According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 9, 2017. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 58.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Highs ranged from 71.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport and Homer to 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state where some low areas flooded. The highest concentration of rainfall happened in the northeast part of the state with an average of 4.74 inches.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Crop</th>
<th>This week Percent</th>
<th>Last week Percent</th>
<th>Last year Percent</th>
<th>5-year average Percent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Corn, planted</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Corn, emerged</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cotton, planted</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hay, first cutting</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rice, planted</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rice, emerged</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sorghum, planted</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sorghum, emerged</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soybeans, planted</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soybeans, emerged</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winter Wheat, headed</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Very poor Percent</th>
<th>Poor Percent</th>
<th>Fair Percent</th>
<th>Good Percent</th>
<th>Excellent Percent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Corn</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Livestock</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pasture</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rice</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sugarcane</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vegetables</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winter Wheat</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Storm hit last Sunday after report submitted. Received about 6 inches of rain quickly with some backwater flooding, several tornadoes in the parish and wind damage. Corn under water near ditches. Producers were back in the field by the end of the week with soybean planting progressing.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Early soybeans on sugarcane ground are being planted and have already started to emerge in some cases. Hay production is underway and most have made their first cutting for the year. Sugarcane growers are finishing up fertilizing their fields.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Improved ground conditions have allowed for fieldwork this week. Cool nights and windy days have been a challenge for seeding rice. The corn crop is improving with drier conditions. Soybean planting should be in full swing in the coming days depending on the forecast with a chance for rain a couple of days this week. Pastures and hay fields are growing well due to an earlier than normal warm up this spring and conditions allowed for herbicide and fertilizer applications.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rice planting continues after a slowdown with dry planting due to last week's rainfall. Herbicide and fertilizer applications are being applied to early planted rice and first flood is being established. Ground preparation for soybeans continues.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“We managed to dodge the bad weather and heavy rains. As a result, sugarcane farmers made much progress on applying fertilizer and soybean planting is in full swing. Also some hay was baled and gardens are growing well.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Dry conditions continue to favor rice planting and sugarcane fieldwork progress. However, pastures are suffering and could use a good general rain.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Division/Station</th>
<th>Air Temperature</th>
<th>Precipitation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Max</td>
<td>Min</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwest</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minden</td>
<td>74.1</td>
<td>48.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mooringsport</td>
<td>71.6</td>
<td>51.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red River</td>
<td>75.5</td>
<td>49.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shreveport</td>
<td>74.4</td>
<td>49.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extreme/Average</td>
<td>73.9</td>
<td>49.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Central</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calhoun</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Farmerville</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennings</td>
<td>71.6</td>
<td>45.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Western/Louisiana</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lake Providence</td>
<td>74.0</td>
<td>51.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St Joseph</td>
<td>77.4</td>
<td>54.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tallulah</td>
<td>79.7</td>
<td>53.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winnfield</td>
<td>77.8</td>
<td>57.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extreme/Average</td>
<td>77.2</td>
<td>54.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Central</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alexandria</td>
<td>79.5</td>
<td>53.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bunkie</td>
<td>77.3</td>
<td>55.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eunice</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jonesville Locks</td>
<td>76.4</td>
<td>55.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Roads</td>
<td>79.2</td>
<td>56.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extreme/Average</td>
<td>78.1</td>
<td>55.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Central</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baton Rouge</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hammond</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Orleans</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slidell</td>
<td>76.7</td>
<td>54.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extreme/Average</td>
<td>76.7</td>
<td>54.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southwest</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crowley</td>
<td>77.6</td>
<td>58.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DeRidder</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennings</td>
<td>77.8</td>
<td>57.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oberlin Fire</td>
<td>76.5</td>
<td>53.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extreme/Average</td>
<td>77.3</td>
<td>56.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Central</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donaldsonville</td>
<td>80.0</td>
<td>51.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeanerette</td>
<td>79.6</td>
<td>56.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lafayette</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morgan City</td>
<td>78.7</td>
<td>57.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extreme/Average</td>
<td>79.4</td>
<td>55.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southeast</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Galliano</td>
<td>79.3</td>
<td>57.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gonzales</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Isle</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Orleans</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extreme/Average</td>
<td>79.3</td>
<td>57.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>76.8</td>
<td>53.8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DFN = Departure from Normal. Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010. NA = Not Available.