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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 11, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads to 69.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 79.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle to 87.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state from under half of inch in the southwest to over five inches in the east central part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending May 11, 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	100	99	100	100
Corn, emerged	96	95	100	100
Cotton, planted	77	47	27	70
Cotton, emerged	57	26	-	46
Hay, harvested	39	20	25	43
Rice, planted	97	93	94	95
Rice, emerged	90	83	85	88
Sorghum, planted	98	96	86	91
Sorghum, emerged	82	79	72	74
Soybeans, planted	78	69	49	61
Soybeans, emerged	50	31	23	42
Sweet Potatoes, planted	4	-	6	6
Winter Wheat, headed	96	93	98	100
Winter Wheat, coloring	51	19	49	82

Crop condition for week ending May 11, 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	4	43	51	2
Livestock	1	8	36	50	5
Pasture	1	14	42	41	2
Rice	0	2	22	64	12
Sorghum	0	3	55	41	1
Sugarcane	6	17	43	27	7
Vegetables	1	9	43	44	3
Winter Wheat	0	3	42	53	2

Comments

“Measurable rain in the recent days has been a huge benefit for all crops. These rains will allow soybean planting to continue and may even be completed for some producers. All spring planted crops are in fair to good condition. The livestock situation will improve greatly as summer pasture progress.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry

“A much needed rain is falling with a promise of more. Rain is needed for cane, pastures, soybean planting and to push salt water out of irrigation canals. Rice is progressing well with some approaching green ring. Farmers continue to fertilize and establish permanent flood on younger rice. Some hay fields are getting close to a first cutting. Cattle producers continue to work cows and spring calves.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion

“Southwest LA still in need of more rain for continues soybean planting and fertilizing hay pasture. Rice crop is growing well, still flushing as needed.”

–James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu

“Rice-Earliest rice receiving fertilizer and permanent flood, later rice being flushed after herbicide application. Strong winds making applications difficult to schedule and apply with limited time frames. Soybeans-Very dry conditions have stopped planting waiting on rain, fields that are planted slowly to emerge. Forages and Hay-many completing first cutting, fertilizer and herbicide applications still going out. Crawfish catch is up, with quality and size holding up, there is more peeling activity now for tail meat supplies.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline

“Most crops planted need rain. Crawfish producers catching nice crawfish now. Sugarcane farmers finishing up fertilizing. Cattlemen making hay. Vegetable producers working crops. Citrus producers scouting for insects.”

