



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 1, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 61 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 71.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 77.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 86.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Torrential rainfall sweep through most of the state towards the end of the week, where some areas received hail and flood water. The northwest part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 3.90 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 1, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	95	93	99	99
Corn, emerged	93	85	95	98
Cotton, planted	15	3	14	36
Cotton, emerged	3	NA	2	7
Hay, harvested	7	6	6	23
Rice, planted	81	79	87	91
Rice, emerged	73	66	77	79
Sorghum, planted	71	64	79	86
Sorghum, emerged	60	49	59	72
Soybeans, planted	29	19	36	47
Soybeans, emerged	19	9	19	13
Winter Wheat, headed	87	86	95	96
Winter Wheat, coloring	8	2	34	46

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending May 1, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	13	48	39	0
Livestock	1	4	28	59	8
Pasture	0	10	32	51	7
Rice	0	4	37	56	3
Sorghum	0	10	40	46	4
Sugarcane	1	3	32	52	12
Vegetables	1	6	28	59	6
Winter Wheat	0	10	51	39	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Intermittent rain showers making field work difficult. Corn beginning to take off growing.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“No field work last week. Still wet and more rain expected in the week ahead. Grain sorghum and corn crops need drier conditions and sunshine, however the rice and sugarcane crops are doing well in this hot humid weather. The portion of the bean crop that has been planted is struggling to survive with saturated soils. Crawfish producers are in limbo with soft markets, and cattle producers have ryegrass hay standing in the field reaching over maturity with quality declining daily waiting on favorable ground conditions and sunshine to lay it down. Conditions need to improve quickly”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“With pasture conditions being moist, this delayed the first hay cutting drastically for a few more weeks. Some rice fields are waiting until green ring to send out first application of nitrogen.”

– Bradley Poussion, Cameron Parish

“Very wet conditions continued this week. Some rice fertilization and herbicide spraying took place earlier in week before rains came. Flooded conditions will delay any field work this week.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Rains continue to dampen fields and slow field progress. Soybean growers continue to wait for dry conditions to resume or begin planting. Sugarcane growers need a few weeks of dry weather to allow them to get back in the fields and to finish up putting out fertilizer, herbicide and possibly fungicide for rust. Hay growers need dry weather to make a cutting. Spring vegetables are starting to make good progress but wet weather is causing bacterial spot issues in peppers. Some early peach varieties are being harvested along with blackberries.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Some sugarcane fertilized at start of week, but rains have stopped all field work. Crops, vegetable gardens, and livestock are progressing nicely this spring, but the recent rains are on the verge of causing serious concerns in relation to weed, insect, and disease development.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Conditions were very wet, hardly no sunshine. Wind still from the Southeast making the tide higher than normal in lower parts of the Parish. Field work will continue.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 1, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	83.0	60.7	71.9	66.7	5.2	3.21	4	2.00	11.52	6.71
Mooringsport	81.6	62.2	71.9	67.7	4.0	7.85	3	7.25	14.55	11.46
Red River	84.0	62.6	73.3	68.4	5.2	0.68	2	-0.06	8.32	4.37
Shreveport	83.3	59.9	71.6	67.5	4.1	3.86	3	2.67	13.52	9.36
Extreme/Average	83.0	61.4	72.2	67.6	4.6	3.90	4	2.96	11.98	7.98
North Central										
Calhoun	82.5	58.0	70.3	66.0	4.1	1.87	4	0.92	9.10	5.22
Farmerville	82.8	63.5	73.2	68.0	5.3	0.71	2	-0.23	7.75	3.65
Homer	82.6	59.4	71.0	65.2	5.8	3.12	4	2.28	4.98	3.82
Extreme/Average	82.6	60.3	71.5	66.4	5.1	1.90	4	0.99	7.28	4.23
Northeast										
Lake Providence	80.9	64.7	72.8	67.8	5.0	2.70	3	1.44	7.94	5.35
St Joseph	77.6	66.2	71.9	69.3	2.9	0.40	1	-0.29	3.37	-0.42
Tallulah	86.0	65.9	75.9	68.1	7.8	1.05	2	0.13	12.97	8.91
Winnsboro	83.8	62.2	73.0	68.8	4.7	NA	NA	NA	4.36	-0.05
Extreme/Average	82.1	64.8	73.4	68.5	5.1	1.38	3	0.43	7.16	3.45
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	67.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	83.7	63.7	73.7	68.9	5.2	NA	NA	NA	5.13	1.67
Leesville	85.1	66.7	75.9	68.3	7.6	1.73	3	0.83	5.75	1.97
Natchitoches	84.4	65.7	75.1	70.1	5.0	1.90	5	1.02	5.98	1.70
Extreme/Average	84.4	65.4	74.9	68.6	5.9	1.81	5	0.93	5.62	1.78
Central										
Alexandria	84.1	64.9	74.5	69.6	4.9	1.50	3	0.55	3.86	-0.34
Bunkie	85.7	65.9	75.8	70.0	5.7	1.00	1	-0.11	4.70	0.66
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	71.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	83.4	63.4	73.4	69.5	4.0	0.48	2	-0.42	4.25	0.31
New Roads	85.2	65.2	75.3	70.5	5.1	NA	NA	NA	7.28	3.56
Extreme/Average	84.6	64.9	74.7	70.3	4.9	0.99	3	0.01	5.02	1.05
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.44	2	2.35	6.01	1.61
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	69.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.83	2	NA	4.74	NA
Slidell	80.4	67.1	73.8	NA	NA	2.87	3	NA	5.25	NA
Extreme/Average	80.4	67.1	73.8	69.3	NA	2.71	3	2.35	5.33	1.61
Southwest										
Crowley	82.8	66.8	74.8	71.1	3.9	0.87	1	0.14	5.97	2.59
DeRidder	82.2	64.5	73.3	69.6	3.8	1.46	4	0.72	5.86	2.96
Jennings	83.1	68.0	75.6	70.7	4.8	3.45	3	2.59	7.53	4.13
Oberlin Fire	83.1	67.1	75.1	70.3	4.9	8.24	3	7.20	12.81	8.71
Extreme/Average	82.8	66.6	74.7	70.4	4.4	3.50	4	2.66	8.04	4.60
South Central										
Donaldsonville	83.3	66.0	74.6	70.4	4.2	1.44	3	0.51	4.56	0.56
Jeanerette	82.0	66.2	74.1	71.1	3.3	0.88	2	0.23	5.00	1.50
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	70.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	82.6	70.6	76.6	71.1	5.5	4.06	4	3.23	6.58	3.58
Extreme/Average	82.6	67.6	75.1	70.8	4.3	2.13	4	1.32	5.38	1.88
Southeast										
Galliano	80.9	71.0	75.9	71.2	4.8	4.67	3	3.97	7.94	5.14
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.52	3	0.53	3.76	-0.65
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	84.3	69.2	76.5	NA	NA	3.61	3	NA	6.07	NA
Extreme/Average	82.6	70.1	76.2	71.2	4.8	3.27	3	2.25	5.92	2.24
State	82.9	65.4	74.1	69.3	4.3	2.39	3	1.52	6.76	3.11

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.