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Week Ending April 20, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 20, 2014. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 41.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 56.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 67.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River to 73.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Hammond. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state from under an inch in the east central to over 5 inches in the northeast.

Crop progress for week ending April 20, 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	97	94	100	100
Corn, emerged	87	78	97	95
Cotton, planted	1	0	0	17
Hay, harvested	3	-	4	11
Rice, planted	78	69	85	79
Rice, emerged	56	37	68	57
Sorghum, planted	81	38	69	62
Soybeans, planted	33	13	19	26
Soybeans, emerged	11	-	3	1
Winter Wheat, headed	73	45	88	90

Crop condition for week ending April 20, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	2	8	33	56	1
Livestock	1	10	40	44	5
Pasture	1	14	40	42	3
Sugarcane	3	18	48	24	7
Vegetables	1	11	45	39	4
Winter Wheat	0	4	50	43	3

## Comments

“Sugarcane has problems due to the extreme cold weather we had this winter.”

– Miles J Brashier, Pointe Coupee

“This week we have improving spring conditions where field work is in full swing. Corn, rice and grain sorghum stands are acceptable. Soybeans are going in the ground. Commercial vegetable producers are experiencing improving conditions as well as livestock producers are experiencing improved forage conditions for livestock grazing as soils dry and summer forages emerge.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry

“Rice planting continues; some crawfish ponds drained and being prepared for planting. Herbicide drift problem showing up, much progress made on drill planting. Soybean field preparations continue with dry weather.”

–Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline

“We received a small amount of hail damage on corn. The recent cold snap also affected some corn.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin

“Heavy rain at start of week slowed all field work.”

–Blair Hebert, Iberia

“Citrus trees are showing damage from freezing weather, but many are coming back and producers and homeowners are pruning out dead branches and trees and wrapping up fertilization. Sugarcane farmers are working in fields. Crawfish farmers beginning to catch more. Cattlemen planning on fertilizing pastures and vegetable producers working crops.”

–Barton Joffrion Jr, Terrebonne

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 20, 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	69.9	44.7	57.3	63.5	-6.2	1.26	2	0.07	7.20	2.72
Mooringsport	68.6	47.1	57.9	64.7	-6.9	1.42	3	0.59	4.98	1.50
Red River	67.8	45.5	56.6	65.1	-8.0	0.36	NA	-0.23	4.33	0.62
Shreveport	70.1	44.9	57.5	64.3	-6.8	0.79	3	-0.25	4.87	1.13
Extreme/Average	69.1	45.6	57.3	64.4	-7.0	0.96	3	0.04	5.34	1.49
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	71.1	41.3	56.2	63.0	-6.8	0.60	3	-0.39	9.29	5.52
Farmerville	68.6	45.6	57.1	64.9	-7.8	1.17	3	0.19	9.88	5.33
Homer	69.6	42.0	55.8	62.1	-6.3	1.22	3	0.10	6.48	3.82
Extreme/Average	69.8	43.0	56.4	63.4	-7.0	1.00	3	-0.03	8.55	4.89
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	68.9	47.0	57.9	64.5	-6.6	5.14	3	3.82	15.54	13.23
St Joseph	70.0	41.5	55.8	66.1	-9.9	1.69	2	1.10	10.81	7.27
Tallulah	69.0	48.7	58.8	65.2	-6.5	0.00	2	-0.78	9.31	5.66
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	65.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.46
Extreme/Average	69.3	45.7	57.5	65.4	-7.7	2.28	3	1.38	8.92	6.42
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	70.7	43.9	57.3	64.2	-6.9	0.44	2	-0.56	7.25	3.16
Hodges Gardens	70.3	45.7	58.0	66.3	-7.8	1.33	2	0.92	4.63	1.09
Leesville	71.4	45.6	58.5	65.6	-7.1	1.91	0	0.96	4.86	0.87
Natchitoches	68.7	48.0	58.4	66.6	-8.3	0.67	2	-0.24	6.75	1.75
Extreme/Average	70.3	45.8	58.0	65.7	-7.5	1.09	2	0.27	5.87	1.72
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	71.6	47.0	59.3	66.7	-7.4	1.20	2	0.14	5.50	0.98
Bunkie	71.1	49.0	60.1	67.1	-7.0	0.55	2	-0.55	5.00	0.70
Eunice	71.7	49.4	60.6	68.6	-8.0	1.07	2	0.17	4.19	0.68
Johesville Locks	72.0	48.4	60.2	66.3	-6.1	0.96	2	-0.03	9.34	4.95
New Roads	71.3	42.7	57.0	67.6	-10.1	0.90	1	0.46	2.61	-0.65
Extreme/Average	71.5	47.3	59.4	67.3	-7.7	0.94	2	0.04	5.33	1.33
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.06	2	-0.57	3.97	0.15
Hammond	73.8	46.8	60.3	66.3	-5.7	2.69	1	2.02	8.68	4.42
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.66	1	0.00	5.77	NA
Slidell	70.0	51.3	60.6	0.0	0.0	3.57	1	0.00	13.33	NA
Extreme/Average	71.9	49.0	60.4	66.3	-5.7	1.75	2	0.73	7.94	2.29
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	71.5	48.0	59.8	68.2	-8.1	0.34	3	-0.19	1.53	-1.64
DE Ridder	70.4	49.1	59.8	66.8	-7.0	1.16	2	0.16	4.75	0.54
Jennings	72.9	50.4	61.6	67.8	-6.2	0.49	2	-0.37	2.58	-0.95
Oberlin Fire	69.5	47.3	58.4	67.5	-9.0	0.64	2	-0.24	2.98	-0.70
Extreme/Average	71.1	48.7	59.9	67.6	-7.5	0.66	3	-0.16	2.96	-0.69
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	71.7	48.8	60.3	67.6	-7.2	1.59	2	0.72	4.71	0.77
Jeanerette	69.4	49.8	59.6	68.3	-8.5	1.65	1	0.97	5.81	2.31
Lafayette	72.4	49.4	60.9	67.6	-6.7	0.90	1	-0.14	4.16	0.55
Morgan City	73.4	52.1	62.8	68.3	-5.5	1.37	1	0.65	8.20	5.15
Extreme/Average	71.7	50.0	60.9	68.0	-7.0	1.38	2	0.55	5.72	2.20
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	70.1	52.1	61.1	68.5	-7.3	2.57	2	1.85	4.29	1.55
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.15	2	0.02	5.31	0.73
Grand Isle	70.8	56.3	63.6	NA	NA	1.45	2	0.81	6.47	3.07
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.08	NA	0.00	6.47	NA
Extreme/Average	70.4	54.2	62.4	68.5	-7.3	1.81	2	0.89	5.63	1.78
<b>State</b>	70.7	47.8	59.2	66.4	-7.2	1.26	2	0.36	6.08	2.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
 NA = Not Available.