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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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Week Ending May 3, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 3, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 47 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 64.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 72.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Oberlin to 85.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. 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 2.15 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 3, 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	99	98	99	100
Corn, emerged	96	94	95	99
Cotton, planted	17	5	43	49
Cotton, emerged	3	0	23	15
Hay, harvested	8	0	19	31
Rice, planted	88	85	92	93
Rice, emerged	80	71	81	82
Sorghum, planted	82	71	96	89
Sorghum, emerged	62	53	72	71
Soybeans, planted	40	25	67	51
Soybeans, emerged	22	12	30	16
Winter Wheat, headed	96	91	92	97
Winter Wheat, coloring	40	18	16	47

Crop condition for week ending May 3, 2015

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	41	49	6
Livestock	1	5	36	51	7
Pasture	1	8	36	47	8
Rice	0	5	38	51	6
Sorghum	4	16	42	38	0
Sugarcane	1	6	37	44	12
Vegetables	4	18	39	35	4
Winter Wheat	1	14	42	42	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Wheat in Beauregard is suffering scab fungal infections due to excess moisture.”

– Keith Hawkins, Beauregard Parish

“Field activity has increased as fields have dried some. Sugarcane farmers working crop, cattlemen fertilizing pastures and cutting hay, crawfish farmers catching nice crawfish, vegetable producers working crops and citrus producers spraying trees.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Wet conditions continue to slow fieldwork. Some sugarcane was fertilized and soybeans were planted at the end of the week as fields began to dry. Despite all the rains this spring, crops and livestock are in good condition and home gardens are improving.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“The dry weather has allowed farmers back in the fields late in the week. Very little rice planting remains and fertilization, herbicide applications and permanent flood establishment are all being carried out. Ranchers continue to work cows and calves, spring calving is complete and bulls are turned out. Sugarcane growers are continuing to fertilize. With cane making good growth layby practices are beginning.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Wet weather early in week, followed by clear cool weather and excellent drying conditions. Fieldwork picked up towards end of week and will be fast paced this week. Rice drill planting continued should be completed soon, with many ongoing herbicide and fertilizer applications followed by flood up. Plowing for soybean planting resumed in areas that were dry enough. Hay baled in a few places, fertilizer applications going out on hay fields. Crawfish harvest continues with excellent catches and improved quality.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“High winds, hail and heavy rains pounded the parish knocking down trees and flooding fields. Some isolated pockets of hail damaged soybeans may have to be replanted. Cane continues to make good progress with some growers beginning to see some rust starting to form. Forage quality continues to drop as fields mature but remain too wet to harvest. Crawfish yields continue to linger as growers endure a below average season. Growers should be able to return to the field this week to continue planting beans and to finish applying fertilizer and herbicide to cane fields.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 3, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	77.4	51.3	64.4	67.3	-2.9	0.12	2	-1.06	3.33	-1.50
Mooringsport	75.7	53.4	64.6	68.3	-3.7	0.80	2	-0.06	5.50	2.14
Red River	77.2	52.8	65.0	69.0	-3.7	NA	NA	NA	3.78	-0.18
Shreveport	78.0	51.4	64.7	68.1	-3.4	0.30	3	-0.92	4.24	-0.07
Extreme/Average	77.1	52.2	64.7	68.2	-3.4	0.41	3	-0.68	4.21	0.10
North Central										
Calhoun	76.8	50.0	63.4	66.6	-3.3	0.38	3	-0.27	3.81	0.06
Farmerville	75.3	51.8	63.6	68.5	-4.8	0.10	3	-0.90	4.10	-0.03
Homer	75.2	48.8	62.0	65.7	-3.5	NA	NA	NA	2.41	0.77
Extreme/Average	75.8	50.2	63.0	66.9	-3.8	0.24	3	-0.58	3.44	0.27
Northeast										
Lake Providence	75.7	53.3	64.5	68.4	-3.9	0.08	2	-1.18	4.03	0.90
St Joseph	75.2	55.2	65.2	69.9	-4.4	0.81	1	0.12	4.41	0.64
Tallulah	75.2	54.0	64.6	68.7	-4.3	0.15	2	-0.77	3.56	-0.20
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	69.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	75.4	54.2	64.8	69.1	-4.2	0.35	2	-0.61	4.00	0.45
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	67.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	78.0	55.0	66.5	69.4	-2.3	1.31	2	1.02	5.25	1.93
Leesville	77.6	52.1	64.9	68.9	-4.0	2.09	2	1.17	9.55	5.77
Natchitoches	76.3	53.4	64.9	70.7	-5.8	0.77	3	-0.32	3.93	-0.36
Extreme/Average	77.3	53.5	65.4	69.1	-4.0	1.39	3	0.62	6.24	2.45
Central										
Alexandria	82.3	55.5	68.9	70.2	-1.4	NA	NA	NA	6.07	2.03
Bunkie	80.1	56.4	68.3	70.6	-2.3	1.20	1	0.08	10.26	5.86
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	72.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	76.6	56.0	66.3	70.0	-3.8	0.75	1	-0.14	6.74	2.84
New Roads	75.0	56.0	65.5	71.0	-5.3	2.08	1	1.36	6.06	2.20
Extreme/Average	78.5	56.0	67.3	70.8	-3.2	1.34	1	0.43	7.28	3.23
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.48	1	1.38	9.78	5.36
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	69.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.90	1	NA	6.35	NA
Slidell	76.7	57.7	67.2	NA	NA	1.16	1	NA	8.13	NA
Extreme/Average	76.7	57.7	67.2	69.8	NA	1.51	1	1.38	8.09	5.36
Southwest										
Crowley	73.8	59.0	66.4	71.7	-4.9	2.07	1	1.48	11.62	8.20
DeRidder	76.1	54.6	65.4	70.1	-4.8	1.34	1	0.30	9.51	5.60
Jennings	77.9	59.4	68.6	71.3	-2.6	1.86	2	0.97	10.78	7.34
Oberlin Fire	72.4	54.8	63.6	70.7	-6.9	NA	NA	NA	11.95	8.13
Extreme/Average	75.0	57.0	66.0	71.0	-4.8	1.76	2	0.92	10.96	7.32
South Central										
Donaldsonville	79.1	60.3	69.7	71.0	-1.3	1.78	2	0.86	14.10	10.28
Jeanerette	75.4	57.6	66.5	71.6	-4.8	1.27	1	0.62	10.99	7.50
Lafayette	78.0	59.6	68.8	70.9	-2.1	2.15	2	1.23	11.86	8.03
Morgan City	79.0	62.1	70.6	71.6	-1.1	2.76	3	1.91	14.42	11.38
Extreme/Average	77.9	59.9	68.9	71.3	-2.3	1.99	3	1.16	12.84	9.30
Southeast										
Galliano	78.3	64.1	71.2	71.7	-0.5	3.11	1	2.38	11.27	8.59
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.20	2	0.24	12.85	8.67
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	85.0	62.5	73.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	81.7	63.3	72.5	71.7	-0.5	2.15	2	1.31	11.01	8.63
State	77.3	56.1	66.7	69.9	-3.0	1.27	2	0.47	7.69	4.27

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.