



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 13, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 14 percent very short, 50 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 39 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 60.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 69.1 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 85.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 91.7 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. 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 0.53 inch.

Crop progress for week ending May 13, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, emerged	100	99	100	99
Corn, silked	1	0	3	(NA)
Cotton, planted	64	27	82	64
Hay, first cutting	50	32	55	37
Rice, planted	98	96	99	96
Rice, emerged	93	87	95	89
Sorghum, planted	91	79	92	92
Sorghum, emerged	71	44	86	81
Soybeans, planted	88	64	85	71
Soybeans, emerged	62	39	75	50
Sweet potatoes, planted	24	7	22	10
Winter wheat, headed	99	96	100	98
Winter wheat, coloring	90	50	75	62

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending May 13, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	8	40	49	3
Livestock	2	6	35	49	8
Pasture	1	8	44	44	3
Rice	0	3	32	61	4
Sorghum	0	7	41	52	0
Soybeans	0	5	36	56	3
Sugarcane	1	9	50	37	3
Vegetables	2	8	40	47	3
Winter wheat	0	7	45	44	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Due to lack of rainfall, soybean planting has come to a stop in most areas across the parish. The dry conditions from the past 3-4 weeks have allowed most hay producers to make their first cutting of the growing season. All crops across the parish are in need of some moisture.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Scattered rainfall across parts of the parish have improved the conditions for all crops. Soybean planting has slowed down with dry conditions. Hay producers have been making cuttings. Pastures are in need of moisture in most parts of the parish.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“We need some rain due to it being very dry. Home gardeners and commercial vegetable producers of pepper, melons and other crops would benefit from adequate rainfall this week.”

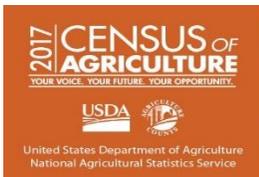
– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Some areas of the parish received a small amount rain. Majority of the parish is still really dry. Some producers cut hay last week. Pastures are getting short in some areas. Soybean planting slowed due to very little moisture.”

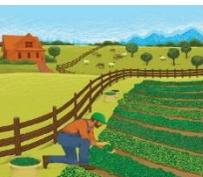
– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“We have gone from plentiful moisture to significant drought conditions quickly over the past 2-3 weeks. Corn is suffering and soybean planting has mostly stopped due to lack of moisture. Ryegrass pastures have played out and warm season grasses are suffering. Some cattle producers will need to start feeding hay if rain does come soon, but more dry (and hot) weather is forecast for next 10 days.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 13, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	89.7	61.4	75.6	70.2	5.4	0.00	0	-1.10	3.90	-0.82
Mooringsport	87.6	62.6	75.1	71.0	4.1	0.00	0	-0.92	2.63	-0.77
Red River	86.4	64.0	75.2	71.9	3.6	0.00	0	-0.78	3.43	-0.62
Shreveport	87.3	60.4	73.9	71.0	2.9	0.00	0	-1.24	3.91	-0.95
Extreme/Average	87.8	62.1	74.9	71.0	4.0	0.00	0	-1.01	3.47	-0.79
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	87.7	60.3	74.0	68.6	5.4	0.00	0	-1.17	0.40	-3.15
Extreme/Average	87.7	60.3	74.0	69.6	5.4	0.00	0	-1.17	0.40	-3.15
Northeast										
Lake Providence	87.9	63.4	75.6	71.3	4.4	0.07	1	-1.00	2.17	-2.78
St Joseph	89.3	62.7	76.0	72.8	3.2	0.00	0	-1.04	0.74	-3.06
Tallulah	88.5	63.5	76.0	71.5	4.4	0.00	0	-0.34	0.40	-0.72
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.00	-1.58
Extreme/Average	88.6	63.2	75.9	72.0	4.0	0.02	1	-0.79	1.08	-2.04
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	89.3	60.0	74.6	71.6	3.1	0.00	0	-1.04	2.79	-1.07
Natchitoches	89.9	65.0	77.4	73.4	4.1	0.00	0	-1.07	0.45	-3.46
Extreme/Average	89.6	62.5	76.0	71.8	3.6	0.00	0	-1.06	1.62	-2.27
Central										
Alexandria	88.0	63.1	75.6	73.0	2.5	0.00	0	-1.05	1.35	-2.73
Bunkie	89.4	63.9	76.6	73.3	3.4	0.00	0	-1.23	1.13	-3.52
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	88.6	64.4	76.5	72.8	3.7	0.00	0	-1.00	1.23	-2.32
New Roads	91.6	63.1	77.4	73.6	3.7	0.00	0	-1.10	1.40	-2.67
Extreme/Average	89.4	63.6	76.5	73.5	3.3	0.00	0	-1.10	1.28	-2.81
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0	-1.18	0.56	-3.97
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	1.97	(NA)
Slidell	87.0	63.3	75.1	73.5	1.6	0.00	0	-1.11	0.54	-3.42
Extreme/Average	87.0	63.3	75.1	73.0	1.6	0.00	0	-1.15	1.02	-3.70
Southwest										
Crowley	87.8	66.7	77.3	74.3	2.9	0.00	0	-0.99	1.10	-3.00
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	88.3	65.7	77.0	73.9	3.1	0.00	0	-1.07	1.05	-2.69
Oberlin Fire	86.0	62.4	74.2	73.2	1.0	0.00	0	-1.20	1.45	-2.97
Extreme/Average	87.4	64.9	76.2	73.6	2.3	0.00	0	-1.09	1.20	-2.89
South central										
Donaldsonville	89.0	62.6	75.8	73.6	2.2	0.02	1	-0.94	0.79	-3.07
Jeanerette	86.9	61.1	74.0	74.1	-0.1	0.02	1	-0.93	0.48	-3.29
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	88.4	68.1	78.3	74.1	4.2	0.00	0	-0.90	0.42	-2.89
Extreme/Average	88.1	63.9	76.0	73.8	2.1	0.01	1	-0.92	0.56	-3.08
Southeast										
Galliano	85.3	67.2	76.3	74.3	1.9	0.00	0	-0.93	1.55	-1.59
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.59	1	0.66	2.02	-1.99
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	91.7	69.1	80.4	76.6	3.9	0.00	0	-0.97	0.87	-2.88
Extreme/Average	88.5	68.2	78.3	75.4	2.9	0.53	1	-0.41	1.48	-2.15
State	88.2	63.7	76.0	72.8	3.3	0.07	0	-0.97	1.29	-2.62

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.