.3	56.1	65.2	64.3	0.8	0.93	3	0.03	2.50	-1.17
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	76.4	55.7	66.1	64.5	1.6	0.88	2	-0.13	2.26	-1.57
Jeanerette	74.9	57.4	66.1	65.2	0.9	0.09	2	-0.83	1.02	-2.49
Lafayette	75.7	56.8	66.3	64.5	1.8	0.12	2	-0.64	2.06	-1.24
Morgan City	76.6	59.7	68.1	65.0	3.1	0.49	1	-0.25	5.73	2.34
Extreme/Average	75.9	57.4	66.6	64.8	1.9	0.39	2	-0.46	2.77	-0.74
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	73.9	59.1	66.5	65.6	0.9	0.91	2	0.04	2.50	-0.85
Grand Isle	73.6	61.9	67.7	NA	NA	1.80	2	0.90	6.82	2.48
Extreme/Average	73.8	60.5	67.1	65.6	0.9	1.23	2	0.25	3.94	-0.05
<b>State</b>	74.7	54.8	64.7	63.0	1.6	1.19	2	0.20	4.35	0.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.