



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 18, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 45 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 55.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Highs ranged from 64.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River to 74.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 1.54 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending March 18, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	8	0	31	(NA)
Rice, planted	18	4	19	11
Winter wheat, headed	10	0	19	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

### Crop condition for week ending March 18, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	8	38	47	5
Pasture	4	13	41	39	3
Sugarcane	0	8	54	30	8
Vegetables	1	15	33	44	7
Winter wheat	0	9	50	41	0

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Certain areas of the parish were starting to dry; however, scattered showers over the weekend further saturated already wet areas across the parish. Farmers in certain parts of the parish were able to get in the fields to plant corn, but others are behind because of all the rainfall we have seen in recent weeks.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Favorable weather last week allowed for more rice to be planted. Weather was slightly cool but we missed a big chance of rain and farmers took advantage of the drier fields. Planting is off to a later start than last year due to the weather this year; however, conditions are improving.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Sugarcane growers were cultivating fields and putting out herbicides for spring weed control. Despite the harsh winter, most plant cane and stubble fields appear to have a good stand. Soybean growers were burning down winter weeds in preparation for planting. The crawfish harvest is in full swing with some producers reporting a good catch. Hay producers were applying herbicides for spring weed control as well. Some ryegrass hay was being baled. Winter livestock supplementation is winding down as spring grass is emerging. Fruit trees had adequate chilling this winter and subsequently are having a good bloom period. Spring vegetables are being transplanted.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“This weather is allowing sugarcane crop to shows signs of greening and growing. Sugarcane farmers have been able to manage shucks from harvesting crop by burning and raking. Sugarcane fields continued to be sprayed for weed control. A few farmers have started to off bar and a few have applied fertilizer.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Soil moisture remained high due to light but frequent rainfall. Along with the repeated rainfall and a combination of warmer spring temperatures, there was more uniform green-up of pasture grasses and optimal growing conditions for sugarcane and vegetables.”

– Rene’ Schmit, Saint Charles Parish

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**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 18, 2018**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	72.0	43.6	57.8	55.4	2.4	0.20	2	-0.85	7.44	2.87
Mooringsport	70.6	46.7	58.6	56.5	2.2	0.05	2	-0.88	9.83	5.65
Red River	64.2	38.5	51.4	56.6	-4.9	0.00	0	-0.54	7.92	4.08
Shreveport	71.3	45.1	58.2	56.4	1.8	0.33	2	-0.63	9.55	5.27
Extreme/Average	69.5	43.5	56.5	56.2	0.4	0.15	2	-0.72	8.69	4.47
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	64.6	34.6	49.6	54.0	-4.1	(NA)	0	-0.80	10.04	5.52
Extreme/Average	64.6	34.6	49.6	55.1	-4.1	(NA)	0	-0.80	10.04	5.52
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	65.0	44.9	54.9	55.5	-0.5	0.25	2	-0.20	8.83	6.27
St Joseph	69.9	43.3	56.6	58.0	-1.4	1.42	3	0.14	7.51	2.49
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.27	-0.28
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7.72	4.26
Extreme/Average	67.5	44.1	55.8	57.0	-1.0	0.83	3	-0.03	6.08	3.19
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	73.6	45.9	59.7	58.6	1.1	1.56	3	0.55	14.26	9.76
Natchitoches	71.6	47.7	59.6	58.8	0.9	0.28	3	-0.86	8.02	3.79
Extreme/Average	72.6	46.8	59.7	58.0	1.0	0.92	3	-0.15	11.14	6.78
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	70.6	48.1	59.4	59.0	0.3	1.26	2	0.11	10.18	5.25
Bunkie	70.4	47.0	58.7	59.5	-0.8	0.64	1	-0.45	5.23	0.41
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	70.1	47.4	58.8	57.8	1.0	1.21	1	-0.02	7.60	2.53
New Roads	69.3	50.4	59.9	59.9	-0.1	2.30	2	1.36	6.50	2.12
Extreme/Average	70.1	48.2	59.2	59.5	0.1	1.35	2	0.25	7.38	2.58
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.35	4	0.34	5.69	0.87
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.50	4	(NA)	6.29	(NA)
Slidell	68.3	46.6	57.4	60.3	-2.9	1.76	3	0.62	4.17	-0.56
Extreme/Average	68.3	46.6	57.4	60.0	-2.9	1.54	4	0.48	5.38	0.15
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	74.2	55.2	64.8	60.3	4.3	0.36	2	-0.50	3.63	-0.24
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	69.9	49.0	59.4	60.4	-1.0	0.13	2	-0.77	2.81	-1.05
Oberlin Fire	69.6	47.0	58.3	60.2	-1.9	0.47	3	-0.45	5.53	1.22
Extreme/Average	71.2	50.4	60.8	60.3	0.4	0.32	3	-0.57	3.99	-0.02
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	69.7	47.4	58.6	60.7	-2.1	0.57	2	-0.33	5.00	0.75
Jeanerette	69.3	48.4	58.9	61.3	-2.4	0.13	2	-0.69	3.31	-0.47
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.29	-1.70
Extreme/Average	69.5	47.9	58.7	60.9	-2.3	0.35	2	-0.51	2.87	-0.47
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	71.0	43.9	57.4	62.1	-4.7	0.56	1	-0.50	1.66	-2.77
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.16	3	0.15	5.31	0.92
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	66.0	52.0	59.0	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	0.00	(NA)
Extreme/Average	68.5	48.0	58.2	62.1	-4.7	0.57	3	-0.17	2.32	-0.93
<b>State</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.23</b>	<b>6.31</b>	<b>2.18</b>

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.

(NA) Not available.