



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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**Week Ending May 25, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 25, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 36 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 29 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 59.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 71.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 80.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 89.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. The precipitation for this week was null throughout the state.

**Crop progress for week ending May 25, 2014**

| Crop                    | This week      | Last week      | Last year      | 5-year average |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn, silked            | 0              | 0              | 3              | 23             |
| Cotton, planted         | 90             | 82             | 82             | 92             |
| Cotton, emerged         | 79             | 67             | 47             | 79             |
| Hay, harvested          | 62             | 51             | 42             | 66             |
| Rice, planted           | 99             | 98             | 99             | 99             |
| Rice, emerged           | 97             | 93             | 94             | 96             |
| Sorghum, planted        | 99             | 99             | 96             | 98             |
| Sorghum, emerged        | 85             | 85             | 90             | 89             |
| Soybeans, planted       | 90             | 87             | 72             | 81             |
| Soybeans, emerged       | 77             | 70             | 55             | 69             |
| Sweet Potatoes, planted | 12             | 8              | 18             | 21             |
| Winter Wheat, headed    | 100            | 97             | 100            | 100            |
| Winter Wheat, harvested | 17             | 0              | 5              | 46             |

**Crop condition for week ending May 25, 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              | 3              | 34             | 55             | 8              |
| Cotton       | 0              | 1              | 28             | 67             | 4              |
| Livestock    | 1              | 8              | 34             | 52             | 5              |
| Pasture      | 2              | 16             | 39             | 40             | 3              |
| Rice         | 0              | 2              | 20             | 61             | 17             |
| Sorghum      | 0              | 1              | 44             | 53             | 2              |
| Soybeans     | 0              | 2              | 33             | 49             | 16             |
| Sugarcane    | 5              | 15             | 41             | 29             | 10             |
| Vegetables   | 1              | 8              | 43             | 44             | 4              |
| Winter Wheat | 0              | 3              | 43             | 49             | 5              |

## Comments

“Some producers are beginning irrigation on pre-tasseled corn.”

– Richard Letlow, Ouachita

“Conditions are really dry, spring planted crops are beginning to suffer. Livestock pastures are short and dry needing rain. The crawfish catch had been good but ponds need water sharing wells with rice production may become critical.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry

“Rain is needed to get pastures growing, sugarcane growing and to push salt water out of the irrigation canals on the south side of the parish. Rice is at or near green ring for the most part, farmers are top dressing with Nitrogen.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion

“All crops need rain. Cattlemen cutting hay. Crawfish farmers draining ponds. Citrus producers scouting for insects and disease. Vegetable producers are starting to get some produce to markets.”

– Barton Joffrion JR, Terrebonne

“Harvesting cucumbers, squash and zucchini. Irrigating fields and spraying to control insects in tomato fields.”

– Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 25, 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               | 84.6            | 63.9 | 74.2 | 73.5 | 0.7  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.95 | 8.79       | 4.51           |
| Mooringsport         | 83.5            | 65.8 | 74.7 | 74.0 | 0.7  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.74 | 6.15       | 2.98           |
| Red River            | 84.6            | 65.2 | 74.9 | 75.1 | 0.0  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.70 | 4.19       | 0.22           |
| Shreveport           | 84.6            | 63.6 | 74.1 | 74.0 | 0.0  | 0.00          | 0         | -1.01 | 4.72       | 0.06           |
| Extreme/Average      | 84.3            | 64.6 | 74.5 | 74.2 | 0.4  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.85 | 5.96       | 1.94           |
| <b>North Central</b> |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Calhoun              | 85.8            | 59.0 | 72.4 | 72.7 | -0.2 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.93 | 7.33       | 2.86           |
| Farmerville          | 83.5            | 64.0 | 73.8 | 73.4 | 0.5  | 0.00          | 0         | -1.18 | 3.34       | -1.72          |
| Homer                | 84.2            | 61.8 | 73.0 | 71.8 | 1.4  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.69 | 3.32       | 0.87           |
| Extreme/Average      | 84.5            | 61.6 | 73.1 | 72.6 | 0.6  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.93 | 4.66       | 0.67           |
| <b>Northeast</b>     |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Lake Providence      | 84.9            | 65.1 | 75.0 | 74.4 | 0.6  | 0.00          | 0         | -1.16 | 5.24       | 2.70           |
| St Joseph            | 86.2            | 66.4 | 76.3 | 75.9 | 0.6  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.76 | 5.53       | 1.95           |
| Tallulah             | 87.2            | 64.2 | 75.7 | 74.6 | 1.0  | 0.00          | 0         | -1.03 | 2.70       | -1.77          |
| Winnsboro            | NA              | NA   | NA   | 75.3 | NA   | NA            | 0         | NA    | 0.78       | -0.84          |
| Extreme/Average      | 86.1            | 65.2 | 75.7 | 75.1 | 0.7  | 0.00          | 0         | -0.98 | 3.56       | 0.51           |
| <b>West Central</b>  |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Ashland              | 80.5            | 60.5 | 70.5 | 73.5 | -3.1 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.31 | 6.35       | 2.71           |
| Hodges Gardens       | 85.2            | 63.2 | 74.3 | 75.4 | -0.7 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.57 | 2.70       | -1.04          |
| Leesville            | 86.4            | 61.3 | 73.9 | 74.6 | -0.7 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.13 | 6.55       | 2.50           |
| Natchitoches         | 84.9            | 64.1 | 74.5 | 75.9 | -1.4 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.94 | 4.77       | 0.63           |
| Extreme/Average      | 84.3            | 62.3 | 73.3 | 74.8 | -1.5 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.74 | 5.09       | 1.20           |
| <b>Central</b>       |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Alexandria           | 85.7            | 62.6 | 74.1 | 76.2 | -2.0 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.09 | 1.57       | -2.18          |
| Bunkie               | 86.7            | 65.0 | 75.8 | 76.2 | -0.3 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.03 | 2.40       | -2.06          |
| Eunice               | 86.4            | 64.0 | 75.2 | 77.8 | -2.6 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.20 | 2.06       | -2.64          |
| Jonesville Locks     | 85.4            | 64.4 | 74.9 | 75.7 | -0.7 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.74 | 2.49       | -1.00          |
| New Roads            | 89.3            | 67.8 | 78.6 | 76.4 | 2.1  | 0.00          | 0         | -1.04 | 4.18       | -0.06          |
| Extreme/Average      | 86.7            | 64.8 | 75.7 | 76.5 | -0.7 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.02 | 2.54       | -1.59          |
| <b>East Central</b>  |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Baton Rouge          | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA   | 0.00          | 0         | -1.11 | 7.41       | 3.06           |
| Hammond              | 84.9            | 59.6 | 72.2 | 75.5 | -3.3 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.03 | 6.63       | 2.61           |
| Norwood              | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA   | 0.00          | 0         | NA    | 5.29       | NA             |
| Slidell              | 82.8            | 64.2 | 73.5 | NA   | NA   | 0.00          | 0         | NA    | 5.69       | NA             |
| Extreme/Average      | 83.8            | 61.9 | 72.9 | 75.5 | -3.3 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.07 | 6.25       | 2.83           |
| <b>Southwest</b>     |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Crowley              | 86.1            | 65.3 | 75.7 | 77.1 | -1.4 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.19 | 0.89       | -3.68          |
| DeRidder             | 85.6            | 62.7 | 74.1 | 75.9 | -1.8 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.12 | 3.08       | -1.35          |
| Jennings             | 85.9            | 65.1 | 75.5 | 76.7 | -1.2 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.10 | 1.54       | -2.60          |
| Oberlin Fire         | 85.1            | 61.6 | 73.4 | 75.8 | -2.4 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.23 | 1.66       | -3.06          |
| Extreme/Average      | 85.7            | 63.7 | 74.7 | 76.4 | -1.7 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.16 | 1.79       | -2.67          |
| <b>South Central</b> |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Donaldsonville       | 85.4            | 63.4 | 74.4 | 76.4 | -1.9 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.03 | 6.02       | 2.16           |
| Jeanerette           | 85.3            | 64.3 | 74.8 | 76.9 | -2.1 | 0.00          | 0         | -1.02 | 1.11       | -2.69          |
| Lafayette            | 85.5            | 65.0 | 75.3 | 76.3 | -1.0 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.92 | 3.45       | -0.30          |
| Morgan City          | 83.5            | 66.7 | 75.1 | 76.7 | -1.6 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.78 | 2.42       | -0.62          |
| Extreme/Average      | 84.9            | 64.8 | 74.9 | 76.6 | -1.7 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.94 | 3.25       | -0.36          |
| <b>Southeast</b>     |                 |      |      |      |      |               |           |       |            |                |
| Galliano             | 82.4            | 66.4 | 74.4 | 77.1 | -2.5 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.76 | 0.61       | -2.63          |
| Gonzales             | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA   | 0.00          | NA        | -0.85 | 4.82       | 1.32           |
| Grand Isle           | 83.2            | 71.6 | 77.4 | NA   | NA   | 0.00          | 0         | -0.49 | 1.28       | -1.11          |
| New Orleans          | NA              | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA   | 0.00          | 0         | NA    | 3.76       | NA             |
| Extreme/Average      | 82.8            | 69.0 | 75.9 | 77.1 | -2.5 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.70 | 2.62       | -0.81          |
| <b>State</b>         | 84.9            | 64.3 | 74.6 | 75.5 | -1.1 | 0.00          | 0         | -0.95 | 3.72       | -0.11          |

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
 NA = Not Available.