



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

Delta Region - Louisiana Field Office

5825 Florida Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806

(225) 922-1362 · FAX (225) 922-0744 · [www.nass.usda.gov/la](http://www.nass.usda.gov/la)

Cooperating with Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Week Ending: May 6, 2018

Released: May 7, 2018

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 6, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 12 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 54.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 64.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Highs ranged from 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 87.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the State with an average of 0.98 inch.

## Crop progress for week ending May 6, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, emerged	99	98	100	98
Cotton, planted	27	5	66	42
Hay, first cutting	32	20	44	24
Rice, planted	96	93	96	92
Rice, emerged	87	82	92	84
Sorghum, planted	79	45	87	86
Sorghum, emerged	44	24	76	73
Soybeans, planted	64	40	75	56
Soybeans, emerged	39	21	64	35
Sweet potatoes, planted	7	(NA)	4	(NA)
Winter wheat, headed	96	93	100	97
Winter wheat, coloring	50	21	52	37

(NA) Not available.

## Crop condition for week ending May 6, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	56	42	0
Livestock	2	5	33	53	7
Pasture	1	6	40	50	3
Rice	0	3	31	60	6
Sugarcane	0	6	48	40	6
Vegetables	2	7	37	51	3
Winter wheat	0	3	43	48	6

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“The majority of the soybean crop was planted in recent days, waiting on moisture to get the remainder planted. The rice and sugarcane crops turned a new leaf with big changes in crop performance in recent days. Livestock and hay producers are finally getting an opportunity to make progress as hay fields and pastures dry. The crawfish catch remains well, but some producers are pulling traps to drain ponds to prepare seedbeds for planting crops.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Sugarcane farmers made good progress with fertilizer applications and should finish next week. Some sugarcane farmers have started "lay-by" activities. A few more cattle producers made hay. Spring gardens are starting to produce. A few more crawfish ponds were drained due to smaller catches and reduced prices. Rain would be welcomed for all area agriculture.”

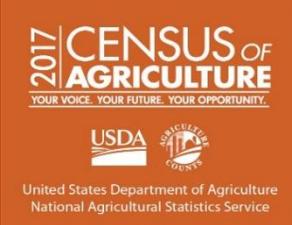
– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Dry weather last week has caused farmers who do not have permanent floods on rice yet to flush their fields. Dry fields could use some moisture. Many fields have established a permanent flood with more to come. Large percentage of the soybeans got planted this past week. Some fields are very dry and could use some rain. First cuttings on pastures were in full swing this past week as the weather allowed for good drying of forage.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Cool, dry weather continued to slow crop development. Hay producers have ideal baling conditions but hay tonnage is light. Onions, sweet corn, garlic and potatoes are being harvested in spring gardens. Tomatoes will be ripening shortly. Peaches, blackberries and pecans appear to have a good fruit set. Some soybeans seem stunted by the cool weather. Sugarcane growers are wrapping up fertilizing and cultivating activities. Crawfish producers are draining ponds as prices fall.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish



2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE  
YOUR VOICE. YOUR FUTURE. YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

USDA AGRICULTURE COUNTS  
United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service



**There's Still Time to Be Counted.  
Respond Today!**

Respond Online. [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov)

For assistance completing the census,  
call toll-free (888) 424-7828.

[www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov)

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 6, 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	83.6	61.6	72.6	68.2	4.4	0.84	1	-0.35	5.25	0.59
Mooringsport	80.6	61.3	70.9	69.1	1.8	0.30	1	-0.63	3.13	-0.04
Red River	82.4	63.0	72.7	69.9	2.8	1.55	1	0.40	4.62	0.28
Shreveport	81.3	60.0	70.6	69.0	1.7	1.24	1	-0.10	5.03	0.52
Extreme/Average	82.0	61.5	71.7	69.1	2.7	0.98	1	-0.17	4.51	0.34
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	81.0	54.8	67.9	66.6	1.5	0.40	2	-0.29	1.74	-1.35
Extreme/Average	81.0	54.8	67.9	67.8	1.5	0.40	2	-0.29	1.74	-1.35
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	80.4	60.7	70.6	69.3	1.3	0.81	3	-0.46	3.79	-1.02
St Joseph	83.2	58.2	70.8	70.8	0.3	0.00	0	-0.59	1.27	-2.23
Tallulah	77.0	54.0	65.5	69.5	-3.5	0.00	0	-0.15	0.40	-0.38
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.44	-0.26
Extreme/Average	80.2	57.6	68.9	70.0	-0.6	0.27	3	-0.40	1.98	-0.97
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	84.3	60.7	72.5	69.7	2.8	0.98	1	-0.01	3.19	-0.60
Natchitoches	84.1	63.4	73.8	71.5	2.3	0.02	1	-1.25	1.46	-2.66
Extreme/Average	84.2	62.0	73.2	70.0	2.5	0.50	1	-0.63	2.33	-1.63
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	82.9	62.3	72.6	71.1	1.5	0.36	2	-0.66	1.98	-2.15
Bunkie	83.9	63.3	73.6	71.4	2.2	0.00	0	-1.20	1.93	-2.40
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	83.7	62.9	73.3	70.9	2.4	0.18	1	-0.76	2.53	-1.07
New Roads	87.2	62.5	74.9	71.8	3.5	0.00	0	-0.58	3.44	-0.13
Extreme/Average	84.4	62.8	73.6	71.6	2.4	0.14	2	-0.80	2.47	-1.44
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-1.11	3.25	-1.19
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.07	1	(NA)	4.15	(NA)
Slidell	81.3	62.7	72.0	71.6	0.4	0.02	1	-0.91	5.18	1.27
Extreme/Average	81.3	62.7	72.0	71.1	0.4	0.03	1	-1.01	4.19	0.04
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	82.6	64.9	73.7	72.5	1.2	0.00	0	-1.11	2.40	-1.62
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	83.1	64.4	73.8	72.1	1.7	0.00	0	-0.97	2.00	-1.52
Oberlin Fire	81.0	61.6	71.3	71.5	-0.2	0.05	1	-1.09	2.33	-1.89
Extreme/Average	82.2	63.6	72.9	71.8	0.9	0.02	1	-1.06	2.24	-1.68
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	84.3	61.1	72.7	71.8	0.9	0.00	0	-0.91	5.57	1.64
Jeanerette	82.8	62.0	72.4	72.4	-0.1	0.00	0	-0.93	2.54	-1.23
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	84.6	64.2	74.4	72.4	2.2	0.00	0	-0.62	2.13	-0.74
Extreme/Average	83.9	62.4	73.2	72.1	1.0	0.00	0	-0.82	3.41	-0.11
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	80.4	57.6	69.0	72.5	-3.5	0.00	0	-0.77	4.86	1.95
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.80	4.73	0.62
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.06	2.06
Extreme/Average	80.4	57.6	69.0	73.6	-3.5	0.00	0	-0.79	4.88	1.54
<b>State</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.70</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>-0.66</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.