



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



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**Week Ending May 7, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 7, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 49 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 43 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 46.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 59.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 71.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 79.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Scattered rain was prevalent throughout most of the state with some areas receiving very heavy rainfall. The southeast part of the state received the highest average of rain concentration at 7.33 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending May 7, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, planted	68	51	36	49
Cotton, emerged	45	29	13	23
Hay, first cutting	45	40	16	28
Rice, planted	96	93	87	92
Rice, emerged	93	86	80	84
Sorghum, planted	88	81	84	89
Sorghum, emerged	79	57	77	74
Soybeans, planted	76	66	43	55
Soybeans, emerged	66	50	28	32
Sweet Potatoes, planted	5	0	NA	NA
Winter Wheat, mature	56	27	21	49

**Crop condition for week ending May 7, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	17	70	12
Livestock	2	6	30	56	6
Pasture	3	6	33	49	9
Rice	0	9	18	65	8
Sorghum	0	6	30	58	6
Soybeans	2	2	26	61	9
Sugarcane	1	4	31	55	9
Vegetables	1	4	23	61	11
Winter Wheat	7	18	43	32	0

NA = Not Available.

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Two separate storms brought heavy rains and wind that affected most of Avoyelles with accumulations of twelve to fifteen inches of rainfall in some areas. Seedling soybeans and cotton appear to be the most affected at this time, along with recently planted sweet potatoes. Only time will tell in terms of how much damaged has occurred.”

– Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“The rain in the middle of week slowed down the remainder of the soybeans that needed to be planted. It also slowed our cotton planting and harvest of wheat. Drier weather is expected for the upcoming week. It is my hope that producers can complete planting and begin to harvest the wheat crop.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

“Cotton planting will be finished this week if rain is not excessive. Crops are looking good overall. We received about an inch of rain last week that stopped corn irrigation for a while.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Heavy rains last week put fieldwork to a stop. Majority of rice fields are under permanent flood. Late planted rice acres from previous crawfish ponds are submerged underwater. Soybeans that were planted are emerging. Saturated soil conditions will cause some problems for those soybeans. Pastures were in good condition prior to the flood but will be hampered by the flood waters.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Area experienced strong winds and a large amount of rain last weekend. Over seven inches of rain and a small amount of hail on Wednesday caused minimal damage to crops, pastures, gardens, livestock, and structures.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Heavy rains mid-week dumped six to eight inches of rain in some parts of the parish causing temporary flooding of newly emerged soybeans. Wet conditions suspended fieldwork for the rest the week. Most cane growers made good progress with fertilizer and herbicide applications and are ahead of schedule for this time of year. Rice continued to make good progress as it reached green ring. Blueberries and blackberries are producing but seem to be a poor crop due to a lack of winter chilling hours.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 7, 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	77.0	49.7	63.4	68.5	-5.1	1.05	1	-0.14	3.57	-1.25
Mooringsport	77.0	52.7	64.9	69.4	-4.5	0.78	2	-0.17	4.50	1.31
Red River	75.4	52.8	64.1	70.2	-5.8	0.47	1	-0.37	3.19	-0.83
Shreveport	75.9	49.4	62.6	69.3	-6.6	0.86	1	-0.48	3.44	-1.15
Extreme/Average	76.3	51.2	63.7	69.3	-5.5	0.79	2	-0.29	3.67	-0.48
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	67.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	69.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	74.3	46.8	60.6	66.9	-6.4	1.60	1	0.54	5.52	1.34
Extreme/Average	74.3	46.8	60.6	68.0	-6.4	1.60	1	0.54	5.52	1.34
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	71.9	52.4	62.1	69.6	-7.4	1.55	2	0.62	4.10	2.06
St Joseph	74.6	52.6	63.6	71.1	-7.2	1.19	1	0.43	4.96	1.31
Tallulah	79.7	54.0	66.9	69.8	-3.0	1.18	2	0.03	3.58	-0.69
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	70.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.53	-1.68
Extreme/Average	75.4	53.0	64.2	70.3	-5.9	1.31	2	0.36	3.54	0.25
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	68.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	78.2	54.2	66.3	70.5	-3.8	3.75	1	3.13	10.34	6.71
Leesville	77.4	49.1	63.3	69.9	-6.7	4.66	1	3.64	6.95	3.15
Natchitoches	76.3	55.0	65.6	71.8	-6.2	0.76	1	-0.57	4.29	0.44
Extreme/Average	77.3	52.8	65.1	70.2	-5.6	3.06	1	2.07	7.19	3.43
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	75.3	51.7	63.5	71.3	-7.8	2.70	1	1.65	7.50	3.37
Bunkie	75.7	54.6	65.1	71.7	-6.5	3.73	1	2.50	16.96	12.60
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	73.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	74.0	53.4	63.7	71.2	-7.4	1.98	2	1.01	6.00	2.93
New Roads	74.0	55.0	64.5	72.1	-7.2	2.65	2	2.06	5.81	2.25
Extreme/Average	74.8	53.7	64.2	71.9	-7.3	2.77	2	1.81	9.07	5.29
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.18	2	4.05	6.25	1.81
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	71.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.30	2	NA	5.34	NA
Slidell	77.7	54.1	65.9	NA	NA	5.48	3	NA	6.17	NA
Extreme/Average	77.7	54.1	65.9	71.0	NA	4.99	3	4.05	5.92	1.81
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	75.2	56.4	65.8	72.7	-6.7	6.06	1	5.27	9.82	6.10
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	71.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	75.9	55.6	65.7	72.4	-6.7	6.82	2	5.83	14.55	11.00
Oberlin Fire	75.4	52.9	64.1	71.7	-7.6	5.93	1	4.76	13.92	9.66
Extreme/Average	75.5	55.0	65.2	72.0	-7.0	6.27	2	5.29	12.76	8.92
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	76.7	53.7	65.2	72.0	-6.8	8.84	3	7.92	9.88	5.96
Jeanerette	76.2	55.4	65.8	72.6	-6.6	4.46	3	3.81	6.09	2.60
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	72.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	77.6	59.2	68.4	72.6	-4.0	5.18	1	4.55	5.87	3.07
Extreme/Average	76.8	56.1	66.5	72.3	-5.8	6.16	3	5.43	7.28	3.88
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	77.7	59.3	68.5	72.7	-4.2	8.77	2	7.98	8.88	6.05
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.89	3	4.97	7.93	3.73
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	77.7	59.3	68.5	72.7	-4.2	7.33	3	6.47	5.60	4.89
<b>State</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>7.21</b>	<b>3.76</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.