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Week Ending May 15, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 59.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 70.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 81.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 87.1 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the state with the highest rain concentration in the central part of the state with an average of 0.43 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 15, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, emerged	100	97	98	99
Cotton, planted	54	39	79	78
Cotton, emerged	36	15	35	52
Hay, harvested	32	18	33	47
Rice, planted	95	88	97	97
Rice, emerged	90	81	90	92
Sorghum, planted	91	86	94	96
Sorghum, emerged	88	80	82	85
Soybeans, planted	72	45	75	74
Soybeans, emerged	48	30	55	54
Sweet Potatoes, planted	7	0	12	10
Winter Wheat, headed	99	96	99	99
Winter Wheat, coloring	60	23	79	81

Crop condition for week ending May 15, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	11	43	46	0
Livestock	1	3	25	63	8
Pasture	0	8	30	55	7
Rice	0	6	33	57	4
Sorghum	0	6	25	62	7
Sugarcane	1	2	31	49	17
Vegetables	1	5	23	66	5
Winter Wheat	0	14	50	36	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Producers have been able to catch up with fieldwork due to drier weather. Some corn is being irrigated. Producers who had back water flooding have been able to plant or are trying to get land prepared for planting.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“The majority of soybeans were planted this past week with ideal conditions and most are emerged. Much of the rice acres were fertilized and going to permanent flood. Grain sorghum and corn crops will have to deal with weak spots due to excessive rain at planting but have improved as the crop comes on. Cattle producers are near complete with spring workings and moving into hay production. Much of the first hay cutting was put up over the last ten days.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Favorable weather this week allowed a lot of fieldwork and a large portion of soybeans to be planted. Soybeans are coming up nice. Rice is looking good. Many farmers have established a permanent flood and rice is getting close to green ring. I expect some farmers to be top dressing rice next week and the week after. Hay cutting is coming along fine. The fields benefited from the rainfall and had very good, fairly rapid growth.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Finally had a great week to dry out and get fieldwork done with rice, still too wet in some places to plant soybeans. Pastures are looking great. Farmers are trying to cut hay as fields dry.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“With favorable weather conditions, farmers have been very busy and crops, livestock, and gardens are progressing quite well. Nearly all sugarcane has been fertilized, and many farmers are nearly complete "lay - by" activities. Rust is still a concern, but overall the sugarcane crop is looking good. Soybeans were planted and earlier planted soybeans are coming along nicely; however acreage is down. Hay was baled, with quality expected to be down as pastures were cut late due to earlier rains. Cattle and calves continue to progress. Vegetable gardens are coming along with a few disease concerns.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Dry weather during the past week allowed much fieldwork to be completed. Most sugarcane producers are finishing fertilizing and will begin to lay by.”

– Mariah Simoneaux, Saint James Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 15, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	83.6	62.7	73.1	70.8	2.4	0.00	0	-1.05	7.94	3.27
Mooringsport	81.1	63.9	72.5	71.5	1.0	0.00	0	-0.90	14.34	11.03
Red River	84.7	64.8	74.8	72.5	2.2	NA	0	-0.91	10.59	6.37
Shreveport	83.4	63.0	73.2	71.5	1.7	NA	0	-1.18	13.04	8.13
Extreme/Average	83.2	63.6	73.4	71.6	1.8	0.00	0	-1.01	11.48	7.20
North Central										
Calhoun	83.3	59.0	71.2	70.0	1.3	0.00	0	-1.09	6.93	2.53
Farmerville	82.1	63.6	72.9	71.3	1.6	0.03	1	-1.28	3.02	-1.73
Homer	81.2	63.0	72.1	69.1	3.1	0.14	1	-0.68	6.52	2.46
Extreme/Average	82.2	61.9	72.0	70.2	2.0	0.06	1	-1.02	5.49	1.09
Northeast										
Lake Providence	82.0	63.0	72.5	71.8	0.7	0.00	0	-1.20	1.22	-1.64
St Joseph	85.4	66.6	76.0	73.4	2.9	0.00	0	-0.73	1.66	-1.99
Tallulah	86.2	65.5	75.8	72.0	3.9	0.00	0	-0.99	3.25	-0.76
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	72.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.73	0.35
Extreme/Average	84.5	65.0	74.8	72.5	2.5	0.00	0	-0.97	2.21	-1.01
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	70.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	83.8	67.8	75.8	72.7	3.5	NA	NA	NA	6.80	3.05
Leesville	84.7	64.6	74.6	72.1	2.5	0.04	2	-0.99	6.28	2.38
Natchitoches	83.4	65.3	74.4	73.8	0.5	0.00	0	-1.01	5.63	1.69
Extreme/Average	84.0	65.9	74.9	72.4	2.2	0.02	2	-1.00	6.24	2.37
Central										
Alexandria	84.6	65.6	75.1	73.6	1.5	0.00	0	-1.03	5.23	1.17
Bunkie	85.4	66.9	76.1	73.8	2.4	0.00	0	-1.21	4.20	-0.16
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	75.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	83.3	65.1	74.2	73.3	0.9	1.30	1	0.32	4.15	0.33
New Roads	87.0	67.2	77.1	74.1	3.4	NA	NA	NA	4.26	0.80
Extreme/Average	85.1	66.2	75.6	74.0	2.0	0.43	1	-0.64	4.46	0.54
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.19	1	-0.97	7.00	2.63
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	73.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.45	1	NA	4.52	NA
Slidell	83.0	64.9	73.9	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	3.95	NA
Extreme/Average	83.0	64.9	73.9	73.1	NA	0.21	1	-0.97	5.16	2.63
Southwest										
Crowley	84.1	67.3	75.7	74.8	0.9	0.07	1	-1.07	12.74	8.42
DeRidder	82.7	65.9	74.3	73.4	0.9	0.48	1	-0.63	8.14	4.46
Jennings	85.4	68.7	77.1	74.4	2.6	0.00	0	-1.06	11.71	7.91
Oberlin Fire	83.3	65.0	74.1	73.6	0.5	0.02	1	-1.18	11.76	7.29
Extreme/Average	83.9	66.7	75.3	74.1	1.2	0.14	1	-0.99	11.09	7.02
South Central										
Donaldsonville	85.1	64.3	74.7	74.1	0.6	0.00	0	-0.96	4.34	0.50
Jeanerette	83.1	66.0	74.6	74.6	0.0	0.28	2	-0.65	8.29	4.54
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	74.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	86.7	69.0	77.9	74.5	3.3	0.30	1	-0.58	4.78	1.56
Extreme/Average	85.0	66.4	75.7	74.3	1.3	0.19	2	-0.73	5.80	2.20
Southeast										
Galliano	81.4	59.4	70.4	74.8	-4.3	0.10	1	-0.87	10.08	6.86
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.13	1	-0.79	4.45	0.51
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	87.1	70.6	78.9	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	6.07	NA
Extreme/Average	84.3	65.0	74.6	74.8	-4.3	0.08	1	-0.83	6.87	3.69
State	83.9	65.1	74.5	73.1	0.9	0.15	0	-0.90	6.61	2.91

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.