



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 45 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro. Highs ranged from 76.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 85.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro. Dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state with wetter conditions in the southern areas. The southwest part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 3.34 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 8, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	100	95	100	100
Corn, emerged	97	93	97	98
Cotton, planted	39	15	53	61
Cotton, emerged	15	3	12	35
Hay, harvested	18	7	21	35
Rice, planted	88	81	92	94
Rice, emerged	81	73	84	87
Sorghum, planted	86	71	86	92
Sorghum, emerged	80	60	70	79
Soybeans, planted	45	29	58	62
Soybeans, emerged	30	19	36	37
Winter Wheat, headed	96	87	97	98
Winter Wheat, coloring	23	8	54	65

Crop condition for week ending May 8, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	13	44	43	0
Livestock	1	3	27	60	9
Pasture	0	9	31	53	7
Rice	0	6	35	55	4
Sorghum	0	9	34	53	4
Sugarcane	1	3	31	52	13
Vegetables	1	6	25	62	6
Winter Wheat	0	14	49	37	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Dry warm weather this past week made for good conditions to apply fertilizer, herbicides and plant soybeans and cotton. Cattle producers were able to cut and bale hay.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“The major portion of the soybean planting will take place as fields dry and ground conditions improve this week. However corn and grain sorghum producers say their stands are the worst they have ever had related to the prolonged soil saturation, weakening stands. Hay producers may have an opportunity to get in and cuts some high spots in the coming days. Livestock grazing is abundant. Most spring calving cow herds have been worked and ready for the summer season.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Heavy rains and flooding last week impacted grazing, rice stand establishment and completion of planting. Some sugarcane farmers were able to get back in the field to work and fertilize cane late during this week. For the most part farmers were able to get water off the rice to avoid major damage.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Heavy rains have finally slacked off allowing some fieldwork to continue. Rice fields are delayed on spraying due to how saturated the ground.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Fields are starting to dry out from last weekend's flooding rains. Farmers should be back in the fields by early next week to resume planting soybeans and finish up planting rice. Heavy rains and cooler weather seem to have slowed sugarcane growth but also for the short term appears to have delayed sugarcane rust progress. Fire blight is severe in some pear varieties. Blackberries and peaches are being harvested. Hay producers are waiting for a dry spell to make a cutting.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Week started wet, but nice and sunny weather dried it up. Work continues in field. Coastal Tides are still high making it difficult to get to some low lying areas.”

– Reed Himel, Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 8, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	78.1	53.0	65.6	68.8	-3.2	1.09	2	-0.10	12.61	7.79
Mooringsport	76.1	55.1	65.6	69.6	-4.0	0.53	2	-0.42	15.06	11.85
Red River	78.3	55.9	67.1	70.5	-3.4	0.82	2	-0.02	11.86	7.83
Shreveport	78.0	53.0	65.5	69.6	-4.1	1.06	2	-0.28	14.58	9.92
Extreme/Average	77.6	54.3	65.9	69.6	-3.7	0.88	2	-0.21	13.53	9.35
North Central										
Calhoun	78.1	50.6	64.4	68.0	-3.7	0.55	2	-0.74	9.65	5.48
Farmerville	76.7	54.3	65.5	69.7	-4.2	0.22	2	-1.10	8.30	3.82
Homer	80.3	48.8	64.6	67.2	-2.7	0.45	1	-0.43	5.43	3.39
Extreme/Average	78.4	51.2	64.8	68.3	-3.5	0.41	2	-0.76	7.79	4.23
Northeast										
Lake Providence	76.6	56.4	66.5	69.9	-3.4	0.05	1	-1.24	6.22	3.99
St Joseph	79.3	55.7	67.5	71.4	-3.8	0.52	2	-0.26	3.97	0.17
Tallulah	81.2	58.8	70.0	70.1	-0.1	0.35	2	-0.65	13.32	9.20
Winnsboro	85.0	67.0	76.0	70.8	6.0	NA	NA	NA	5.32	1.67
Extreme/Average	80.5	59.5	70.0	70.5	-0.3	0.31	2	-0.72	7.21	3.76
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	69.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	77.2	57.6	67.4	70.7	-3.1	1.25	3	0.46	7.28	3.48
Leesville	79.6	52.6	66.1	70.2	-4.1	1.00	2	-0.03	6.75	2.94
Natchitoches	78.0	57.7	67.9	72.1	-4.2	0.98	2	-0.28	6.96	2.90
Extreme/Average	78.3	56.0	67.1	70.5	-3.8	1.08	3	0.05	7.00	3.11
Central										
Alexandria	82.0	56.7	69.4	71.6	-2.3	1.65	2	0.59	5.51	1.40
Bunkie	79.9	57.1	68.5	71.9	-3.4	0.70	2	-0.54	5.40	1.17
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	73.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	79.1	58.6	68.9	71.4	-2.6	0.36	1	-0.62	4.61	0.75
New Roads	77.2	59.5	68.4	72.3	-3.6	NA	NA	NA	7.79	4.38
Extreme/Average	79.5	58.0	68.8	72.2	-3.0	0.90	2	-0.19	5.83	1.92
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.81	2	1.83	8.82	4.53
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	71.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.34	NA
Slidell	77.1	57.4	67.3	NA	NA	1.03	1	NA	6.28	NA
Extreme/Average	77.1	57.4	67.3	71.2	NA	1.92	2	1.83	6.81	4.53
Southwest										
Crowley	77.0	59.3	68.1	73.0	-4.9	NA	NA	NA	15.74	12.74
DeRidder	78.2	56.7	67.4	71.5	-4.2	2.76	2	1.79	8.62	5.76
Jennings	79.1	59.4	69.3	72.6	-3.3	6.52	2	5.50	14.05	10.46
Oberlin Fire	78.1	56.7	67.4	72.0	-4.5	0.73	2	-0.10	13.54	9.61
Extreme/Average	78.1	58.0	68.1	72.3	-4.2	3.34	2	2.40	12.99	9.64
South Central										
Donaldsonville	77.0	58.3	67.6	72.3	-4.7	2.80	2	1.86	7.36	3.44
Jeanerette	76.7	58.8	67.8	72.9	-5.0	2.30	2	1.49	11.15	7.52
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	72.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	79.7	60.8	70.3	72.9	-2.8	0.16	1	-0.62	6.74	3.68
Extreme/Average	77.8	59.3	68.5	72.6	-4.1	1.75	2	0.91	8.42	4.88
Southeast										
Galliano	77.9	62.4	70.1	73.0	-2.8	4.88	2	4.06	12.82	9.97
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.66	2	1.73	6.42	2.25
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	81.2	61.8	71.5	NA	NA	2.02	1	NA	8.09	NA
Extreme/Average	79.6	62.1	70.8	73.0	-2.8	3.19	2	2.89	9.11	6.11
State	78.6	57.4	68.0	71.2	-2.9	1.64	2	0.80	8.74	5.30

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.