



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



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**Week Ending April 16, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 16, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 63.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 75.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Garden to 82.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the state with an average of 1.99 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending April 16, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	99	96	84	94
Corn, emerged	94	87	64	81
Cotton, planted	18	1	0	4
Hay, first cutting	19	4	NA	NA
Rice, planted	81	76	74	75
Rice, emerged	67	54	55	52
Sorghum, planted	50	30	50	55
Sorghum, emerged	24	14	33	27
Soybeans, planted	36	13	12	17
Soybeans, emerged	13	3	2	2
Winter Wheat, headed	83	69	78	75
Winter Wheat, coloring	8	NA	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending April 16, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	0	15	72	13
Livestock	2	9	32	51	6
Pasture	3	8	33	45	11
Rice	0	0	28	61	11
Sugarcane	1	3	28	55	13
Vegetables	2	5	31	57	5
Winter Wheat	3	17	43	36	1

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Majority of rice has been planted, except for areas that have had heavier rainfall and fields that are still in crawfish production. Soybean planting has begun. Hay producers have begun with first cuttings.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Good fieldwork took place with conditions most favorable for continued planting of most vegetables. Other agronomic crops like soybeans are being planted.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Rainfall during the week provided some moisture to pasture and sugarcane, but more is needed for pasture. Some ryegrass hay was harvested and cured before the rain and some was baled. Ranchers are working cows and calves, while breeding season is approaching. Rice is making excellent progress and planting is all but finished. Permanent flood, weed control and fertilization are being carried out.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Scattered showers toward the end of week interrupted field progress in some parts of the parish. Sugarcane growers are busy planting soybeans on fallow ground, fertilizing, spraying for brown rust and making layby applications of herbicide. Cattle and hay producers are making ryegrass hay and baleage. Some crawfish ponds are being drained.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rice is all planted, except for some crawfish ponds. I expect some crawfish ponds to be drained this week as crawfish prices remain low and will drop. Rice stand looks very good. A lot of rice up and many fields establishing a permanent flood. Some soybeans planted on the west side of the parish and are looking very good. Pastures are still looking nice with some problems arising in some pastures.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Mild temperatures continue to benefit growing conditions but we are seeing signs of beginning stress conditions due to dryer conditions.”

– Rene’ Schmit, Saint John Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 16, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	79.7	58.4	69.1	62.4	6.6	1.16	2	-0.04	3.99	-0.57
Mooringsport	78.2	58.8	68.5	63.7	4.9	1.65	2	0.96	6.92	3.51
Red River	78.8	61.8	70.3	64.0	6.7	1.07	2	0.46	3.43	-0.05
Shreveport	80.0	58.9	69.4	63.2	6.2	0.77	2	-0.14	4.22	0.59
Extreme/Average	79.2	59.5	69.3	63.3	6.1	1.16	2	0.31	4.64	0.87
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	62.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	63.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.72
Homer	77.4	57.4	67.4	61.1	6.6	1.99	2	1.22	4.72	0.56
Extreme/Average	77.4	57.4	67.4	62.3	6.6	1.99	2	1.22	2.36	-0.08
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	79.0	59.1	69.1	63.3	5.8	0.08	1	-0.86	5.15	3.42
St Joseph	81.0	58.8	69.9	65.0	5.3	0.06	1	-0.54	5.99	2.08
Tallulah	82.7	60.6	71.6	64.1	7.5	0.10	1	-1.01	9.24	4.93
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	64.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.50	3.67
Extreme/Average	80.9	59.5	70.2	64.3	6.2	0.08	1	-0.80	6.72	3.52
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	63.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	75.7	61.3	68.5	65.4	3.6	1.07	1	0.64	6.47	2.88
Leesville	80.1	58.0	69.1	64.7	4.4	0.87	1	-0.08	11.37	7.37
Natchitoches	80.1	62.1	71.1	65.4	5.7	0.55	1	-0.65	6.04	0.65
Extreme/Average	78.6	60.5	69.6	64.7	4.6	0.83	1	-0.03	7.96	3.63
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	79.3	58.7	69.0	65.7	3.3	0.62	1	-0.47	9.76	5.37
Bunkie	81.0	60.2	70.6	66.1	4.7	1.45	1	0.69	9.08	5.18
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	67.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	80.4	60.1	70.3	65.1	5.1	1.01	2	-0.03	6.18	2.74
New Roads	82.0	59.7	70.8	66.6	4.7	0.08	2	-0.37	3.77	0.43
Extreme/Average	80.7	59.7	70.2	66.2	4.5	0.79	2	-0.05	7.20	3.43
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.44	1	-0.63	8.48	4.30
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	65.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	4.61	NA
Slidell	78.6	60.6	69.6	NA	NA	0.01	1	NA	6.02	NA
Extreme/Average	78.6	60.6	69.6	65.4	NA	0.15	1	-0.63	6.37	4.30
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	79.5	60.8	70.1	67.1	3.4	0.07	1	-0.45	4.95	1.83
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	65.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	80.7	61.5	71.1	66.8	4.4	0.52	3	-0.21	6.74	3.30
Oberlin Fire	78.5	59.0	68.8	66.6	2.2	2.57	1	1.70	8.31	4.56
Extreme/Average	79.6	60.4	70.0	66.6	3.3	1.05	3	0.35	6.67	3.23
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	82.1	59.9	71.0	66.7	4.3	0.00	0	-1.03	2.17	-1.84
Jeanerette	79.0	59.0	69.0	67.4	2.1	0.00	0	-0.41	2.65	-0.50
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	66.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	81.9	63.1	72.5	67.3	5.2	0.08	2	-0.64	2.11	-0.64
Extreme/Average	81.0	60.7	70.8	67.0	3.9	0.03	2	-0.69	2.31	-0.99
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	78.3	63.6	70.9	67.6	3.3	0.00	0	-0.70	1.52	-1.93
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.16	3.43	-1.07
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	0.00	NA
Extreme/Average	78.3	63.6	70.9	67.6	3.3	0.00	0	-0.93	1.65	-1.50
<b>State</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>1.93</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.