



**United States Department of Agriculture
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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Week Ending April 9, 2017

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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.

Crop progress for week ending April 9, 2017

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

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending April 9, 2017

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

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 seedling 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

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 9, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	74.1	48.4	61.3	60.7	0.6	1.94	1	0.77	3.00	-1.40
Mooringsport	71.6	51.4	61.5	61.9	-0.4	2.91	1	2.08	5.34	2.09
Red River	75.5	49.2	62.4	62.1	0.4	1.91	1	1.16	2.40	-1.06
Shreveport	74.4	49.0	61.7	61.4	0.3	3.05	1	2.20	3.12	-0.26
Extreme/Average	73.9	49.5	61.7	61.5	0.2	2.45	1	1.55	3.47	-0.16
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	60.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	61.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.17	-1.52
Homer	71.6	45.8	58.7	59.3	-0.4	1.91	1	1.16	2.12	-1.27
Extreme/Average	71.6	45.8	58.7	60.5	-0.4	1.91	1	1.16	1.15	-1.40
Northeast										
Lake Providence	74.0	51.9	62.9	61.3	1.6	3.08	1	1.88	4.47	2.66
St Joseph	77.4	54.2	65.8	63.3	2.8	3.95	1	3.21	6.00	1.74
Tallulah	79.7	53.3	66.5	62.4	4.0	6.92	1	5.98	9.29	4.92
Winnsboro	77.8	57.8	67.8	62.7	5.4	5.00	1	4.33	6.58	2.68
Extreme/Average	77.2	54.3	65.8	62.4	3.4	4.74	1	3.85	6.58	3.00
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	61.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	76.4	54.8	65.6	63.7	2.1	1.73	1	1.00	5.42	1.48
Leesville	78.1	51.1	64.6	63.2	1.4	8.43	1	7.42	10.51	6.45
Natchitoches	77.3	55.6	66.4	63.6	2.9	1.85	1	0.39	4.16	-0.89
Extreme/Average	77.3	53.8	65.6	63.1	2.1	4.00	1	2.94	6.70	2.35
Central										
Alexandria	79.5	53.7	66.6	64.1	2.5	7.60	1	6.62	9.23	4.79
Bunkie	77.3	55.6	66.4	64.4	2.0	4.23	2	3.18	7.64	3.42
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	65.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	76.4	55.0	65.7	63.2	2.5	4.03	1	2.97	5.27	1.83
New Roads	79.2	56.8	68.0	64.9	3.5	1.50	1	0.91	3.69	0.73
Extreme/Average	78.1	55.3	66.7	64.5	2.6	4.34	2	3.42	6.46	2.69
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.40	1	3.31	8.04	4.52
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	63.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.90	1	NA	4.69	NA
Slidell	76.7	54.1	65.4	NA	NA	2.99	3	NA	6.09	NA
Extreme/Average	76.7	54.1	65.4	63.8	NA	3.43	3	3.31	6.27	4.52
Southwest										
Crowley	77.6	58.8	68.2	65.4	3.0	1.94	1	1.34	4.88	1.68
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	64.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	77.8	57.2	67.5	65.1	2.4	1.97	1	1.14	6.24	2.64
Oberlin Fire	76.5	54.3	65.4	65.0	0.5	2.54	1	1.70	5.74	2.09
Extreme/Average	77.3	56.8	67.0	65.0	2.0	2.15	1	1.39	5.62	2.14
South Central										
Donaldsonville	80.0	51.4	65.7	65.1	0.6	1.05	1	0.03	1.37	-2.21
Jeanerette	79.6	56.2	67.9	65.8	2.3	0.40	1	-0.26	2.67	-0.62
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	65.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	78.7	57.7	68.2	65.7	2.5	0.22	1	-0.49	2.10	-0.83
Extreme/Average	79.4	55.1	67.3	65.4	1.8	0.56	1	-0.24	2.05	-1.22
Southeast										
Galliano	79.3	57.9	68.6	66.2	2.4	0.05	1	-0.73	1.62	-2.18
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.30	1	0.14	3.43	-0.92
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	79.3	57.9	68.6	66.2	2.4	0.68	1	-0.29	1.68	-1.55
State	76.8	53.8	65.3	63.7	1.6	2.72	1	1.93	4.51	1.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.