



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 13, 2014**. Subsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Top soil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 44.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 58.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 65.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Garden to 76.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. The precipitation for the week was spread throughout the state from under an inch in the southwest to over 4 inches in the northeast.

**Crop progress for week ending April 13, 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	94	91	100	98
Corn, emerged	78	51	87	85
Rice, planted	69	55	80	69
Rice, emerged	37	-	54	38
Sorghum, planted	38	5	57	53
Soybeans, planted	13	8	10	15
Winter Wheat, headed	45	20	66	77

**Crop condition for week ending April 13, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	3	11	35	51	0
Livestock	1	10	41	43	5
Pasture	1	15	41	40	3
Sugarcane	3	18	45	27	7
Vegetables	1	11	46	38	4
Winter Wheat	0	4	46	47	3

## Comments

“Rice planting is nearing completion and made rapid progress last week. Sugarcane field work also made good progress, fertilization and weed control. Cane and summer pasture are growing well now. Hay producers are fertilizing and making ryegrass hay. Spring calving is all but complete and bulls are turned out for breeding season and ranchers are conducting spring cattle work.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion

“Frequent rains continue which has slowed spring planting. A cool snap coming will also slow down things.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry

“This week heavy rains dampened fields and slowed field progress. Cool soil temperatures continue to slow sugarcane development. Some sugarcane growers have started plowing out 3<sup>rd</sup> year stubble with poor vigor. This ground will likely go into soybeans. Crawfish catch is improving with prices dropping to the \$1.50 range. Soybean planting may begin for some growers in the next couple of weeks. Cool weather is helping delay maturation of cool season pastures and winter weeds.”

–Stuart Gauthier, St Martin

“4-6 inches of rain on already wet conditions have impacted corn growth. Many fields have standing water.”

– Richard Letlow, Ouachita

“Most rice producers finishing planting. Soybean producers preparing fields for planting.”

–Barrett Courville, Acadia

“Field activity in full swing with good weather. Crawfish producers catching nice crawfish. Vegetable producers are planting and working crops; sugarcane farmers going field work.”

–Barton Joffrion Jr, Terrebonne

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 13, 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	68.0	44.2	56.1	61.7	-5.5	2.77	2	1.73	6.37	2.05
Mooringsport	69.3	50.3	59.8	62.9	-3.1	1.53	2	0.71	3.59	0.03
Red River	66.8	45.6	56.2	63.1	-6.7	1.33	NA	0.55	4.08	0.37
Shreveport	70.9	48.3	59.6	62.4	-2.9	1.44	3	0.57	4.31	0.68
Extreme/Average	68.8	47.1	57.9	62.5	-4.5	1.77	3	0.89	4.59	0.78
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	71.6	44.0	57.8	61.3	-3.5	4.12	2	3.1	8.81	4.97
Farmerville	69.1	48.9	59.0	62.9	-3.9	4.52	2	3.41	9.14	4.35
Homer	73.7	47.5	60.6	60.3	0.1	2.16	2	1.24	5.28	3.75
Extreme/Average	71.5	46.8	59.1	61.5	-2.4	3.60	2	2.58	7.74	4.36
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	68.0	49.9	58.9	62.4	-3.5	5.84	3	4.75	10.4	8.67
St Joseph	67.6	46.4	57.0	64.2	-7.0	1.67	2	0.91	9.16	5.35
Tallulah	66.4	51.4	58.9	63.4	-4.2	5.00	2	4.2	9.41	5.43
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	63.7	NA	5.00	NA	NA	0.05	-1.43
Extreme/Average	67.3	49.2	58.3	63.5	-4.9	4.17	3	3.29	7.26	4.5
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	68.7	44.3	56.5	62.6	-6.0	3.24	3	2.36	6.81	2.75
Hodges Gardens	65.2	47.5	56.4	64.7	-8.0	1.39	1	0.8	3.45	-0.32
Leesville	74.0	49.4	61.7	64.0	-2.3	0.88	1	-0.10	3.02	-1.01
Natchitoches	70.1	50.3	60.2	64.6	-4.4	1.87	3	0.48	6.42	0.88
Extreme/Average	69.5	47.9	58.7	64.0	-5.2	1.84	3	0.89	4.92	0.58
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	70.9	50.6	60.7	65.0	-4.3	1.70	2	0.57	4.58	0.01
Bunkie	72.4	50.4	61.4	65.4	-3.9	1.47	2	0.39	4.52	0.31
Eunice	75.1	52.1	63.6	66.8	-3.2	0.64	2	-0.23	3.33	-0.14
Johesville Locks	70.3	51.0	60.6	64.3	-3.7	1.90	2	0.84	8.38	3.79
New Roads	76.4	50.6	63.5	65.9	-2.4	0.39	2	-0.66	1.71	-2.01
Extreme/Average	73.0	50.9	62.0	65.5	-3.5	1.22	2	0.18	4.5	0.39
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.71	2	1.61	3.91	-0.24
Hammond	71.6	46.6	59.1	64.7	-5.4	2.54	2	1.68	5.99	1.67
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.62	2	NA	5.43	NA
Slidell	70.6	53.4	62.0	0.0	0.0	0.30	2	NA	10.1	NA
Extreme/Average	71.1	50.0	60.5	64.7	-5.4	2.04	2	1.65	6.36	0.71
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	72.2	51.4	61.8	66.4	-4.3	0.16	1	-0.46	1.21	-2.00
DE Ridder	72.7	51.9	62.3	65.2	-2.9	1.03	2	0.02	3.59	-0.71
Jennings	75.0	53.0	64.0	66.0	-2.0	0.20	1	-0.65	2.16	-1.42
Oberlin Fire	73.6	51.6	62.6	65.9	-3.3	0.34	2	-0.67	2.41	-1.29
Extreme/Average	73.4	52.0	62.7	65.9	-3.2	0.43	2	-0.44	2.34	-1.35
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	74.6	51.6	63.1	66.0	-2.9	0.91	2	-0.13	3.13	-0.83
Jeanerette	70.8	50.2	60.5	66.7	-5.9	3.25	3	2.71	4.17	0.94
Lafayette	73.4	52.6	63.0	66.0	-3.0	2.15	2	1.2	3.36	-0.01
Morgan City	74.4	55.3	64.9	66.6	-1.7	2.35	2	1.63	6.95	3.76
Extreme/Average	73.3	52.4	62.9	66.3	-3.4	2.17	3	1.35	4.4	0.96
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	72.5	55.2	63.9	67.0	-2.9	0.09	1	-0.33	2.05	-0.96
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.85	3	0.67	4.16	-0.29
Grand Isle	74.4	58.4	66.4	0.0	0.0	0.70	2	-0.06	6.42	2.52
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.14	NA	NA	4.49	NA
Extreme/Average	73.5	56.8	65.2	67.0	-2.9	0.70	3	0.09	4.28	0.42
<b>State</b>	71.6	50.6	61.1	64.7	-3.8	1.85	2	1.01	5.03	1.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.