



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending April 30, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 30, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 12 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 64.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 83.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville Locks. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the central part of the state with an average of 4.17 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 30, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, emerged	100	96	92	96
Cotton, planted	51	37	13	24
Cotton, emerged	29	10	NA	NA
Hay, first cutting	40	25	7	16
Rice, planted	93	89	81	88
Rice, emerged	86	80	72	77
Sorghum, planted	81	79	70	79
Sorghum, emerged	57	48	58	64
Soybeans, planted	66	59	28	39
Soybeans, emerged	50	34	18	15
Winter Wheat, headed	100	95	87	93
Winter Wheat, coloring	27	21	7	30

Crop condition for week ending April 30, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	20	68	11
Livestock	2	7	25	58	8
Pasture	2	7	33	48	10
Rice	0	3	29	52	16
Sorghum	0	8	45	40	7
Soybeans	0	2	20	70	8
Sugarcane	1	5	19	61	14
Vegetables	1	5	22	64	8
Winter Wheat	4	11	55	30	0

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Weekend rain, coupled with mid-week rain slowed down soybean planting. The continued rains will push the beginning of corn irrigation off for a little while longer. Sweet potato beds look good and sweet potato transplanting is approaching. Pastures are looking good.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Soybean planting close to complete. Producers started irrigating corn. Cotton planting stopped due to severe weather predicted this past week. Very windy, which has dried fields. Also, did not receive much rain from the storm.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Morehouse Parish

“Windy conditions have made it difficult for herbicide applications on rice and soybeans. Dry conditions have come to an end with heavy rains in excess of ten inches in parts of the parish, flooding recently planted soybean and rice crops.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“It is very dry and need rain. Some farmers were putting off planting because of dry conditions, while some were dry planting soybeans hoping to receive a rain. A few soybean producers started to irrigate to get a better stand. Farmers put off spraying several days this week due to high winds. Also, first hay cutting is moving along this week.”

– Kylie Miller, Concordia Parish

“Rain late in the week will help with warm season permanent pasture growth and sugarcane growth. Strong south rains flooded some pastures and sugarcane fields, but waters seem to be receding rapidly so impact should be minor. Ranchers are working cattle and beginning breeding season, spring calving is near complete. Rice farmers continued to apply fertilizers and herbicides while establishing permanent flood. Some rice is at green ring and some is approaching that stage. Sugarcane farmers that were on hold for a while have made good field work progress.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“High winds and thundershowers created wet fields over the weekend. Rice continued to make good progress with early planted fields now holding a permanent flood. Cool temperatures continued to create ideal conditions for brown rust development in plant cane and first stubble 540. Planting of soybeans on cane rows was wrapping up with most sugarcane growers. Crawfish season is winding down as fisherman continued to drain ponds as the basin comes into full production.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 30, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	80.3	51.6	65.9	66.4	-0.5	1.24	2	0.02	4.46	-0.34
Mooringsport	80.0	53.3	66.7	67.5	-0.9	1.77	2	1.07	6.63	3.56
Red River	77.8	50.0	63.9	68.1	-3.9	0.62	1	-0.14	4.26	0.30
Shreveport	78.9	51.1	65.0	67.2	-2.2	1.04	2	-0.14	5.64	1.54
Extreme/Average	79.2	51.5	65.4	67.3	-1.9	1.17	2	0.20	5.25	1.26
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	65.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	67.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	78.4	48.6	63.5	64.9	-1.4	1.72	2	0.53	5.83	1.80
Extreme/Average	78.4	48.6	63.5	66.1	-1.4	1.72	2	0.53	5.83	1.80
Northeast										
Lake Providence	77.4	56.1	66.8	67.5	-0.7	1.45	2	0.73	5.63	3.99
St Joseph	76.0	50.5	63.3	69.0	-5.5	0.46	1	-0.09	5.32	1.66
Tallulah	83.4	57.3	70.4	67.9	2.5	1.41	2	0.34	9.32	5.26
Winnsboro	78.2	53.8	66.0	68.5	-2.1	0.09	1	-0.60	6.53	2.11
Extreme/Average	78.8	54.4	66.6	68.2	-1.5	0.85	2	0.10	6.70	3.25
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	66.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	75.0	52.2	63.6	68.7	-4.7	0.09	1	-0.49	4.09	0.49
Leesville	80.0	56.6	68.3	68.1	0.2	1.34	2	0.45	10.72	6.93
Natchitoches	79.9	57.4	68.6	69.7	-1.1	2.88	2	2.13	5.38	1.40
Extreme/Average	78.3	55.4	66.9	68.3	-1.9	1.44	2	0.70	6.73	2.94
Central										
Alexandria	81.1	56.4	68.8	69.4	-0.6	3.50	1	2.55	12.40	8.34
Bunkie	80.0	59.1	69.6	69.8	-0.2	10.25	2	9.15	17.46	13.28
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	71.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	83.8	63.0	73.4	69.2	3.8	2.95	2	2.45	8.05	4.89
New Roads	80.5	55.0	67.8	70.3	-2.1	0.00	0	-0.58	3.21	-0.51
Extreme/Average	81.3	58.4	69.9	70.0	0.2	4.17	2	3.39	10.28	6.50
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.08	2	-0.86	5.37	1.12
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	69.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.23	1	NA	3.94	NA
Slidell	79.3	63.3	71.3	NA	NA	0.01	1	NA	3.68	NA
Extreme/Average	79.3	63.3	71.3	69.0	NA	0.11	2	-0.86	4.33	1.12
Southwest										
Crowley	75.8	56.0	65.9	70.9	-4.6	0.00	0	-0.56	4.24	0.91
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	69.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	80.1	58.7	69.4	NA	NA	3.55	2	NA	9.70	NA
Oberlin Fire	78.6	56.0	67.3	70.0	-2.7	5.02	2	3.99	10.13	6.05
Extreme/Average	78.2	56.9	67.5	70.1	-3.7	2.86	2	1.72	8.02	3.48
South Central										
Donaldsonville	81.6	62.6	72.1	70.2	1.9	0.00	0	-0.94	2.09	-1.93
Jeanerette	77.4	55.0	66.2	70.8	-4.4	0.00	0	-0.64	0.63	-2.73
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	70.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	79.3	64.1	71.7	70.9	0.9	0.03	1	-0.78	0.91	-1.97
Extreme/Average	79.4	60.6	70.0	70.5	-0.5	0.01	1	-0.79	1.21	-2.21
Southeast										
Galliano	78.8	63.8	71.3	70.9	0.6	0.05	1	-0.55	0.16	-2.66
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.00	3.34	-1.10
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	78.8	63.8	71.3	70.9	0.6	0.03	1	-0.78	1.17	-1.88
State	79.1	57.1	68.1	69.0	-1.1	1.64	2	0.72	5.92	2.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.