



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending March 26, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 26, 2017. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 65.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 78.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell to 85.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the west central part of the state with an average of 1.74 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 26, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	80	35	31	48
Corn, emerged	31	NA	15	10
Rice, planted	42	21	28	29
Rice, emerged	8	NA	12	3
Sorghum, planted	3	0	1	4
Winter Wheat, headed	35	22	4	20

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending March 26, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	3	10	33	49	5
Pasture	4	10	36	45	5
Sugarcane	1	4	30	52	13
Vegetables	2	7	34	53	4
Winter Wheat	3	10	49	37	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn planting is complete. Earlier planted corn is up and looking good. Rain the end on last week will be helpful.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Rice and corn plantings continue with good crop emergence. Some areas remain too wet to get into the fields. Soybean producers are going to begin planting soon, as field conditions improve and dry. Livestock producers have begun making haylage where possible, and also spraying and topping summer pastures and hay fields for new growth. The crawfish catch remains well and the sugarcane crop is also growing well for this time of the season with warm conditions.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Due to the warm winter we had, ryegrass pastures are not as productive. Heavy rains have delayed planting of many vegetables.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Weekend showers halted field progress but provided most of the parish with over an inch of much needed rain. Sugarcane weed control and fertilizer applications are progressing ahead of schedule. Hay producers are starting to put out fertilizer and are making herbicide applications. Spring garden planting is in full swing. The crawfish catch continues to be plentiful. Spring pruning and fertilizing of fruit trees is wrapping up.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Fertilizer applications for sugarcane farmers is progressing at a rapid pace. No major changes to report in relation to livestock, pastures, and home gardens.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Dry conditions over past month have allowed for good progress in the fields. Significant amount of rice and corn crops planted past couple of weeks. Sugarcane crop progressing with warm temperatures; herbicide applications mostly complete and cultivation/fertilization well underway. Approximately 1-2 inches rain this past weekend was welcomed for both cropland and ryegrass/spring pastures in need of moisture. Calving season wrapping up and spring cattle working well underway.”

– Stanley J. Dutille, Lafayette Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 26, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	82.6	55.1	68.9	57.3	11.5	0.82	1	-0.24	2.77	-1.49
Mooringsport	79.7	57.6	68.6	58.5	10.1	2.02	2	1.07	4.70	1.18
Red River	84.8	58.0	71.4	58.6	13.1	NA	NA	NA	0.91	-2.57
Shreveport	82.0	55.6	68.8	58.2	10.5	0.01	1	-0.92	1.41	-2.61
Extreme/Average	82.3	56.6	69.4	58.2	11.3	0.95	2	-0.03	2.45	-1.37
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	57.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	85.0	56.7	70.8	58.2	13.1	NA	NA	NA	2.85	-0.29
Homer	83.0	51.0	67.0	55.9	11.2	NA	NA	NA	3.10	-0.88
Extreme/Average	84.0	53.8	68.9	57.1	12.1	NA	NA	NA	2.98	-0.58
Northeast										
Lake Providence	80.6	55.6	68.1	57.5	10.5	1.21	2	0.16	4.94	1.73
St Joseph	82.4	58.7	70.6	60.0	10.6	0.84	2	-0.29	1.46	-2.86
Tallulah	85.4	60.4	72.9	59.2	13.8	1.35	2	0.24	4.30	-0.38
Winnsboro	84.0	61.0	72.5	59.3	13.8	NA	NA	NA	2.19	-1.65
Extreme/Average	83.1	58.9	71.0	59.0	12.2	1.13	2	0.04	3.22	-0.79
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	58.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	84.5	61.8	73.1	60.2	13.4	NA	NA	NA	0.75	-3.26
Leesville	83.7	60.3	72.0	60.4	11.6	1.21	2	0.20	3.16	-1.10
Natchitoches	83.0	59.3	71.1	60.5	10.6	2.27	1	0.78	2.95	-1.74
Extreme/Average	83.7	60.5	72.1	59.9	11.9	1.74	2	0.49	2.29	-2.03
Central										
Alexandria	81.9	58.0	69.9	61.0	9.0	1.16	1	0.02	2.44	-2.39
Bunkie	81.7	61.7	71.7	61.3	10.4	1.40	1	0.40	3.08	-1.39
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	63.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	82.0	61.8	71.9	59.7	12.4	1.14	1	0.30	2.90	-1.05
New Roads	83.2	59.5	71.4	61.7	10.0	NA	NA	NA	2.90	-0.20
Extreme/Average	82.2	60.2	71.2	61.3	10.4	1.23	1	0.24	2.83	-1.26
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.64	2	2.66	6.20	1.84
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	61.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.61	1	NA	4.14	NA
Slidell	78.1	62.4	70.3	NA	NA	0.32	2	NA	1.32	NA
Extreme/Average	78.1	62.4	70.3	61.2	NA	1.52	2	2.66	3.89	1.84
Southwest										
Crowley	80.9	61.4	71.1	62.2	9.0	0.73	2	-0.14	1.37	-2.25
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	61.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	80.4	59.9	70.1	62.1	8.0	0.74	2	-0.21	1.41	-2.34
Oberlin Fire	80.3	61.3	70.8	62.0	8.8	0.80	2	-0.12	1.69	-2.25
Extreme/Average	80.5	60.9	70.7	62.0	8.6	0.76	2	-0.16	1.49	-2.28
South Central										
Donaldsonville	79.7	63.1	71.4	62.3	9.1	0.27	1	-0.66	2.40	-1.51
Jeanerette	80.4	60.7	70.6	63.0	7.6	0.90	1	0.03	1.41	-2.11
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	62.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	78.7	64.3	71.5	62.7	8.8	0.53	1	-0.20	1.68	-1.74
Extreme/Average	79.6	62.7	71.2	62.6	8.5	0.57	1	-0.28	1.83	-1.79
Southeast										
Galliano	79.0	65.7	72.4	63.6	8.8	0.60	1	-0.38	2.57	-1.66
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.96	1	-0.07	3.17	-1.12
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA
Extreme/Average	79.0	65.7	72.4	63.6	8.8	0.78	1	-0.22	1.91	-1.39
State	81.4	60.2	70.8	60.7	9.3	0.94	1	0.29	2.52	-1.09

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.