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Week Ending April 10, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 39.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 57.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 75.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell to 82.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 0.01 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 10, 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	73	46	83	93
Corn, emerged	45	33	44	70
Rice, planted	67	48	71	67
Rice, emerged	47	32	30	32
Sorghum, planted	29	14	37	50
Sorghum, emerged	4	NA	0	13
Soybeans, planted	6	0	12	11
Winter Wheat, headed	69	35	44	64

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending April 10, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	4	25	63	7
Pasture	1	13	29	49	8
Sugarcane	1	2	32	54	11
Vegetables	1	7	26	62	4
Winter Wheat	0	10	42	48	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn replant about complete other than the fields that are still under water. The water is slowly going down. Beginning to fertilize and apply weed control in corn. Soybean planting began this past week.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Favorable weather this week allowed most farmers to complete their rice planting. Rice is germinating and fields are greening up. Many rice fields across Acadia Parish are being flushed right now and the drier conditions are allowing farmers to spray their fields with herbicides. If we miss the rain next week, rice planting should almost be about complete. So far this year, the growing conditions have been great. Pastures and hay fields are looking great as well. Due to the conditions of the pastures, livestock across the parish is looking to be in very good condition.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Good weather has allowed for sugarcane farmers to apply fertilizer to a majority of the crop.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Dry weather allowed growers to make good field progress. Rust is showing up in 540 plant cane. Cane growers are applying herbicide and putting out fertilizer. Some soybeans are being planted on sugarcane rows. Cooler, dry weather has slowed down some vegetable garden growth. Hay growers are applying herbicide, fertilizer and making some ryegrass and clover hay.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Farmers busy finishing herbicides, applying fertilizer, and some soybean planting.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“Sunny conditions, no rain, less humid temperatures. Field activities continues.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 10, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	79.3	44.1	61.7	60.9	0.8	0.00	0	-1.18	2.11	-2.31
Mooringsport	77.4	48.6	63.0	62.2	0.8	0.02	1	-0.81	0.96	-2.42
Red River	79.4	49.6	64.5	62.3	2.2	NA	0	-1.07	0.61	-3.34
Shreveport	79.4	44.7	62.1	61.7	0.4	NA	0	-0.84	1.02	-2.63
Extreme/Average	78.9	46.8	62.8	61.8	1.0	0.01	1	-0.97	1.17	-2.67
North Central										
Calhoun	79.4	39.3	59.4	60.6	-1.2	0.00	0	-1.00	3.05	-0.99
Farmerville	78.6	51.6	65.1	62.0	3.0	0.00	0	-1.12	4.96	0.17
Homer	78.1	42.9	60.5	59.6	0.9	0.00	0	-1.07	1.84	-0.16
Extreme/Average	78.7	44.6	61.6	60.7	0.9	0.00	0	-1.06	3.28	-0.33
Northeast										
Lake Providence	76.2	49.2	62.7	61.6	1.0	0.00	0	-1.05	3.43	1.10
St Joseph	79.1	53.0	66.1	63.5	2.6	0.00	0	-1.05	5.77	1.56
Tallulah	80.5	51.0	65.8	62.7	3.0	0.00	0	-0.94	6.40	2.39
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	63.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.94	0.22
Extreme/Average	78.6	51.1	64.8	62.7	2.2	0.00	0	-1.01	4.63	1.32
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	61.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	81.5	53.2	67.4	64.0	3.8	NA	NA	NA	2.27	-1.52
Leesville	81.0	45.1	63.1	63.4	-0.3	0.00	0	-1.00	2.03	-2.03
Natchitoches	78.0	51.4	64.7	63.8	0.9	NA	0	-1.48	2.29	-3.13
Extreme/Average	80.2	49.9	65.1	63.3	1.4	0.00	0	-1.24	2.20	-2.23
Central										
Alexandria	80.1	49.4	64.8	64.3	0.5	0.00	0	-1.15	0.56	-3.87
Bunkie	78.7	43.7	61.2	64.7	-3.5	0.00	0	-1.05	2.10	-1.97
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	66.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	77.1	52.6	64.9	63.5	1.4	0.00	0	-1.06	4.27	-0.39
New Roads	78.2	51.2	64.8	65.1	0.0	NA	NA	NA	2.69	-0.67
Extreme/Average	78.5	49.2	63.9	64.7	-0.4	0.00	0	-1.09	2.40	-1.72
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.09	3.06	-1.06
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	64.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	4.89	NA
Slidell	75.4	53.0	64.2	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	6.44	NA
Extreme/Average	75.4	53.0	64.2	64.0	NA	0.00	0	-1.09	4.80	-1.06
Southwest										
Crowley	78.2	49.2	63.7	65.7	-1.7	0.00	0	-0.60	1.75	-1.33
DeRidder	78.0	49.6	63.8	64.6	-0.8	0.00	0	-1.01	0.45	-3.54
Jennings	77.7	51.3	64.5	65.3	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.83	1.59	-2.01
Oberlin Fire	77.6	48.4	63.0	65.2	-2.2	0.00	0	-1.00	1.65	-2.16
Extreme/Average	77.9	49.6	63.7	65.2	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.86	1.36	-2.26
South Central										
Donaldsonville	77.7	50.6	64.1	65.3	-1.2	0.00	0	-1.02	3.29	-0.44
Jeanerette	77.1	50.7	63.9	66.1	-2.1	0.00	0	-0.94	2.55	-1.03
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	65.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	78.8	57.5	68.2	65.9	2.3	0.00	0	-0.62	5.59	2.42
Extreme/Average	77.9	52.9	65.4	65.7	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.86	3.81	0.32
Southeast										
Galliano	75.6	56.1	65.9	66.4	-0.5	0.00	0	-0.77	6.03	2.27
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.00	2.79	-1.42
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.60	3.08
New Orleans	82.0	55.5	68.8	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	7.80	NA
Extreme/Average	78.8	55.8	67.3	66.4	-0.5	0.00	0	-0.89	5.05	1.31
State	78.3	50.2	64.3	64.0	0.1	0.00	0	-1.00	3.13	-0.87

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.