



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



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Week Ending May 10, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 10, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 14 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 70.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 80.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 88.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. Dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the state average of 0.72 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 10, 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 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn, emerged | 97 | 96 | 96 | 99 |
| Cotton, planted | 68 | 17 | 73 | 67 |
| Cotton, emerged | 16 | 3 | 53 | 46 |
| Hay, first cutting | 26 | 8 | 36 | 43 |
| Rice, planted | 93 | 88 | 96 | 95 |
| Rice, emerged | 85 | 80 | 89 | 89 |
| Sorghum, planted | 88 | 82 | 98 | 94 |
| Sorghum, emerged | 73 | 62 | 70 | 77 |
| Soybeans, planted | 65 | 40 | 77 | 63 |
| Soybeans, emerged | 41 | 22 | 47 | 41 |
| Sweet Potatoes, planted | 8 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Winter Wheat, headed | 98 | 96 | 96 | 99 |
| Winter Wheat, coloring | 60 | 40 | 46 | 73 |
| Winter Wheat, harvested | 1 | NA | NA | NA |

Crop condition for week ending May 10, 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 | 5 | 42 | 44 | 9 |
| Livestock | 1 | 5 | 35 | 52 | 7 |
| Pasture | 1 | 8 | 35 | 49 | 7 |
| Rice | 0 | 5 | 33 | 55 | 7 |
| Sorghum | 4 | 13 | 42 | 41 | 0 |
| Sugarcane | 1 | 5 | 36 | 44 | 14 |
| Vegetables | 4 | 17 | 36 | 39 | 4 |
| Winter Wheat | 1 | 14 | 42 | 42 | 1 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Soybean and cotton planting close to being complete. Corn producers began laying out polypipe and some began irrigation. Rain expected this week.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Sugarcane farmers working crop, cattle producers cutting hay and fertilizing, citrus producers checking for insects, vegetable producers harvesting vegetables, and crawfish producers selling crawfish.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Improved weather conditions allowed area farmers to be very busy and productive. Over 85% of sugarcane has been fertilized and over 50% of soybeans have been planted. Cattle producers were able to cut hay, wean calves, and the breeding season continues. Home gardens are improving and all major crops are doing well.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rice planting is complete. Rice producers applying herbicides and fertilizer. Rice is starting to look much better. Soybean planting began this week as weather has improved.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Field conditions have improved with good progress being made planting the soybean crop, spraying herbicide, and applying fertilizer to other spring planted crops. The rice crop looks good with much of the crop having the first round of fertilizer and going to permanent flood in recent days. Corn and grain sorghum producers struggle with decisions and poor stands in areas where soils were saturated from recent heavy rainfall events. Some corn and grain sorghum replanted, some abandoned to plant soybeans where herbicides had not been applied. Livestock conditions are good with abundant forages. The cattle market remains favorable and steady. The crawfish catch is mixed with warmer weather on the way, the harvest is likely to begin to slow down as ponds will be drained for planting rice.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Drier weather this week has increased fieldwork tremendously. Fertilizer is going out in corn and sugarcane fields. Overall crops seems to be catching up if weather holds.”

– Donna Morgan, Rapides Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 10, 2015