– Barton Joffrion JR, Terrebonne

“Some soybean growers are waiting for a rain to be able to continue planting. Cane growers continue to make good field progress with many growers now finished applying fertilizer. Rice growers are establishing a permanent flood after applying herbicide and fertilizer. Hay producers are reporting good yields from ryegrass fields. Summer pastures are developing slowly due to dry conditions.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 11, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	84.3	61.4	72.9	69.6	3.2	4.28	2	3.15	6.01	1.25
Mooringsport	82.2	61.5	71.8	70.4	1.5	4.07	2	3.27	5.49	2.27
Red River	85.4	64.6	75.0	71.3	3.7	1.76	2	0.65	2.25	-2.10
Shreveport	84.0	61.4	72.7	70.4	2.3	1.96	2	0.67	2.98	-1.82
Extreme/Average	84.0	62.2	73.1	70.5	2.7	3.02	2	1.94	4.18	-0.10
North Central										
Calhoun	83.2	58.7	70.9	68.9	1.9	4.29	2	3.17	6.26	1.87
Farmerville	82.7	62.7	72.7	70.4	2.3	2.04	2	0.71	3.47	-1.09
Homer	83.5	60.3	71.9	68.0	4.0	1.61	2	1.27	3.09	1.96
Extreme/Average	83.1	60.6	71.9	69.1	2.7	2.65	2	1.72	4.27	0.91
Northeast										
Lake Providence	82.9	61.7	72.3	70.7	1.6	2.26	2	1.74	9.86	8.22
St Joseph	87.5	59.8	73.6	72.2	1.2	1.55	2	0.80	3.75	0.26
Tallulah	85.3	64.4	74.9	70.9	3.9	1.85	2	0.67	3.66	-0.31
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	71.7	NA	NA	2	NA	1.72	-0.42
Extreme/Average	85.2	62.0	73.6	71.4	2.2	1.89	2	1.07	4.75	1.94
West Central										
Ashland	82.9	61.3	72.1	69.8	2.3	2.98	1	1.83	4.31	0.07
Hodges Gardens	84.4	62.4	73.4	71.6	2.1	0.04	0	-0.75	1.50	-2.19
Leesville	84.0	65.1	74.6	71.0	3.5	0.42	2	-0.62	2.33	-1.38
Natchitoches	83.4	62.1	72.8	72.9	-0.1	1.22	1	0.10	2.96	-1.00
Extreme/Average	83.7	62.7	73.2	71.3	2.0	1.17	2	0.14	2.78	-1.13
Central										
Alexandria	83.0	62.5	72.8	72.5	0.4	0.00	1	-0.76	1.39	-2.27
Bunkie	83.7	65.0	74.4	72.7	1.6	1.70	3	0.46	2.25	-2.35
Eunice	83.4	64.3	73.9	74.4	-0.6	0.56	1	-0.65	1.63	-2.50
Jonesville Locks	83.7	63.3	73.5	72.3	1.2	0.48	2	-0.53	2.06	-1.78
New Roads	80.3	58.3	69.3	73.1	-3.3	3.12	2	2.04	4.53	0.34
Extreme/Average	82.8	62.7	72.8	73.0	-0.1	1.17	3	0.11	2.37	-1.71
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.29	2	5.11	7.13	2.63
Hammond	82.0	60.2	71.1	72.0	-0.8	5.32	1	4.45	8.10	4.03
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.66	3	NA	5.57	NA
Slidell	82.0	65.6	73.8	NA	NA	4.80	2	NA	8.82	NA
Extreme/Average	82.0	62.9	72.4	72.0	-0.8	5.27	3	4.78	7.41	3.33
Southwest										
Crowley	83.6	65.6	74.6	73.8	1.1	0.08	1	-0.76	0.42	-3.46
DeRidder	83.0	64.6	73.8	72.3	1.4	0.30	3	-0.85	1.46	-2.75
Jennings	83.9	64.9	74.4	73.4	0.9	0.85	1	-0.22	1.34	-2.34
Oberlin Fire	82.7	62.5	72.6	72.7	0.0	0.03	3	-1.00	0.67	-3.52
Extreme/Average	83.3	64.4	73.8	73.1	0.9	0.32	3	-0.71	0.97	-3.02
South Central										
Donaldsonville	82.7	61.1	71.9	73.1	-1.1	5.00	2	4.04	6.71	2.84
Jeanerette	82.4	63.3	72.9	73.6	-0.8	1.11	2	0.16	2.76	-1.00
Lafayette	83.8	63.5	73.7	73.0	0.8	1.29	2	0.43	2.49	-1.12
Morgan City	82.7	65.2	73.9	73.6	0.4	2.22	2	1.44	3.69	0.56
Extreme/Average	82.9	63.3	73.1	73.3	-0.2	2.41	2	1.52	3.91	0.32
Southeast										
Galliano	81.5	67.0	74.3	73.8	0.6	0.10	2	-0.66	3.08	0.37
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.35	NA	3.41	5.60	1.54
Grand Isle	79.6	69.3	74.4	NA	NA	0.31	1	-0.43	2.53	-0.08
New Orleans	NA	0.0	NA	NA	NA	3.28	3	NA	5.39	NA
Extreme/Average	80.5	68.2	74.3	73.8	0.6	2.01	3	0.77	4.15	0.61
State	82.9	63.3	73.1	72.0	1.0	2.07	2	1.10	3.66	-0.10

DFN = Departure from Normal.
 NA = Not Available.