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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 03, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville to 64.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 71.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville to 79.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun. Scattered rain throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 4.85 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 3, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	46	36	52	82
Corn, emerged	33	18	4	39
Rice, planted	48	33	52	52
Rice, emerged	32	14	12	8
Sorghum, planted	14	1	19	35
Winter Wheat, harvested	35	5	25	45

Crop condition for week ending April 3, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	0	5	25	64	6
Pasture	1	15	30	48	6
Sugarcane	1	1	39	48	11
Vegetables	1	7	27	64	1
Winter Wheat	0	10	43	47	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Some fields still under water and parts of fields under water. About 800 cows were moved due to flooding.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Heavy rains continue to delay corn planting. Corn that was planted prior to rains 30-50% will be replanted. Hail came through west side of parish along river taking out and addition 10-15% of emerged corn.”

– R. L. Frazier, Madison Parish

“After recent heavy rain showers during the week, weather conditions are improving as well as field conditions. Spring planting will be in high gear over the coming days. Corn, rice and grain sorghum will get planted in the near future with good weather conditions predicted. Spring calving season is at the end with excellent pasture conditions. Some cattle producers are looking at making an early spring hay harvest with abundant rye grass and other winter forages.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Recent excessive rain/historical flooding events have had an effect on the strawberry crop in the southern part of the parish.”

– Whitney Wallace, Tangipahoa Parish

“Rice planting is taking off in full swing. This cooler weather can delay some emergence in the crop. Hay fields are starting to turn green as producers are looking at herbicide programs. These cooler mornings will set everything back a little but the warmer days should help tremendously.”

– Bradley Pousson, Cameron Parish

“With the area missing most of the rain forecast; sugarcane farmers made good progress in fields as spraying for weeds is all but done. "Off-baring" and fertilizer application is in full swing. Cattlemen wrapping up calving and some have sprayed for weed control. Vegetable gardens are being planted, and plants are off to a good start. Crawfish catch has improved over the past several weeks as has the size.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Farmers are somewhat behind in field activities due to excessive rain. They will probably begin fieldwork Tuesday on a limited basis and be full steam ahead by Friday with fertilizer applications.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“Currently flash flooding; may damage some crops.”

– Sarah Everhart, Jefferson Parish

“Rain as plagued the parish and field conditions are wet. Most field activities are on hold.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 3, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	74.0	47.3	60.6	59.2	1.4	0.69	3	-0.46	20.82	16.49
Mooringsport	71.7	47.7	59.7	60.5	-0.8	0.28	1	-0.53	12.50	8.98
Red River	NA	NA	NA	60.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	18.00	15.60
Shreveport	72.9	48.1	60.5	60.0	0.5	0.70	2	-0.25	15.88	11.98
Extreme/Average	72.9	47.7	60.3	60.1	0.4	0.56	3	-0.41	16.80	13.26
North Central										
Calhoun	79.3	44.3	61.8	59.0	3.0	1.76	3	0.85	24.04	19.90
Farmerville	74.3	49.4	61.9	60.1	1.7	3.34	1	2.10	20.65	15.83
Homer	74.5	45.5	60.0	57.9	2.3	NA	NA	NA	17.09	15.49
Extreme/Average	76.0	46.4	61.2	59.0	2.3	2.55	3	1.48	20.59	17.07
Northeast										
Lake Providence	71.4	51.6	61.5	59.7	1.8	NA	NA	NA	3.43	2.15
St Joseph	77.2	55.6	66.4	61.8	4.8	4.19	3	3.37	13.23	9.03
Tallulah	77.3	54.7	66.0	61.0	5.0	5.50	4	4.36	11.63	7.65
Winnsboro	74.0	53.0	63.5	61.2	2.7	NA	NA	NA	10.37	6.47
Extreme/Average	75.0	53.7	64.3	60.9	3.6	4.85	4	3.87	9.66	6.32
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	60.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	76.0	47.5	61.8	62.3	0.1	NA	NA	NA	4.47	1.37
Leesville	74.6	51.6	63.1	62.0	1.1	0.69	5	-0.35	12.51	8.39
Natchitoches	73.1	50.7	61.9	62.1	-0.2	1.28	3	0.08	19.15	14.24
Extreme/Average	74.6	49.9	62.3	61.7	0.3	0.98	5	-0.13	12.04	8.00
Central										
Alexandria	75.5	50.8	63.2	62.7	0.4	0.03	1	-0.97	5.51	1.36
Bunkie	77.0	52.7	64.8	63.1	1.9	1.20	2	0.26	6.50	2.49
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	64.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	71.1	42.3	56.7	61.7	-4.9	2.02	4	0.82	10.45	5.56
New Roads	75.5	60.8	68.1	63.5	5.0	NA	NA	NA	7.27	3.79
Extreme/Average	74.8	51.7	63.2	63.1	0.6	1.08	4	0.04	7.43	3.30
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.14	2	1.25	9.08	5.13
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	62.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.01	NA
Slidell	73.6	58.4	66.0	NA	NA	3.60	4	NA	10.63	NA
Extreme/Average	73.6	58.4	66.0	62.6	NA	2.87	4	1.25	9.91	5.13
Southwest										
Crowley	77.2	62.2	69.7	64.0	5.9	0.23	3	-0.39	7.72	4.71
DeRidder	73.2	55.2	64.2	63.3	1.0	0.41	6	-0.54	4.71	0.89
Jennings	75.1	56.9	66.0	63.8	2.2	1.30	4	0.39	4.38	0.69
Oberlin Fire	76.4	59.2	67.8	63.7	4.3	1.36	3	0.65	3.69	0.17
Extreme/Average	75.5	58.4	66.9	63.7	3.3	0.82	6	0.03	5.13	1.61
South Central										
Donaldsonville	75.0	59.3	67.1	63.9	3.2	1.90	3	0.88	10.03	6.36
Jeanerette	76.2	63.0	69.6	64.6	5.2	0.22	4	-0.45	6.45	3.22
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	63.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	74.3	62.7	68.5	64.4	4.1	2.56	2	1.75	11.17	7.68
Extreme/Average	75.2	61.7	68.4	64.2	4.2	1.56	4	0.73	9.22	5.75
Southeast										
Galliano	74.0	64.0	69.0	65.0	4.0	2.01	3	1.05	7.62	3.54
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.48	2	0.33	12.19	7.93
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.55	4.86
New Orleans	76.0	58.3	67.2	NA	NA	4.10	3	NA	10.07	NA
Extreme/Average	75.0	61.1	68.1	65.0	4.0	2.53	3	0.69	8.86	5.44
State	74.8	54.4	64.6	62.4	2.1	1.93	4	0.77	10.64	6.88

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.