



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



Delta Region - Louisiana Field Office  
5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 922-1362 · (225) 922-0744 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/la  
Cooperating with Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Week Ending March 27, 2016

Released: March 28, 2016

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 27, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 45 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 31.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 54.8 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 65.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 72.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Alexandria. Wet weather conditions throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 1.46 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending March 27, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	36	NA	12	61
Corn, emerged	18	NA	0	9
Rice, planted	33	NA	18	32
Rice, emerged	14	NA	0	1
Sorghum, planted	1	NA	0	11
Winter Wheat, headed	5	NA	11	25

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending March 27, 2016**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	0	3	14	81	2
Pasture	0	13	18	63	6
Sugarcane	0	0	28	68	4
Vegetables	0	5	16	78	1
Winter Wheat	0	10	43	47	0

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Still some parts of the parish flooded with back water. Estimated 20 to 27 inches of rain fell during March 10 to 12, 2016. Any corn planted before flood will have to be replanted.”

– Richard Letlow, Ouachita Parish

“Most of our corn was planted the first week of March. We received 7-10 inches of rain the next week. Corn came up quickly but due to wet soils, high air temperatures, wind, then two mornings with frost and back water flooding a number of acres are being replanted. Some fields are still under water and ends of fields are under water. The back water is still rising and rain this weekend did not help. Cattle have been moved from flooded pastures.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Most corn fared well with the excess rain fall we received. Some are being replanted due to what we think may have been rootless corn syndrome. Low spots in some fields where rain remained may require replanting. Very few wheat acres this year, but did manage to find some areas with rust. Some vegetable gardens have been established and planted, while others wait for warmer, drier weather.”

– Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“Spring planting conditions are improving daily. Much of the corn has been planted, a significant amount of rice acres have been planted. Some rice water seeded and drill seeding is underway way with improving ground conditions. The crawfish catch has been mixed with changing weather but has been fairly good for most producers. Cattle are doing really well with such a mild winter there is an abundant amount of forages, clovers and rye grass. They are all doing well this spring.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Super wet in the parish. Every other day 1.5 to 2 inches of rain. All vegetable crops will be planted late.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Rice planting has made good progress with dry conditions. Early season fieldwork in sugarcane is all but complete. Ranchers are busy with calving and most have completed winter haying and feeding. Some hay producers have begun to control winter weeds and fertilize.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Fields dried out early in the week allowing cane growers to spray herbicides and fertilize fields. By the weekend rains returned shutting down fieldwork. Soybean acreage will be reduced due to lower prices and weather concerns. Rice planting got underway this week as fields were finally dry enough to drill. Spring vegetable planting is underway. Low winter chilling hours may result in lower fruit set.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 27, 2016**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	67.7	40.3	54.0	57.6	-3.6	0.44	2	-0.62	20.24	16.05
Mooringsport	65.7	42.7	54.2	58.8	-4.6	0.64	2	-0.31	12.42	8.82
Red River	67.0	43.0	55.0	58.9	-3.5	NA	NA	NA	18.11	14.82
Shreveport	67.7	40.3	54.0	58.5	-4.5	0.32	2	-0.60	15.31	11.46
Extreme/Average	67.0	41.6	54.3	58.4	-4.0	0.47	2	-0.51	16.52	12.79
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	66.8	31.8	49.3	57.3	-7.8	0.49	2	-0.26	22.33	18.16
Farmerville	67.0	44.4	55.7	58.4	-2.7	0.34	1	-0.93	17.31	12.78
Homer	66.6	39.0	52.8	56.2	-3.4	0.37	1	-0.70	16.60	14.27
Extreme/Average	66.8	38.4	52.6	57.3	-4.6	0.40	2	-0.63	18.75	15.07
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	65.3	44.3	54.8	57.8	-3.0	NA	NA	NA	1.51	0.60
St Joseph	66.8	42.0	54.4	60.2	-5.6	0.41	2	-0.40	9.11	4.55
Tallulah	69.7	46.1	57.9	59.4	-1.5	0.90	2	-0.22	6.53	2.57
Winnsboro	65.8	40.0	52.9	59.5	-6.3	NA	NA	NA	7.60	3.70
Extreme/Average	66.9	43.1	55.0	59.2	-4.1	0.66	2	-0.31	6.19	2.85
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	58.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	60.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.58	0.87
Leesville	70.6	44.6	57.6	60.6	-3.1	1.02	2	0.00	11.82	7.75
Natchitoches	67.0	44.1	55.6	60.7	-5.1	0.91	3	-0.58	17.89	13.58
Extreme/Average	68.8	44.4	56.6	60.2	-4.1	0.97	3	-0.29	11.10	7.40
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	72.1	45.3	58.7	61.2	-2.5	0.25	1	-0.90	5.48	1.38
Bunkie	66.8	45.2	56.0	61.5	-5.6	0.00	0	-0.87	5.40	1.28
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	63.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	67.1	43.7	55.4	59.9	-4.5	0.47	1	-0.73	8.93	4.07
New Roads	68.3	45.7	57.0	61.9	-4.5	NA	NA	NA	5.41	2.12
Extreme/Average	68.6	45.0	56.8	61.6	-4.3	0.24	1	-0.83	6.31	2.21
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.62	1	-0.38	6.98	2.86
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	61.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.10	1	NA	8.23	NA
Slidell	68.3	49.1	58.7	NA	NA	1.53	2	NA	7.33	NA
Extreme/Average	68.3	49.1	58.7	61.3	NA	0.75	2	-0.38	7.51	2.86
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	69.8	47.5	58.7	62.4	-3.9	0.06	1	-0.72	7.49	4.27
DeRidder	66.2	42.0	54.1	62.0	-7.9	0.02	1	-0.96	4.30	0.42
Jennings	69.0	47.9	58.4	62.3	-3.9	0.21	2	-0.75	3.10	-0.51
Oberlin Fire	67.3	43.7	55.5	62.2	-6.7	0.20	2	-0.73	2.33	-1.41
Extreme/Average	68.1	45.3	56.7	62.2	-5.6	0.12	2	-0.79	4.30	0.69
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	70.1	46.4	58.3	62.5	-4.2	0.02	1	-0.78	8.13	4.55
Jeanerette	69.0	45.1	57.1	63.2	-6.1	0.15	2	-0.74	6.27	2.90
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	62.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	70.4	53.1	61.8	62.9	-1.1	1.25	1	0.41	8.62	5.09
Extreme/Average	69.8	48.2	59.1	62.8	-3.8	0.47	2	-0.37	7.67	4.18
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	68.0	52.6	60.3	63.8	-3.5	1.65	2	0.66	5.61	1.53
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.36	2	-0.69	10.74	6.63
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.55	4.86
New Orleans	70.4	54.8	62.6	NA	NA	2.37	2	NA	6.01	NA
Extreme/Average	69.2	53.7	61.4	63.8	-3.5	1.46	2	-0.01	6.98	4.34
<b>State</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.50</b>	<b>9.08</b>	<b>5.41</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.