



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending April 23, 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, April 23, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 59.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 67.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Highs ranged from 79.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 85.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Bunkie. There was scattered rainfall throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 2.71 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 23, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	100	99	92	97
Corn, emerged	96	94	82	92
Cotton, planted	37	18	3	8
Cotton, emerged	10	NA	NA	NA
Hay, first cutting	25	19	5	9
Rice, planted	89	81	78	82
Rice, emerged	80	67	65	67
Sorghum, planted	79	50	62	69
Sorghum, emerged	48	24	47	53
Soybeans, planted	59	36	18	28
Soybeans, emerged	34	13	8	7
Winter Wheat, headed	95	83	85	88
Winter Wheat, coloring	21	8	2	15

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending April 23, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	2	18	71	9
Livestock	2	8	31	53	6
Pasture	3	7	34	45	11
Rice	0	0	27	59	14
Sugarcane	1	4	24	59	12
Vegetables	2	5	28	59	6
Winter Wheat	3	18	41	37	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Spotty rain last week slowed soybean planting. Sweet potato beds are looking good. Pastures were looking good and most cattle producers were reporting a good calving season.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“We need a good rain, although there were some scattered showers. Growers finishing soybean planting. Some will move on to cotton planting. Some growers stopped planting due to dry conditions.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Morehouse Parish

“Isolated summer like showers late in the week slowed soybean planting progress, dumping several inches of rain in areas. Some acres may need to be replanted. Some soybean producers have finished planting; while some have not started, depending on soil moisture. Many acres of rice have been sprayed, fertilized, and ready to flood. Sugarcane and the other spring planted crops were in good shape, while needing rain. The first cuttings of hay were coming off as weather allowed.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Conditions are dry in the lower part of the parish below the interstate. Rice progressed well over last week with the warm conditions. Soybeans were planted. Hay producers need rain in pastures.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Scattered shows interrupted field progress over the weekend. Cool temperatures have slowed down plant growth and created good conditions for sugarcane rust development. Cane growers continued to make good field progress with some fields already at layby. Soybean planting continued at full steam in fields dry enough to plant. Rice continued to progress slowly. Some Tomato Spotted Wilt virus was showing up in tomatoes.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Area received needed scattered showers. Sugarcane producers are wrapping up fertilizing and preparing for layby. Some sugarcane fields are exhibiting rust and will need to be sprayed. Soybeans planted on fallow sugarcane ground are proceeding well, with good stands emerging so far. Some crawfish ponds are being drained. Some ryegrass hay was able to be made, despite the hit and miss showers.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 23, 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	63.1	72.9	64.4	8.5	0.12	1	-1.09	3.29	-1.42
Mooringsport	80.4	60.3	70.4	65.5	4.8	0.30	2	-0.55	5.20	1.89
Red River	83.4	65.8	74.6	66.0	8.9	0.33	1	-0.43	3.55	-0.22
Shreveport	81.6	62.0	71.8	65.2	6.6	0.77	3	-0.39	4.98	1.12
Extreme/Average	82.0	62.8	72.4	65.3	7.2	0.38	3	-0.62	4.25	0.34
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	63.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	65.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	80.7	59.0	69.9	62.9	6.9	0.21	4	-0.95	4.15	0.21
Extreme/Average	80.7	59.0	69.9	64.2	6.9	0.21	4	-0.95	4.15	0.21
Northeast										
Lake Providence	79.7	63.7	71.7	65.4	6.3	1.02	3	-0.30	4.96	2.97
St Joseph	84.6	64.4	74.5	66.9	7.8	0.00	0	-0.73	5.35	1.39
Tallulah	84.7	66.3	75.5	66.0	9.7	0.89	4	-0.05	8.78	4.64
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	66.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.28	3.48
Extreme/Average	83.0	64.8	73.9	66.2	7.9	0.64	4	-0.36	6.09	3.12
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	65.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	83.0	65.0	74.0	67.0	7.4	1.16	3	0.59	6.41	2.77
Leesville	83.6	61.9	72.7	66.3	6.4	0.08	2	-0.86	10.24	6.31
Natchitoches	82.3	64.7	73.5	67.6	5.9	0.27	2	-0.42	4.04	-0.55
Extreme/Average	83.0	63.9	73.4	66.5	6.6	0.50	3	-0.23	6.90	2.84
Central										
Alexandria	83.4	64.1	73.8	67.4	6.3	0.68	2	-0.36	9.28	4.99
Bunkie	85.4	64.4	74.9	67.9	7.0	1.53	3	0.41	9.21	5.04
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	69.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	82.0	65.2	73.6	67.2	6.9	0.06	1	-0.50	5.10	1.94
New Roads	81.2	63.8	72.5	68.4	4.5	0.15	1	-0.46	4.75	1.17
Extreme/Average	83.0	64.4	73.7	68.1	6.2	0.60	3	-0.23	7.08	3.29
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.45	4	-0.70	5.29	0.94
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	67.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.81	2	NA	4.81	NA
Slidell	81.0	64.1	72.6	NA	NA	0.67	3	NA	6.37	NA
Extreme/Average	81.0	64.1	72.6	67.1	NA	0.64	4	-0.70	5.49	0.94
Southwest										
Crowley	82.0	67.2	74.6	69.0	5.9	1.75	4	1.04	6.15	2.79
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	67.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	83.1	64.7	73.9	68.6	5.3	3.66	2	2.80	9.66	6.31
Oberlin Fire	82.7	62.6	72.6	68.3	4.4	NA	0	-1.05	7.51	3.49
Extreme/Average	82.6	64.8	73.7	68.3	5.2	2.71	4	0.93	7.77	4.20
South Central										
Donaldsonville	83.9	63.3	73.6	68.3	5.2	1.04	4	0.01	2.94	-1.17
Jeanerette	82.6	64.0	73.3	69.0	4.2	0.15	2	-0.83	1.98	-1.68
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	68.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	82.0	66.7	74.3	69.1	5.3	0.58	3	-0.06	2.24	-0.55
Extreme/Average	82.8	64.7	73.7	68.7	4.9	0.59	4	-0.29	2.39	-1.13
Southeast										
Galliano	80.3	66.6	73.4	69.2	4.2	0.06	2	-0.68	0.98	-2.23
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.04	4	0.92	4.51	-0.08
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	80.3	66.6	73.4	69.2	4.2	1.05	4	0.12	1.83	-1.16
State	82.0	63.9	73.0	67.2	5.4	0.92	4	-0.19	5.32	1.63

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.