



**United States Department of Agriculture
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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Week Ending April 26, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 26, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 56 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano and Morgan City. Highs ranged from 73.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 82.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 1.49 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 26, 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	98	96	98	100
Corn, emerged	94	85	92	98
Cotton, planted	5	0	15	26
Cotton, emerged	0	0	5	1
Hay, harvested	0	-	9	19
Rice, planted	85	79	86	89
Rice, emerged	71	59	69	73
Sorghum, planted	71	43	91	83
Sorghum, emerged	53	24	70	62
Soybeans, planted	25	16	52	38
Soybeans, emerged	12	6	22	5
Winter Wheat, headed	91	78	87	94
Winter Wheat, coloring	18	1	-	-

Crop condition for week ending April 26, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	2	4	47	42	5
Livestock	1	6	36	50	7
Pasture	2	11	37	42	8
Rice	0	6	35	53	6
Sugarcane	1	7	47	36	9
Vegetables	4	20	37	36	3
Winter Wheat	1	8	41	48	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Scattered heavy rains, wet fields.”

– Richard Letlow, Ouachita Parish

“Losing variety of vegetable crops due to long term soil saturation.”

– Rene Schmit, Saint Charles Parish

“We were able to get several good days for fieldwork. Corn fertility and herbicide applications and soybean planting made good progress.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“We had a few days of dry weather where some of the fields were dry enough for rice producers to apply herbicides and fertilizer. Still wet in many areas, hopefully we will miss the rain this weekend.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

“Wet conditions have stopped all fieldwork. Rice crop looks fairly good but needs improving weather conditions. Other spring crops are struggling with wet conditions. Crawfish catch is good, but prices have softened. Better weather is needed for all production areas.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Toward the end of the week heavy rains and scattered hail halted field progress. With ample moisture sugarcane continues to make good growth. Forage quality continues to drop as hay cutting is delayed by unfavorable weather. A small amount of milo has been replanted due to field flooding. Early planted beans on sugarcane rows appear to be weathering the wet conditions.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 26, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	76.0	53.3	64.6	65.2	-0.6	0.91	2	-0.34	3.23	-1.59
Mooringsport	73.4	55.0	64.2	66.3	-2.1	0.87	3	0.02	4.70	1.32
Red River	75.8	55.0	65.4	66.9	-1.2	NA	NA	NA	3.56	-0.41
Shreveport	77.6	55.3	66.4	66.0	0.4	0.52	4	-0.72	4.00	-0.01
Extreme/Average	75.7	54.7	65.2	66.1	-0.9	0.77	4	-0.35	3.87	-0.17
North Central										
Calhoun	76.4	53.1	64.8	64.6	0.1	1.69	2	0.59	3.86	-0.27
Farmerville	74.6	55.6	65.1	66.6	-1.5	NA	NA	NA	4.24	-0.10
Homer	75.8	52.6	64.2	63.8	0.3	1.02	1	0.34	2.43	1.12
Extreme/Average	75.6	53.8	64.7	65.0	-0.4	1.35	2	0.46	3.51	0.25
Northeast										
Lake Providence	75.1	55.4	65.3	66.3	-1.0	2.23	4	1.30	5.79	3.75
St Joseph	77.5	58.8	68.1	67.8	0.8	0.75	4	0.17	4.01	0.41
Tallulah	79.2	61.4	70.3	66.8	3.4	NA	NA	NA	4.31	0.35
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	67.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	77.3	58.5	67.9	67.1	1.0	1.49	4	0.73	4.70	1.50
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	65.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	76.3	53.3	64.8	67.7	-2.4	0.05	2	-0.40	3.24	-0.25
Leesville	81.0	58.7	69.9	67.0	2.8	0.40	2	-0.52	7.56	3.68
Natchitoches	78.4	58.4	68.4	68.5	-0.1	0.11	3	-0.69	4.20	-0.28
Extreme/Average	78.6	56.8	67.7	67.2	0.1	0.19	3	-0.54	5.00	1.05
Central										
Alexandria	79.3	60.4	69.9	68.2	1.6	NA	NA	NA	5.12	0.76
Bunkie	78.6	61.6	70.1	68.7	1.4	0.30	2	-0.83	9.06	4.70
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	70.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	77.9	60.0	68.9	68.0	0.9	0.28	4	-0.68	6.43	2.28
New Roads	80.7	62.4	71.6	69.2	2.4	0.33	2	-0.71	6.68	2.51
Extreme/Average	79.1	61.1	70.1	68.9	1.6	0.30	4	-0.74	6.82	2.56
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.72	2	-0.40	7.42	3.06
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	67.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.43	3	NA	5.55	NA
Slidell	79.2	62.5	70.8	NA	NA	0.42	3	NA	6.98	NA
Extreme/Average	79.2	62.5	70.8	67.9	NA	0.52	3	-0.40	6.65	3.06
Southwest										
Crowley	80.6	63.6	72.1	69.8	2.6	0.09	2	-0.62	8.28	4.90
DeRidder	80.6	61.4	71.0	68.2	2.8	1.24	2	0.23	8.44	4.51
Jennings	80.6	62.9	71.7	69.4	2.3	2.04	2	1.19	8.95	5.55
Oberlin Fire	78.8	61.2	70.0	69.0	1.1	NA	1	-0.91	8.20	4.29
Extreme/Average	80.1	62.3	71.2	69.1	2.2	1.12	2	-0.03	8.47	4.81
South Central										
Donaldsonville	82.4	63.4	72.9	69.1	3.8	3.38	2	2.39	12.32	8.41
Jeanerette	80.6	62.2	71.4	69.8	1.9	NA	2	-0.68	7.96	4.45
Lafayette	81.4	64.4	72.9	69.1	3.8	1.43	2	0.49	7.15	3.79
Morgan City	82.3	67.0	74.6	69.8	4.8	0.24	2	-0.51	11.66	8.70
Extreme/Average	81.7	64.3	73.0	69.5	3.6	1.26	2	0.42	9.77	6.34
Southeast										
Galliano	80.0	67.0	73.5	69.9	3.6	0.13	4	-0.58	8.17	5.32
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.29	3	1.22	11.65	7.28
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	81.0	65.0	73.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.5	66.0	73.3	69.9	3.6	1.21	4	0.32	9.58	6.30
State	78.7	60.2	69.5	68.0	1.3	0.91	3	-0.04	6.62	2.98

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.