



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



Delta Region - Louisiana Field Office
5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 922-1362 · (225) 922-0744 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/la
Cooperating with Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Week Ending April 12, 2015

Released: April 13, 2015

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 12, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 54.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Farmerville to 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 74.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 85.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 2.41 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 12, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	89	67	94	97
Corn, emerged	59	6	74	83
Cotton, planted	0	0	0	6
Rice, planted	74	63	67	69
Rice, emerged	35	17	32	36
Sorghum, planted	41	27	33	55
Soybeans, planted	13	9	12	15
Winter Wheat, headed	50	30	41	65

Crop condition for week ending April 12, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	6	41	47	5
Pasture	2	15	37	41	5
Sugarcane	1	10	44	37	8
Vegetables	3	20	38	35	4
Winter Wheat	1	10	41	46	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We are wet again and fieldwork is on hold.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Rains from 2-4 inches across parish fell. Great progress on rice planting before rains. Some farmers were able to apply herbicides ahead of rains. Pastures continue to green up very well. Ryegrass pastures still growing well.”

– James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Rice producers finishing up planting. Good rice growing weather. Many producers trying to apply herbicide before the rains. Most of the soybean acres have been worked in preparation for planting. Crawfish are getting bigger but prices have dropped.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

“Most all of the corn crop that is going to be planted is planted on the Macon Ridge. Crops off the ridge in heavier soil are still in the wait and see status. Transplants are going out in Vegetable patches. Pastures are finally greening up and some cows are being let into pastures. Everyone is holding their collective breath over the forecasted rain for this week.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carrol Parish

“Rice planting continued to make good progress until late in the week. Summer pastures are beginning to develop nicely, and sugarcane should increase growth rate with these rains as well. Cattle ranchers are beginning to conduct spring vaccination, fly control and calf management practices as breeding season is beginning. Some sugarcane farmers have fertilized.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Wet conditions will stop all field progress in all crop production areas for some time. Stands of newly emerged crops will be questionable following this extended period of rainfall we will experience this week. Livestock producers will be slowed down as well preparing hay fields for summer hay production. However the rainfall will help rice that is ready for a permanent flood and crawfish ponds with water quality issues.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 12, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	76.3	55.6	65.9	61.4	4.5	1.11	2	-0.10	3.67	-0.80
Mooringsport	74.7	56.1	65.4	62.7	2.8	1.17	2	0.34	2.67	-0.78
Red River	79.0	58.4	68.7	62.9	6.1	NA	NA	NA	3.23	-0.45
Shreveport	76.6	56.0	66.3	62.2	4.1	1.28	3	0.42	3.04	-0.59
Extreme/Average	76.7	56.5	66.6	62.3	4.4	1.19	3	0.22	3.15	-0.66
North Central										
Calhoun	77.3	55.0	66.1	61.1	5.1	1.21	2	0.20	2.61	-1.55
Farmerville	75.7	54.3	65.0	62.6	2.4	0.98	2	-0.13	3.48	-1.31
Homer	77.3	55.0	66.2	60.1	6.2	0.98	2	0.05	3.25	-0.29
Extreme/Average	76.8	54.8	65.8	61.2	4.6	1.06	2	0.04	3.11	-1.05
Northeast										
Lake Providence	75.7	56.4	66.1	62.2	3.9	0.75	2	-0.51	4.74	2.56
St Joseph	80.8	64.0	72.4	64.0	8.7	0.84	3	0.09	3.60	-0.41
Tallulah	78.9	60.1	69.5	63.1	6.4	1.13	1	0.01	3.19	-1.13
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	63.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.30
Extreme/Average	78.5	60.2	69.3	63.2	6.3	0.91	3	-0.14	2.88	0.18
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	62.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	77.0	61.2	69.1	64.4	5.1	1.53	2	0.94	4.59	0.82
Leesville	77.7	61.3	69.5	63.8	5.7	2.75	3	1.76	4.72	0.68
Natchitoches	77.0	57.6	67.3	64.3	2.9	1.12	3	-0.30	4.22	-1.28
Extreme/Average	77.2	60.0	68.6	63.7	4.6	1.80	3	0.80	4.51	0.07
Central										
Alexandria	80.9	61.3	71.1	64.7	6.3	NA	NA	NA	2.71	-1.87
Bunkie	81.3	62.3	71.8	65.1	6.7	3.65	1	2.59	4.30	0.08
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	66.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	78.9	60.9	69.9	64.0	5.8	1.50	2	0.44	2.95	-1.67
New Roads	82.6	60.6	71.6	65.6	6.0	0.55	1	-0.20	5.04	1.35
Extreme/Average	80.9	61.3	71.1	65.2	6.2	1.90	2	0.94	3.75	-0.53
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.75	3	2.65	4.41	0.41
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	64.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.04	1	NA	4.14	NA
Slidell	80.3	66.8	73.6	NA	NA	0.31	4	NA	1.29	NA
Extreme/Average	80.3	66.8	73.6	64.5	NA	2.03	4	2.65	3.28	0.41
Southwest										
Crowley	79.6	66.2	72.9	66.1	7.0	1.09	2	0.48	1.57	-1.63
DeRidder	77.2	60.7	68.9	65.0	3.9	1.83	2	0.96	4.39	0.22
Jennings	80.4	65.3	72.9	65.8	7.1	2.09	3	1.24	2.23	-1.36
Oberlin Fire	77.8	64.6	71.2	65.7	5.7	0.90	1	0.18	2.20	-1.22
Extreme/Average	78.8	64.2	71.5	65.7	5.9	1.48	3	0.71	2.60	-1.00
South Central										
Donaldsonville	83.4	65.9	74.6	65.8	8.9	3.04	1	2.16	3.35	-0.43
Jeanerette	82.6	63.8	73.2	66.5	6.9	0.05	3	-0.62	0.15	-3.20
Lafayette	80.5	62.8	71.7	65.8	5.9	3.30	3	2.49	3.88	0.54
Morgan City	83.0	67.1	75.1	66.4	8.7	3.24	1	2.53	4.67	1.57
Extreme/Average	82.4	64.9	73.6	66.1	7.6	2.41	3	1.64	3.01	-0.38
Southeast										
Galliano	81.0	68.8	74.9	66.8	8.2	0.34	3	-0.29	1.39	-2.16
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.50	2	0.32	1.58	-2.70
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	85.2	70.0	77.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	83.1	69.4	76.3	66.8	8.2	0.92	3	0.02	1.59	-2.43
State	79.5	62.2	70.9	64.4	5.4	1.50	2	0.74	3.05	-0.70

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.