



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 28, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 49.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 63.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 75.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell to 81.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Natchitoches. Moderate precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 2.13 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending April 28, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	100	99	100	98
Corn, emerged	95	80	98	95
Cotton, planted	3	0	4	18
Hay, first cutting	10	5	19	15
Rice, planted	85	82	93	88
Rice, emerged	77	70	81	76
Sorghum, planted	60	51	44	72
Sorghum, emerged	43	41	23	52
Soybeans, planted	24	16	38	43
Soybeans, emerged	14	12	20	24
Sweet potatoes, planted	1	(NA)	0	0
Winter wheat, headed	94	88	93	92
Winter wheat, coloring	47	15	19	15

(NA) Not available.

### Crop condition for week ending April 28, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	5	50	44	1
Livestock	1	6	34	53	6
Pasture	1	7	37	50	5
Rice	0	4	27	67	2
Sorghum	0	0	56	40	4
Sugarcane	1	6	32	50	11
Vegetables	0	2	34	60	4
Winter wheat	0	13	45	40	2

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Better weather is needed for all cropping and livestock production. Field conditions continued to be wet in many areas. The young rice, corn and sugarcane crops need drier warmer conditions to get moving. However livestock pastures were productive with lots of forage. Some early hay will be made soon if weather and field conditions improve. The crawfish catch was low with some producers pulling traps and draining ponds.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“The heavy rains forecasted for our area last week did not materialize and growers were quickly back in the fields. Sugarcane growers continued to fertilize and apply herbicides. Cool nights and mild temperatures continued to overall slow crop development in sugarcane, rice, and soybeans but are helping to prolong cool season pastures and winter vegetables. Hay producers cut and baled spring grass. The crawfish catch improved for some producers.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Mid-week rains last week kept some farmers out of the field. Crawfish farmers began to pull traps. Cattle ranchers continued to turn out bulls and work cows and calves. Rice farmers continued to apply herbicides, some rice will be reaching permanent flood stage soon. Last week’s warmer weather had rice, pastures and cane growing good.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Farmers made good field progress until end of the week rains stopped nearly all fieldwork. Cooler than normal temperatures continued to slow crop growth, but with some warmer weather sugarcane, soybeans, rice and vegetable gardens should be in good shape soon. Crawfish prices have fallen and producers were draining some ponds. Cattle producers continued to work calves and cows.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Sugarcane farmers were mostly complete on fertilizer application. All soybeans that were planted are up and looking good. Sugarcane crop looked good at this time, which is amazing considering how bad the fields were torn up during harvest. Some rust began to show up in some vulnerable varieties of cane and treatments have already begun.”

– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 28, 2019**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	80.9	54.1	67.5	65.8	1.7	0.60	0	-0.64	9.30	4.66
Mooringsport	79.1	57.6	68.4	66.9	1.5	2.30	0	1.46	10.92	7.59
Red River	78.4	61.6	70.0	67.5	2.8	0.54	2	-0.24	5.65	1.67
Shreveport	78.7	54.9	66.8	66.6	0.2	0.66	0	-0.53	5.50	1.48
Extreme/Average	79.3	57.0	68.2	66.7	1.5	1.02	(NA)	0.01	7.84	3.85
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	78.7	49.3	64.0	64.3	-0.3	1.00	0	-0.20	11.07	6.58
Extreme/Average	78.7	49.3	64.0	65.6	-0.3	1.00	(NA)	-0.20	11.07	6.58
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	77.7	56.6	67.1	66.9	0.2	0.90	0	-0.40	10.08	5.71
St Joseph	79.4	56.2	67.8	68.4	-0.3	0.47	2	-0.23	9.48	5.94
Tallulah	77.5	53.5	65.5	67.3	-2.5	0.00	5	-0.31	5.20	3.64
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.57	2.46
Extreme/Average	78.2	55.4	66.8	67.6	-0.9	0.46	(NA)	-0.31	7.33	4.44
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	80.0	55.7	67.9	67.5	0.3	1.15	0	0.25	8.41	4.58
Natchitoches	81.1	57.9	69.5	69.1	0.4	2.14	0	1.37	10.10	5.93
Extreme/Average	80.5	56.8	68.7	67.8	0.4	1.65	(NA)	0.81	9.25	5.25
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	79.9	56.7	68.3	68.8	-0.5	1.26	0	0.29	8.39	4.10
Bunkie	78.6	57.9	68.2	69.2	-1.0	2.33	0	1.23	11.36	7.02
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	76.8	56.5	66.7	68.6	-2.0	0.66	1	-0.13	9.53	5.62
New Roads	79.0	61.8	70.4	69.7	1.1	0.71	3	0.13	6.19	2.61
Extreme/Average	78.6	58.2	68.4	69.4	-0.6	1.24	(NA)	0.38	8.87	4.84
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	6	(NA)	5.59	(NA)
Slidell	75.6	57.1	66.4	69.3	-2.9	2.76	0	1.83	7.99	3.91
Extreme/Average	75.6	57.1	66.4	68.9	-2.9	1.38	(NA)	1.83	6.79	3.91
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	76.5	61.0	68.8	70.3	-1.2	1.43	2	0.72	10.53	7.10
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	78.0	61.0	69.5	69.9	-0.4	1.47	0	0.63	10.20	6.81
Oberlin Fire	78.4	57.9	68.1	69.5	-1.4	0.11	0	-0.92	4.40	0.34
Extreme/Average	77.6	60.0	68.8	69.6	-1.0	1.00	(NA)	0.14	8.38	4.75
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	80.7	56.0	68.4	69.6	-1.3	1.56	0	0.61	6.75	2.71
Jeanerette	79.2	60.8	70.0	70.3	-0.2	1.78	3	1.27	9.50	6.14
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	77.7	61.3	69.5	70.3	-0.8	3.06	0	2.28	12.81	10.06
Extreme/Average	79.2	59.4	69.3	70.0	-0.8	2.13	(NA)	1.39	9.69	6.30
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	77.1	63.4	70.3	70.4	-0.1	0.54	0	-0.16	3.98	1.08
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.95	0	0.92	8.25	3.76
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.31	3.92
Extreme/Average	77.1	63.4	70.3	71.5	-0.1	1.25	(NA)	0.38	6.18	2.92
<b>State</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>8.37</b>	<b>4.72</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.