



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending May 31, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 31, 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, 45 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 64.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville to 70.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 81.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 88.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Torrential rainfall throughout much of the state, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the state with an average of 4.11 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 31, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silked	19	4	12	45
Cotton, planted	91	88	95	96
Cotton, emerged	72	63	84	87
Cotton, squaring	2	NA	1	6
Hay, first cutting	47	45	69	75
Rice, planted	100	99	100	100
Rice, emerged	97	96	98	98
Sorghum, planted	99	98	100	99
Sorghum, emerged	97	93	90	96
Soybeans, planted	85	83	92	88
Soybeans, emerged	80	75	83	79
Sweet Potatoes, planted	19	14	22	39
Winter Wheat, coloring	93	92	96	99
Winter Wheat, harvested	26	23	29	58

Crop condition for week ending May 31, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	4	33	52	11
Cotton	1	5	41	42	11
Livestock	1	3	34	52	10
Pasture	1	9	31	48	11
Rice	0	5	24	55	16
Sorghum	6	14	38	40	2
Soybeans	2	11	42	35	10
Sugarcane	1	4	30	46	19
Vegetables	3	18	39	37	3
Winter Wheat	4	26	35	34	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Frequent rainfall continues to hinder hay production. Fly populations rapidly increasing due to ideal reproduction sites in wet pastures and organic matter.”

– Jason Holmes, Union Parish

“Sporadic and widespread rain continues to postpone, slow, or stop many field activities. Early rice at green ring stage with fertilizer applications ongoing, some rice having issues with metabolizing herbicides due to poorer growing conditions & other issues. Still quite a few acres of soybeans to be planted, many acres to replant. Crawfish harvest slowing, some catches down, others still doing well. Not much movement in hay or forage activities with rains and saturated fields.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Field conditions remain wet with many acres of soybeans to be planted and many acres to be replanted. Most other crops are looking good. Hay quality is declining in the field with weed populations on the increase. The crawfish catch is still good with many producers seeding new ponds for next year. Mosquito population has increased causing problems for livestock. A better weather forecast this week will help dry out the wet conditions.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rains have saturated soils slowing crop development and field progress. Some low lying soybean fields have stand damage from prolonged flooding. Cane farmers are waiting to return to the fields to finish fertilizing and applying layby applications of herbicides. Wet conditions are allowing many hay fields to overgrown with weeds. Spring vegetable gardens have heavy levels of insect and disease pressure. Peaches and plums are seeing more fruit rot and insect damage.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane and soybean farmers working crops and checking for insects and disease. Cattlemen fertilizing pastures, citrus producers scouting orchards, vegetable producers selling nine produce and crawfish farmers’ still selling crawfish.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 31, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	83.7	66.1	74.9	75.0	NA	5.99	4	5.04	14.27	10.33
Mooringsport	81.4	66.1	73.8	75.4	-1.6	2.73	7	1.76	8.67	5.14
Red River	84.6	67.3	75.9	76.5	-0.6	NA	0	NA	9.67	5.48
Shreveport	84.4	65.4	74.9	75.5	-0.5	2.98	4	1.97	5.76	2.17
Extreme/Average	83.5	66.2	74.9	75.6	-0.7	3.90	7	2.92	9.59	5.78
North Central										
Calhoun	85.4	64.6	75.0	74.2	0.8	4.73	4	3.62	16.75	11.96
Farmerville	84.0	65.9	74.9	74.6	0.3	4.20	4	2.95	10.44	5.15
Homer	84.0	64.7	74.4	73.3	1.1	3.40	6	2.62	12.02	10.30
Extreme/Average	84.5	65.1	74.8	74.0	0.7	4.11	6	3.06	13.07	9.14
Northeast										
Lake Providence	84.1	66.0	75.1	75.9	-0.8	3.05	6	2.08	6.16	4.15
St Joseph	87.0	66.6	76.8	77.3	-0.3	2.92	6	2.12	6.46	2.58
Tallulah	87.1	68.7	77.9	76.0	1.9	5.40	5	4.21	9.98	5.25
Winnsboro	85.9	65.9	75.9	76.6	-0.8	2.78	3	1.63	8.74	4.21
Extreme/Average	86.0	66.8	76.4	76.5	NA	3.54	6	2.51	7.84	4.05
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	74.9	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	84.7	66.7	75.7	76.8	-1.1	5.02	7	3.96	13.06	8.85
Leesville	85.7	66.2	75.9	75.9	0.1	3.46	5	2.46	8.73	4.52
Natchitoches	84.4	66.0	75.2	77.0	-1.8	3.58	4	2.70	11.80	7.90
Extreme/Average	84.9	66.3	75.6	76.1	-0.9	4.02	7	3.04	11.20	7.09
Central										
Alexandria	88.3	67.6	77.9	77.6	0.4	2.75	5	1.65	9.46	5.18
Bunkie	85.3	67.9	76.6	77.4	-0.8	3.26	4	2.04	6.55	1.68
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	79.0	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville	85.0	64.3	74.7	77.0	-2.3	3.08	4	2.11	9.96	5.97
New Roads	87.9	67.4	77.6	77.7	NA	3.41	4	2.28	7.62	3.29
Extreme/Average	86.6	66.8	76.7	77.7	-0.7	3.13	5	2.02	8.40	4.03
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.76	5	1.54	4.35	-0.27
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	76.7	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.73	6	NA	8.61	NA
Slidell	85.1	68.3	76.7	NA	NA	1.73	5	NA	3.61	NA
Extreme/Average	85.1	68.3	76.7	76.7	NA	3.07	6	1.54	5.52	-0.27
Southwest										
Crowley	85.6	68.6	77.1	78.2	-1.2	2.57	4	1.28	8.57	3.82
DeRidder	84.9	65.0	74.9	77.2	-2.3	3.14	3	1.95	5.48	0.93
Jennings	86.4	68.7	77.6	77.9	-0.3	2.78	5	1.58	5.49	1.08
Oberlin Fire	84.9	67.1	76.0	77.0	-1.0	3.60	4	2.30	7.87	2.96
Extreme/Average	85.4	67.3	76.4	77.6	-1.2	3.02	5	1.78	6.85	2.20
South Central										
Donaldsonville	87.7	68.4	78.1	77.5	0.5	2.34	5	1.15	5.69	1.58
Jeanerette	85.7	67.6	76.6	78.1	-1.4	5.24	6	4.09	8.44	4.43
Lafayette	85.5	69.7	77.6	77.5	0.1	2.69	5	1.71	7.80	4.42
Morgan City	85.7	68.5	77.1	77.8	-0.8	4.07	5	3.27	5.39	1.89
Extreme/Average	86.1	68.5	77.3	77.7	-0.4	3.58	6	2.56	6.83	3.08
Southeast										
Galliano	85.4	69.7	77.6	78.3	-0.7	0.81	5	0.48	1.65	-2.44
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.20	6	2.06	7.03	3.09
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	87.3	70.6	78.9	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	2.54	NA
Extreme/Average	86.3	70.2	78.3	78.3	-0.7	2.00	6	0.79	3.74	0.32
State	85.5	67.3	76.4	76.8	-0.5	3.29	5	2.14	8.01	3.79

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.