



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 27, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 15 percent very short, 40 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 37 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 64.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Jeanerette to 73.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 86.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 92.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the central part of the State with an average of 1.77 inches.

## Crop progress for week ending May 27, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, silked	13	3	52	20
Cotton, planted	96	88	98	90
Cotton, emerged	83	51	88	74
Hay, first cutting	81	71	76	58
Rice, planted	100	99	100	99
Rice, emerged	99	97	99	97
Sorghum, planted	99	95	97	98
Sorghum, emerged	94	88	94	92
Soybeans, planted	96	93	94	86
Soybeans, emerged	92	84	90	77
Soybeans, blooming	9	1	12	3
Sweet potatoes, planted	50	36	57	27
Winter wheat, coloring	100	97	95	93
Winter wheat, harvested	44	17	37	23

## Crop condition for week ending May 27, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	4	39	51	5
Cotton	0	4	21	74	1
Livestock	1	6	33	51	9
Pasture	6	11	40	41	2
Rice	0	3	34	58	5
Sorghum	0	10	31	58	1
Soybeans	1	4	24	63	8
Sugarcane	1	9	42	36	12
Vegetables	2	7	32	56	3
Winter wheat	0	5	25	61	9

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Spotty afternoon showers have been welcomed for row crop producers but unwelcome to producers trying to cut hay. Some first hay cuttings have been cut and baled, while others were rained out.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Rain, we finally got some much needed rain over an extended period. Vegetable production is in full swing for crops such as squash, okra, and tomatoes. Watermelons needed the rain and has good fruit set, should be ready by the latter part of June if conditions continue to be favorable.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Most areas received a good rain of 1/2” - 2” of rainfall. This rain will greatly help pastures that were getting very dry. Rice is doing very well with most fields past green ring stage. Soybeans will do better with this rain.”

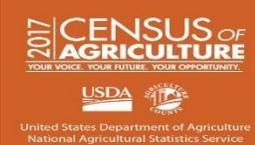
– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Dry conditions in combination with high summer heat beginning to cause plant stress on crops. Sugarcane, soybeans, and pasture grasses exhibiting slow growth for this time of year.”

–Rene’ Schmit, Saint Charles Parish

“All crops, livestock, and home gardens have been helped by the recent rains. All eyes are on the tropical storms waiting to see how things will develop.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish



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**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 27, 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	92.3	69.6	80.9	74.0	7.0	1.84	2	0.89	2.68	-1.55
Mooringsport	90.3	70.1	80.2	74.5	5.7	0.32	2	-0.58	0.95	-2.66
Red River	89.2	68.2	78.8	75.6	3.5	1.52	2	0.95	3.07	-0.77
Shreveport	90.6	67.3	78.9	74.5	4.4	0.05	1	-1.01	1.38	-3.31
Extreme/Average	90.6	68.8	79.7	74.6	5.2	0.93	2	0.06	2.02	-2.07
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	89.0	66.3	77.6	72.3	5.3	1.34	4	0.39	1.77	-2.30
Extreme/Average	89.0	66.3	77.6	73.1	5.3	1.34	4	0.39	1.77	-2.30
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	86.9	68.4	77.6	74.9	2.7	1.06	4	-0.09	2.61	-2.06
St Joseph	92.4	68.0	80.2	76.4	4.0	0.54	1	-0.25	1.38	-2.43
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.49
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.39	-0.31
Extreme/Average	89.7	68.2	78.9	75.5	3.4	0.80	4	-0.17	1.59	-1.32
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	91.9	66.1	79.0	75.0	4.0	0.96	5	-0.20	1.94	-2.33
Natchitoches	91.0	70.0	80.5	76.3	4.2	0.28	4	-0.71	0.95	-3.27
Extreme/Average	91.5	68.0	79.8	75.3	4.1	0.62	5	-0.45	1.44	-2.80
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	89.6	69.3	79.4	76.6	2.8	2.22	3	1.11	2.58	-1.65
Bunkie	90.9	69.9	80.4	76.6	3.8	0.40	1	-0.82	1.00	-3.68
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	89.2	68.4	78.8	76.2	2.6	2.53	2	1.74	2.71	-0.86
New Roads	91.2	70.4	80.8	76.8	3.9	1.94	2	1.01	1.94	-2.02
Extreme/Average	90.2	69.5	79.9	76.9	3.3	1.77	3	0.76	2.06	-2.05
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.64	1	-0.53	0.91	-3.64
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.45	3	(NA)	2.60	(NA)
Slidell	87.0	69.9	78.4	76.8	1.6	2.04	4	0.80	2.26	-2.18
Extreme/Average	87.0	69.9	78.4	76.4	1.6	1.71	4	0.14	1.92	-2.91
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	91.2	71.0	81.1	77.5	3.9	0.23	2	-1.01	0.23	-4.24
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	89.4	69.9	79.6	77.1	2.5	0.46	3	-0.68	1.02	-3.22
Oberlin Fire	87.9	66.6	77.2	76.2	1.0	0.47	1	-0.80	0.52	-4.28
Extreme/Average	89.5	69.2	79.3	76.8	2.5	0.39	3	-0.83	0.59	-3.91
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	89.6	69.1	79.4	76.8	2.6	1.28	5	0.19	1.39	-2.53
Jeanerette	87.3	64.7	76.0	77.3	-1.3	2.13	5	1.05	2.18	-1.69
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	88.2	71.8	80.0	77.0	3.1	1.45	2	0.67	1.45	-1.99
Extreme/Average	88.4	68.5	78.5	77.0	1.4	1.62	5	0.64	1.67	-2.07
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	87.0	72.9	79.9	77.5	2.4	2.42	4	1.27	2.42	-1.00
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.10	1	-0.94	2.82	-0.99
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	89.0	73.4	81.2	79.5	1.7	2.09	6	1.06	4.30	0.41
Extreme/Average	88.0	73.2	80.6	78.5	2.1	1.54	6	0.46	3.18	-0.53
<b>State</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>-2.27</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.