



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending April 19, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 19, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 73 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 66 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Shreveport to 70.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. Highs ranged from 72.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 81.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 7.78 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 19, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	96	89	97	99
Corn, emerged	85	59	86	94
Cotton, planted	0	0	1	14
Rice, planted	79	74	77	79
Rice, emerged	59	35	53	58
Sorghum, planted	43	41	75	72
Sorghum, emerged	24	0	51	48
Soybeans, planted	16	13	30	27
Soybeans, emerged	6	0	9	2
Winter Wheat, headed	78	50	69	83
Winter Wheat, coloring	1	-	-	-

Crop condition for week ending April 19, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	3	4	56	35	2
Livestock	1	6	40	47	6
Pasture	2	13	36	43	6
Rice	0	1	27	60	12
Sugarcane	1	8	46	36	9
Vegetables	3	20	39	35	3
Winter Wheat	1	10	42	45	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Very wet conditions kept farmers out of the field over the past week.”

– Mariah Bock, Saint James Parish

“Flooding rains has hampered field activity. Crawfish producers still fishing.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Continued successive rain over the last several days has essentially stopped all field operations, with the exception of crawfishing and peddling in some fields.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Rains prevented progress in planting rice and fieldwork for sugarcane. Ryegrass hay harvest was pushed back as well. Calving continues for ranchers although winding down for the spring season and summer pastures are developing well.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Daily rains have halted field progress. Saturated soils and flooding conditions are stressing emerging and newly emerged seedlings. Growers are anxious to return to the field to finish fieldwork and planting. The delay in spring hay field harvest will result in a lower quality product.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Over the past week area received approximately 10-12 inches of rain stopping all field activities. Sugarcane crop is coming along, but some concern with disease as rust was found in a few fields. Cattle breeding season continues, and some crawfish ponds will be drained as prices fall. Excessive rains have also damaged vegetable gardens.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 19, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	74.2	59.7	66.9	63.2	3.7	1.19	6	0.17	2.50	-1.96
Mooringsport	72.4	58.1	65.3	64.5	0.8	2.66	4	1.84	3.88	0.38
Red River	75.7	60.7	68.2	64.8	3.4	NA	NA	NA	3.52	-0.64
Shreveport	75.0	57.9	66.4	64.0	2.4	1.97	6	0.98	3.35	-0.35
Extreme/Average	74.3	59.1	66.7	64.1	2.6	1.94	6	1.00	3.31	-0.64
North Central										
Calhoun	75.9	60.4	68.1	62.8	5.4	0.53	6	-0.46	2.31	-1.77
Farmerville	76.3	59.4	67.9	64.6	3.3	1.39	4	0.40	2.77	-1.81
Homer	74.2	58.3	66.3	61.9	4.4	0.85	4	-0.09	1.50	0.40
Extreme/Average	75.5	59.4	67.4	63.1	4.3	0.92	6	-0.05	2.19	-1.06
Northeast										
Lake Providence	75.6	62.4	69.0	64.2	4.8	1.19	4	0.26	4.56	3.12
St Joseph	77.6	65.4	71.5	65.8	5.9	1.12	5	0.38	2.56	-1.31
Tallulah	76.7	66.2	71.4	64.9	6.4	1.18	4	0.23	3.41	-0.90
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	65.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	76.6	64.7	70.6	65.1	5.7	1.16	5	0.29	3.51	0.30
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	64.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	76.5	63.2	69.9	66.0	4.2	0.84	6	0.28	2.75	-0.94
Leesville	76.9	61.3	69.1	65.3	3.7	4.31	4	3.36	7.18	3.19
Natchitoches	75.0	61.6	68.3	66.3	2.0	1.93	7	0.95	4.09	-1.00
Extreme/Average	76.1	62.0	69.1	65.4	3.3	2.36	7	1.53	4.67	0.42
Central										
Alexandria	79.6	62.1	70.9	66.4	4.4	NA	NA	NA	3.99	-0.54
Bunkie	76.9	64.4	70.6	66.8	3.8	5.11	5	4.02	8.76	4.48
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	68.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	77.7	63.6	70.6	66.0	4.6	4.21	4	3.22	6.21	1.80
New Roads	80.9	65.1	73.0	67.4	5.6	2.68	5	1.63	6.97	2.97
Extreme/Average	78.8	63.8	71.3	67.0	4.6	4.00	5	2.96	6.48	2.18
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.84	6	1.74	6.72	2.59
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	66.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.98	5	NA	6.12	NA
Slidell	78.0	67.5	72.8	NA	NA	6.24	7	NA	6.89	NA
Extreme/Average	78.0	67.5	72.8	66.1	NA	4.02	7	1.74	6.58	2.59
Southwest										
Crowley	79.0	66.4	72.7	67.9	4.8	4.95	6	3.99	8.19	4.60
DeRidder	77.7	62.7	70.2	66.5	3.7	5.10	6	4.11	7.22	3.15
Jennings	77.6	65.3	71.4	67.5	3.9	4.79	7	3.94	6.93	3.39
Oberlin Fire	75.9	63.3	69.6	67.3	2.3	6.81	5	5.78	8.20	4.24
Extreme/Average	77.5	64.4	71.0	67.3	3.7	5.41	7	4.46	7.63	3.85
South Central										
Donaldsonville	81.4	70.1	75.8	67.4	8.4	5.90	6	4.87	9.13	5.21
Jeanerette	77.7	65.9	71.8	68.1	3.7	5.95	7	4.99	8.01	4.26
Lafayette	78.8	65.0	71.9	67.4	4.3	2.37	7	1.63	5.83	2.54
Morgan City	78.7	67.9	73.3	68.1	5.2	8.18	7	7.45	12.84	9.78
Extreme/Average	79.2	67.2	73.2	67.7	5.4	5.60	7	4.73	8.95	5.45
Southeast										
Galliano	79.8	69.0	74.4	68.2	6.1	7.69	3	7.08	9.07	5.92
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.86	5	6.89	9.39	5.00
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	80.8	67.2	74.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.3	68.1	74.3	68.2	6.1	7.78	5	6.98	8.46	5.46
State	77.5	64.1	70.8	66.1	4.0	3.87	6	2.80	5.88	2.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.