



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 14, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 64 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 63 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 67.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 83.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. Heavy precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 6.51 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 14, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	98	96	97	92
Corn, emerged	69	48	88	77
Hay, first cutting	2	1	4	4
Rice, planted	77	70	85	76
Rice, emerged	62	40	64	52
Sorghum, planted	49	46	32	41
Sorghum, emerged	33	7	0	12
Soybeans, planted	13	12	15	17
Soybeans, emerged	11	3	6	4
Winter wheat, headed	77	67	87	70
Winter wheat, coloring	1	(NA)	1	1

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending April 14, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	0	54	45	1
Livestock	3	12	45	37	3
Pasture	3	15	43	37	2
Rice	0	2	27	71	0
Sugarcane	1	12	51	32	4
Vegetables	0	8	39	53	0
Winter wheat	0	12	53	35	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Severe weather which included hail, radar indicated tornadoes, very high winds and flooding rains across West Carroll Parish left crop damage across the area. No loss of life, major injuries, or severe property damage has been reported, however, crop damage assessments are ongoing.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Heavy rainfall last week caused flooding of some fields resulting in crops remaining underwater for several days. Most waters have drained off. Recent cool weather is slowing crop growth and stand establishment.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Drier weather last week allowed for more fieldwork and planting to get done. Daytime temps are favorable for rice germination but cooler nighttime temps are slowing seed from germinating. There are a few reports where some seed did not germinate fast enough and has rotted. The rice which has emerged is slow growing and the area is in need of more sunnier, warmer conditions to give it a jumpstart. Some farmers in the area have their soybean ground ready for planting and I expect some soybeans to be put in the ground soon. Crawfish catch saw its largest jump this week.”

– Jeremy Herbert, Acadia Parish

“Heavy rains continued to impede planting and fieldwork in Caldwell Parish.”

– Jimmy McCann, Caldwell Parish

“In some areas of the parish rains were not as much as expected. Soybean ground continued to be prepared across the parish and some producers began to plant soybeans on sugarcane rows.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

“Two big rain events over last 7-8 days have resulted in ponding and water soaked corn fields. Replant decisions will have to be made when it dries out.”

– Keith Collins, Richland Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 14, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	77.7	54.0	65.8	61.9	4.0	5.92	4	4.89	7.14	2.81
Mooringsport	76.3	52.0	64.1	63.2	1.0	5.77	3	4.95	6.59	3.30
Red River	81.0	58.2	69.6	63.4	6.5	0.78	2	0.00	2.00	-1.73
Shreveport	77.1	52.1	64.6	62.7	2.0	2.83	4	1.95	4.39	0.76
Extreme/Average	78.0	54.1	66.1	62.8	3.3	3.82	4	2.95	5.03	1.28
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	75.0	50.4	62.7	60.6	2.1	6.51	5	5.43	9.12	4.98
Extreme/Average	75.0	50.4	62.7	61.8	2.1	6.51	5	5.43	9.12	4.98
Northeast										
Lake Providence	75.6	59.0	67.3	62.7	4.6	6.14	5	4.85	8.85	4.57
St Joseph	81.2	55.6	68.4	64.5	4.2	2.88	3	2.12	4.29	0.34
Tallulah	67.0	55.0	61.0	63.6	-3.3	2.15	2	1.84	3.12	1.84
Winnsboro	79.8	57.2	68.5	64.0	4.8	3.35	3	2.44	4.70	0.48
Extreme/Average	75.9	56.7	66.3	63.7	2.6	3.63	5	2.81	5.24	1.81
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	77.9	55.1	66.5	64.2	2.3	5.07	4	4.10	6.95	2.93
Natchitoches	79.9	56.4	68.1	64.9	3.3	4.76	5	3.40	7.70	2.15
Extreme/Average	78.9	55.8	67.3	64.2	2.8	4.92	5	3.75	7.33	2.54
Central										
Alexandria	77.9	57.1	67.5	65.2	2.3	4.60	5	3.49	7.19	2.79
Bunkie	79.7	56.4	68.1	65.6	2.5	3.44	4	2.38	5.60	1.40
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	77.7	56.7	67.2	64.6	2.6	3.51	5	2.45	6.96	2.58
New Roads	81.5	60.5	71.0	66.1	5.3	0.16	2	-0.44	2.99	-0.59
Extreme/Average	79.2	57.7	68.4	65.7	3.2	2.93	5	1.97	5.69	1.54
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.73	2	(NA)	4.74	(NA)
Slidell	78.9	63.1	71.0	65.7	5.3	1.47	4	0.40	5.08	0.52
Extreme/Average	78.9	63.1	71.0	65.3	5.3	2.10	4	0.40	4.91	0.52
Southwest										
Crowley	77.0	65.0	71.0	66.6	5.1	1.78	4	1.15	5.69	2.47
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	78.9	58.6	68.7	66.3	2.4	1.91	4	1.06	6.89	3.32
Oberlin Fire	79.2	59.0	69.1	66.1	3.2	1.23	3	0.51	3.48	-0.09
Extreme/Average	78.4	60.9	69.6	66.1	3.6	1.64	4	0.91	5.35	1.90
South central										
Donaldsonville	83.0	60.3	71.6	66.2	5.4	0.78	4	-0.26	4.58	0.61
Jeanerette	79.0	61.6	70.3	66.9	3.6	1.76	2	1.08	6.68	3.30
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	81.0	64.5	72.8	66.8	5.9	0.77	2	0.15	7.47	4.52
Extreme/Average	81.0	62.1	71.6	66.6	5.0	1.10	4	0.32	6.24	2.81
Southeast										
Galliano	80.2	67.4	73.8	67.2	6.7	0.17	1	-0.35	3.17	0.64
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.36	1	-0.81	5.47	1.01
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	82.2	64.8	73.5	69.0	4.9	0.00	0	-0.60	6.27	2.37
Extreme/Average	81.2	66.1	73.7	68.1	5.8	0.18	1	-0.59	4.97	1.34
State	78.5	58.7	68.6	65.1	3.7	2.91	4	1.93	5.97	2.07

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.