



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending May 21, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 21, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 62.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 74.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 81.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 88.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 1.69 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 21, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silked	25	4	NA	NA
Cotton, planted	95	84	75	83
Cotton, emerged	83	59	56	58
Cotton, squaring	1	NA	0	0
Hay, first cutting	67	57	50	53
Rice, planted	100	99	97	98
Rice, emerged	98	95	94	94
Sorghum, planted	95	93	95	97
Sorghum, emerged	91	87	91	88
Soybeans, planted	91	86	81	80
Soybeans, emerged	84	76	69	65
Soybeans, blooming	3	NA	0	0
Sweet Potatoes, planted	48	25	15	16
Winter Wheat, coloring	86	78	81	86
Winter Wheat, harvested	16	1	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending May 21, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	0	18	70	12
Cotton	0	7	44	43	6
Livestock	1	4	27	58	10
Pasture	2	6	29	52	11
Rice	0	4	22	60	14
Sorghum	0	2	24	72	2
Soybeans	3	4	24	57	12
Sugarcane	0	4	28	55	13
Vegetables	1	4	26	59	10
Winter Wheat	11	23	38	28	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Most of the field corn is tasseling. Received much needed rain over the weekend. Producers preparing to start soybean irrigation and will continue corn irrigation depending on the amount of rainfall received.”

– Carol-Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Majority of the winter wheat crop has been harvested showing lower than normal yields. Rain has slowed down planting of cotton and planting/replanting of soybeans. Rain is in the forecast through Tuesday, and this has definitely slowed down fieldwork across the parish.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“A heavy weekend rain brought relief to those trying to irrigate corn this week. A lot of herbicide treatments went out on soybeans. Corn continues to tassel. The Mississippi River is expecting to crest at 54.85 feet on the 24th. This has forced deer and other wildlife to higher ground, therefore causing severe damage to crops such as soybeans planted near the river.”

– Kylie Miller, Concordia Parish

“Rain over the weekend will help with pasture, sugarcane and pumping water on rice. Many farmers sprayed for cercospora infection in rice. Rice farmers continued to apply midseason nitrogen. Breeding season continues for cattle ranchers.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Hay pastures fertilized prior to this rain. Rice is progressing well. Majority of the rice is at green ring. Soybeans were planted this past week in dry fields. One to two inches of rain so far with two to three more inches predicted Monday, which we don't need.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Rice is looking good, spotty areas where some disease is showing up. The recent flood did not affect rice much. Rice is progressing nicely, with some fields getting very close to having heads. Some soybean fields were affected by the recent rains and had to be replanted. Nice weather last week allowed a lot more soybeans to be planted. Some farmers are waiting to see what the next weather system brings this weekend before planting too much. Pastures are looking good with many hay producers cutting hay. Crawfish farmers started stocking next year's ponds.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 21, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	88.0	66.7	77.4	72.4	4.9	1.28	2	0.30	4.54	0.08
Mooringsport	85.0	65.3	75.1	73.0	2.1	1.00	2	0.15	6.21	2.67
Red River	86.4	66.8	76.6	74.1	2.8	NA	0	-0.74	2.11	-1.92
Shreveport	86.0	64.1	75.1	73.1	2.0	0.91	1	-0.13	3.32	-1.45
Extreme/Average	86.3	65.7	76.0	73.2	3.0	1.06	2	-0.11	4.04	-0.15
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	71.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	72.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	85.2	62.0	73.6	70.8	3.0	NA	0	-0.74	4.36	0.23
Extreme/Average	85.2	62.0	73.6	71.7	3.0	NA	0	-0.74	4.36	0.23
Northeast										
Lake Providence	81.9	66.9	74.4	73.4	0.9	0.25	1	-0.93	4.04	1.62
St Joseph	83.4	66.2	74.8	75.0	0.1	0.00	0	-0.77	5.90	2.49
Tallulah	88.7	67.5	78.1	73.6	4.5	0.00	0	-1.04	2.77	-1.63
Winnsboro	87.0	65.5	76.3	74.3	2.3	0.02	1	-0.62	3.22	-0.82
Extreme/Average	85.2	66.5	75.9	74.1	2.0	0.07	1	-0.84	3.98	0.42
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	72.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	86.6	67.6	77.1	74.3	3.1	0.00	0	-0.71	8.41	4.52
Leesville	87.4	66.4	76.9	73.6	3.3	0.17	1	-0.92	6.42	2.53
Natchitoches	86.7	69.6	78.1	75.1	3.0	NA	0	-0.89	3.99	-0.03
Extreme/Average	86.9	67.9	77.4	73.9	3.1	0.09	1	-0.84	6.27	2.34
Central										
Alexandria	86.9	66.9	76.9	75.2	1.7	1.30	1	0.24	7.80	3.71
Bunkie	86.4	68.9	77.6	75.2	2.4	0.60	1	-0.59	16.06	11.32
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	76.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	85.0	63.5	74.3	74.8	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.56	5.18	2.16
New Roads	85.0	64.0	74.5	75.5	-0.6	0.00	0	-0.47	6.00	2.67
Extreme/Average	85.8	65.8	75.8	75.5	0.8	0.47	1	-0.34	8.76	4.96
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.85	1	-0.23	7.05	2.58
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	74.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.88	1	NA	7.36	NA
Slidell	84.6	71.1	77.9	NA	NA	0.75	1	NA	9.43	NA
Extreme/Average	84.6	71.1	77.9	74.6	NA	1.16	1	-0.23	7.95	2.58
Southwest										
Crowley	84.6	69.0	76.8	76.2	0.8	0.00	0	-0.81	8.17	4.07
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	75.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	84.8	69.5	77.2	75.8	1.4	NA	0	-0.91	11.15	7.33
Oberlin Fire	84.2	66.6	75.4	75.0	0.6	0.00	0	-0.85	11.73	7.49
Extreme/Average	84.5	68.4	76.5	75.5	1.0	0.00	0	-0.86	10.35	6.30
South Central										
Donaldsonville	87.6	68.0	77.8	75.5	2.3	0.13	1	-0.83	10.65	6.87
Jeanerette	84.2	66.8	75.5	76.0	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.63	6.76	3.34
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	75.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	86.2	70.3	78.3	75.9	2.5	0.64	1	-0.11	6.34	3.12
Extreme/Average	86.0	68.4	77.2	75.7	1.5	0.26	1	-0.52	7.92	4.44
Southeast										
Galliano	84.3	74.4	79.4	76.2	3.2	0.48	1	-0.52	9.44	6.09
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.89	1	1.98	10.74	6.98
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	84.3	74.4	79.4	76.2	3.2	1.69	1	0.73	10.09	6.54
State	85.3	67.8	76.6	74.6	1.9	0.53	1	-0.40	7.46	3.44

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.