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|-----|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minden | 83.9 | 62.3 | 73.1 | 69.3 | 3.7 | 2.74 | 3 | 1.58 | 5.99 | 2.52 |
| Mooringsport | 81.7 | 64.1 | 72.9 | 70.2 | 2.8 | 1.66 | 4 | 0.72 | 3.26 | -1.50 |
| Red River | 85.3 | 65.7 | 75.5 | 71.1 | 4.4 | 0.11 | 2 | -1.02 | 4.96 | 0.18 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.6 | 64.0 | 73.8 | 70.2 | 3.6 | 1.50 | 4 | 0.43 | 4.74 | 0.40 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calhoun | 82.3 | 58.7 | 70.5 | 68.6 | 1.9 | 3.28 | 2 | 1.97 | 4.79 | 3.47 |
| Homer | 83.6 | 58.1 | 70.9 | 67.7 | 3.1 | NA | 0 | 0.00 | 5.82 | 1.48 |
| Shreveport Strm Hills | 84.0 | 63.1 | 73.6 | 70.1 | 3.4 | 0.32 | 3 | -0.99 | 5.88 | 1.65 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.3 | 60.0 | 71.6 | 68.8 | 2.8 | 1.80 | 3 | 0.49 | 5.50 | 2.20 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farmerville | 82.7 | 64.3 | 73.5 | 70.2 | 3.3 | 2.70 | 4 | 1.38 | 3.47 | -0.75 |
| Lake Providence | 83.3 | 64.0 | 73.6 | 70.4 | 3.2 | NA | 0 | -1.28 | 3.45 | -0.66 |
| St Joseph | 86.1 | 64.4 | 75.3 | 72.0 | 3.3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Winnsboro | NA | NA | NA | 71.4 | NA | NA | 0 | NA | 2.43 | -1.38 |
| Extreme/Average | 84.0 | 64.2 | 74.1 | 71.0 | 3.3 | 2.70 | 4 | 0.05 | 3.12 | -0.93 |
| West Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland | NA | NA | NA | 69.5 | NA | NA | 1 | NA | 3.48 | -0.04 |
| Leesville | 84.3 | 64.9 | 74.6 | 70.8 | 3.8 | 0.17 | 2 | -0.88 | 2.84 | -1.00 |
| Natchitoches | 82.7 | 65.4 | 74.1 | 72.6 | 1.5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Tallulah | 85.7 | 64.3 | 75.0 | 70.7 | 4.3 | NA | 0 | -1.17 | 6.97 | 3.13 |
| Extreme/Average | 84.2 | 64.9 | 74.5 | 70.9 | 3.2 | 0.09 | 2 | -1.02 | 4.43 | 0.70 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 83.3 | 64.6 | 73.9 | 72.2 | 1.7 | 0.60 | 2 | -0.46 | 5.61 | 1.76 |
| Bunkie | 84.4 | 66.7 | 75.6 | 72.5 | 3.1 | 0.40 | 2 | -0.85 | 5.36 | 1.80 |
| Eunice | NA | NA | NA | 74.2 | NA | NA | 1 | NA | 7.01 | 2.42 |
| Hodges Gardens | 82.7 | 62.3 | 72.5 | 71.3 | 1.8 | NA | NA | NA | 5.42 | 1.45 |
| Jonesville Locks | 84.3 | 63.4 | 73.9 | 72.0 | 1.9 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Extreme/Average | 83.7 | 64.3 | 74.0 | 72.4 | 2.1 | 0.50 | 2 | -0.66 | 5.85 | 1.86 |
| East Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baton Rouge | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0 | NA | NA | NA |
| Hammond | NA | NA | NA | 71.8 | NA | NA | 0 | NA | 7.82 | NA |
| New Roads | 88.0 | 64.2 | 76.1 | 72.9 | 3.4 | NA | 0 | NA | 6.03 | 1.53 |
| Norwood | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0 | NA | 4.31 | NA |
| Extreme/Average | 88.0 | 64.2 | 76.1 | 72.3 | 3.4 | NA | 0 | NA | 6.05 | 1.53 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crowley | 83.6 | 68.3 | 75.9 | 73.5 | 2.4 | 0.02 | 1 | -1.14 | 0.56 | 6.22 |
| DeRidder | 82.9 | 66.3 | 74.6 | 72.1 | 2.5 | 0.24 | 2 | -0.91 | 8.69 | 5.04 |
| Jennings | 84.7 | 68.9 | 76.8 | 73.2 | 3.6 | NA | 0 | -1.06 | 8.40 | 4.21 |
| Slidell | 81.0 | 64.0 | 72.5 | NA | NA | NA | 0 | NA | 7.92 | 3.73 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.0 | 66.9 | 74.9 | 72.9 | 2.9 | 0.09 | 2 | -1.04 | 8.89 | 4.80 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 85.0 | 64.9 | 74.9 | 72.8 | 2.1 | 0.01 | 1 | -0.94 | 9.16 | 5.39 |
| Jeanerette | 84.0 | 66.4 | 75.2 | 73.4 | 1.8 | 0.18 | 1 | -0.78 | 1.24 | 8.00 |
| Morgan City | 83.9 | 66.7 | 75.3 | 73.4 | 1.9 | 0.06 | 1 | -0.85 | 8.54 | 4.94 |
| Oberlin Fire | 83.6 | 65.9 | 74.7 | 72.5 | 2.3 | NA | 0 | -1.20 | 1.07 | 7.18 |
| Extreme/Average | 84.1 | 66.0 | 75.0 | 73.0 | 2.0 | 0.06 | 1 | -0.94 | 10.00 | 6.38 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 80.5 | 70.3 | 75.4 | 73.5 | 1.8 | 0.14 | 1 | -0.62 | 1.35 | 7.41 |
| Grand Isle | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 1 | NA | 1.07 | 8.26 |
| Lafayette | 83.8 | 65.4 | 74.6 | 72.7 | 2.0 | NA | 0 | NA | NA | NA |
| New Orleans | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0 | NA | 7.56 | NA |
| Extreme/Average | 82.2 | 67.8 | 75.0 | 73.1 | 1.9 | 0.14 | 1 | -0.62 | 9.99 | 7.83 |
| State | 83.9 | 64.7 | 74.3 | 71.7 | 2.7 | 0.72 | 2 | -0.40 | 6.67 | 2.94 |

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.