



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending April 27, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 27, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 64.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 77.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle to 84.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. The weather has turned drier and sunnier for the majority of the state, allowing farmers to get a significant amount of planting completed.

**Crop progress for week ending April 27, 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	98	97	100	100
Corn, emerged	93	87	100	99
Cotton, planted	17	1	5	33
Hay, harvested	10	3	9	21
Rice, planted	87	78	89	88
Rice, emerged	71	56	76	72
Sorghum, planted	93	81	76	71
Sorghum, emerged	72	59	57	49
Soybeans, planted	55	33	25	36
Soybeans, emerged	24	11	3	1
Winter Wheat, headed	89	73	94	97

**Crop condition for week ending April 27, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	10	44	45	1
Livestock	1	9	38	47	5
Pasture	0	13	39	45	3
Sugarcane	6	16	44	27	7
Vegetables	1	10	43	42	4
Winter Wheat	0	4	48	41	7

## Comments

“Rice producers have finished planting. Producers are applying herbicides and fertilizer. Some of the early rice has gone to permanent flood. Rice really started growing this week. Soybean producers waiting on rain to be able to plant.”

–Barrett Courville, Acadia

“Harvesting strawberries, spraying to control diseases and insects in strawberry fields. Irrigating vegetable fields.”

–Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa

“Topsoil moisture low. Getting dry in southwest Louisiana. Need rain this weekend to help crops along.”

–James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu

“We had an excellent week for planting. Producers were able to make great progress planting soybean and cotton. They were able to make fertilizer and herbicide applications to corn. We are getting rain now which is needed. It does not take many 80 degree temperature days for our soils to dry out quickly.”

–Carol Pinnell, Franklin

“Excellent weather this week allowed for soybean to be planted and sugarcane to be sprayed, off bared and fertilized. Parish soybean acreage will increase this year and early planted soybean are marking rows. Sugarcane is starting to grow after long and cold winter and spring.”

–Blair Hebert, Iberia

“Fields drying up and sugarcane farmers fertilizing. Cattlemen fertilizing pastures. Crawfish producers catching nice crawfish. Vegetable producers planting and working crops.”

–Barton Joffrion Jr, Terrebonne

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 27, 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	81.9	54.1	68.0	65.5	2.5	0.19	2	-1.07	5.42	0.76
Mooringsport	80.3	56.7	68.5	66.6	1.9	0.00	0	-0.85	4.19	0.83
Red River	82.9	58.3	70.6	67.2	3.4	0.02	1	-1.07	2.97	-1.31
Shreveport	82.0	54.3	68.1	66.3	1.8	0.06	2	-1.15	3.10	-0.91
Extreme/Average	81.8	55.9	68.8	66.4	2.4	0.07	2	-1.04	3.92	-0.16
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	82.7	50.3	66.5	64.9	1.6	0.12	1	-0.99	7.32	3.34
Farmerville	80.4	55.9	68.1	66.9	1.3	0.17	3	-0.88	7.49	3.17
Homer	81.7	51.7	66.7	64.0	2.7	0.27	2	-0.94	4.73	2.44
Extreme/Average	81.6	52.6	67.1	65.3	1.8	0.19	3	-0.94	6.51	2.98
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	80.8	55.7	68.3	66.6	1.5	0.41	3	-0.71	12.97	10.78
St Joseph	81.3	58.7	70.0	68.1	2.3	0.00	0	-0.43	6.28	2.84
Tallulah	82.9	62.9	72.9	67.0	5.8	1.46	2	0.37	9.14	5.53
Winnsboro	82.2	56.4	69.3	67.6	1.9	0.00	0	-0.87	6.44	1.85
Extreme/Average	81.8	58.4	70.1	67.3	2.9	0.47	3	-0.41	8.71	5.25
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	81.6	53.0	67.3	66.0	1.3	0.12	2	-0.90	4.84	0.80
Hodges Gardens	81.4	59.6	70.5	67.9	2.7	0.10	1	-0.63	3.43	-0.33
Leesville	84.4	56.9	70.6	67.3	3.4	0.00	0	-0.90	3.86	0.01
Natchitoches	81.0	58.4	69.7	68.8	0.9	0.07	2	-0.72	3.87	-0.56
Extreme/Average	82.1	57.0	69.5	67.5	2.1	0.07	2	-0.79	4.00	-0.02
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	82.6	55.9	69.2	68.5	0.7	0.19	1	-0.79	4.22	-0.10
Bunkie	82.3	60.9	71.6	68.9	2.6	0.00	0	-1.11	2.99	-1.36
Eunice	83.4	62.7	73.1	70.5	2.6	0.00	0	-0.94	2.26	-1.28
Johesville Locks	82.2	59.7	70.9	68.3	2.7	0.02	1	-0.78	4.63	0.67
New Roads	84.6	60.1	72.4	69.5	2.9	0.00	0	-1.03	2.57	-1.59
Extreme/Average	83.0	59.9	71.4	69.2	2.3	0.04	1	-0.93	3.33	-0.73
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	-0.95	3.19	-0.37
Hammond	81.3	57.6	69.4	68.2	1.2	0.00	0	-1.05	5.88	1.24
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	3.28	NA
Slidell	78.6	62.3	70.4	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	6.27	NA
Extreme/Average	79.9	60.0	69.9	68.2	1.2	0.00	0	-1.00	4.65	0.43
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	82.4	63.6	73.0	70.0	3.0	0.00	0	-0.99	1.03	-2.66
DE Ridder	82.7	61.3	72.0	68.5	3.5	NA	0	-1.00	3.39	-0.67
Jennings	83.1	63.1	73.1	69.7	3.5	NA	0	-0.84	1.65	-1.74
Oberlin Fire	81.6	60.4	71.0	69.3	1.7	0.00	0	-1.03	1.99	-1.76
Extreme/Average	82.5	62.1	72.3	69.4	2.9	0.00	0	-0.97	2.02	-1.71
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	82.3	60.6	71.4	69.4	2.0	0.01	1	-0.97	3.39	-0.66
Jeanerette	81.4	61.0	71.2	70.0	1.2	0.00	0	-0.92	4.99	1.23
Lafayette	82.9	61.6	72.2	69.4	2.8	0.00	0	-0.92	3.17	-0.50
Morgan City	81.1	64.0	72.6	70.1	2.5	0.00	0	-0.77	4.21	1.26
Extreme/Average	81.9	61.8	71.9	69.7	2.1	0.00	1	-0.90	3.94	0.33
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	79.6	63.0	71.3	70.2	1.1	0.00	0	-0.50	3.57	1.06
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.05	3.97	-0.54
Grand Isle	77.3	64.5	70.9	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.59	3.95	0.95
Extreme/Average	78.4	63.8	71.1	70.2	1.1	0.00	0	-0.71	3.46	0.49
<b>State</b>	81.5	59.2	70.4	68.2	2.1	0.08	1	-0.86	4.32	0.58

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
 NA = Not Available.