



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 5, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 45 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 61.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 71.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 79.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 86.8 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads and Saint Joseph. Moderate precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the west central part of the State with an average of 2.14 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 5, 2019

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn, emerged | 100 | 95 | 99 | (NA) |
| Cotton, planted | 29 | 3 | 24 | 40 |
| Cotton, emerged | 3 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hay, first cutting | 24 | 10 | 30 | 25 |
| Rice, planted | 88 | 85 | 96 | 92 |
| Rice, emerged | 81 | 77 | 86 | 84 |
| Sorghum, planted | 81 | 60 | 74 | 84 |
| Sorghum, emerged | 57 | 43 | 41 | 66 |
| Soybeans, planted | 46 | 24 | 61 | 58 |
| Soybeans, emerged | 23 | 14 | 36 | 37 |
| Sweet potatoes, planted | 14 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Winter wheat, headed | 99 | 94 | 96 | (NA) |
| Winter wheat, coloring | 76 | 47 | 46 | 36 |

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending May 5, 2019

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn | 0 | 6 | 43 | 49 | 2 |
| Livestock | 1 | 4 | 34 | 57 | 4 |
| Pasture | 1 | 6 | 36 | 53 | 4 |
| Rice | 0 | 7 | 27 | 58 | 8 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 0 | 48 | 50 | 2 |
| Sugarcane | 0 | 5 | 35 | 55 | 5 |
| Vegetables | 0 | 1 | 32 | 65 | 2 |
| Winter wheat | 0 | 10 | 47 | 43 | 0 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Cotton and soybean planting were still in progress. The continued rainfalls slowed down this process. Producers continued to fertilized sugarcane and prepping fallow ground for planting when dry. Wheat crop is progressing and harvest will be underway in the coming weeks.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

“Crops and pastures greatly improved last week with increased temperatures and sunlight. Recent rainfall amounts were also moderated. Rice herbicide and fertilizer applications were made and floods were established. Some soybeans have been planted in portions of the parish.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Got another 1-2 inches of rain last week. Still have some rice waiting to be planted with wet conditions. Some rice was close to permanent flood, but lots of fields were slow to grow. A few soybean acres were planted last week. Pastures were growing well and cattle looking better than last spring.”

– James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Scattered heavy rain fell over this past weekend with 4-8 inches of rain predicted for the upcoming week. The soil is definitely saturated.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“There were many acres of soybeans planted over last week, but late week rains slowed progress with some areas receiving too much rain where emergence may be questionable. Warmer temperatures and rains have been beneficial to most other early planted spring crops, sugarcane, and pasture land. Many acres of hay needed to be cut but the weather had the hay balers parked. Reports were mixed on the crawfish catch where some ponds were drained for planting to a crop.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 5, 2019

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minden | 81.7 | 64.6 | 73.1 | 67.9 | 5.2 | 1.48 | 3 | 0.30 | 10.24 | 5.59 |
| Mooringsport | 79.9 | 64.4 | 72.1 | 68.8 | 3.3 | 2.09 | 4 | 1.18 | 12.00 | 8.59 |
| Red River | 83.8 | 67.6 | 75.9 | 69.6 | 6.7 | 0.40 | 2 | -0.39 | 5.43 | 1.43 |
| Shreveport | 80.0 | 64.1 | 72.1 | 68.7 | 3.4 | 2.63 | 3 | 1.32 | 7.45 | 2.99 |
| Extreme/Average | 81.4 | 65.2 | 73.3 | 68.8 | 4.7 | 1.65 | 4 | 0.60 | 8.78 | 4.65 |
| North central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calhoun | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 67.2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Farmerville | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 69.0 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Homer | 79.6 | 61.3 | 70.4 | 66.3 | 4.1 | 0.99 | 4 | -0.22 | 10.16 | 5.53 |
| Extreme/Average | 79.6 | 61.3 | 70.4 | 67.5 | 4.1 | 0.99 | 4 | -0.22 | 10.16 | 5.53 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 80.4 | 65.6 | 73.0 | 69.0 | 4.0 | 2.35 | 4 | 1.08 | 10.79 | 6.17 |
| St Joseph | 86.8 | 63.2 | 75.0 | 70.5 | 5.0 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.57 | 8.31 | 4.96 |
| Tallulah | 75.5 | 61.0 | 68.3 | 69.3 | -1.7 | 1.82 | 2 | 1.48 | 6.25 | 4.67 |
| Winnsboro | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 70.0 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 3.35 | 2.44 |
| Extreme/Average | 80.9 | 63.3 | 72.1 | 69.7 | 2.4 | 1.39 | 4 | 0.66 | 7.17 | 4.56 |
| West central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 68.1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hodges Gardens | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 69.9 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Leesville | 83.3 | 65.1 | 74.2 | 69.4 | 4.8 | 1.54 | 4 | 0.58 | 8.66 | 4.88 |
| Natchitoches | 83.0 | 65.3 | 74.1 | 71.2 | 2.9 | 2.74 | 5 | 1.53 | 10.19 | 6.20 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.2 | 65.2 | 74.2 | 69.7 | 3.9 | 2.14 | 5 | 1.05 | 9.43 | 5.54 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 81.9 | 65.1 | 73.5 | 70.8 | 2.7 | 0.60 | 2 | -0.40 | 6.96 | 2.82 |
| Bunkie | 83.5 | 64.8 | 74.2 | 71.1 | 3.1 | 1.18 | 2 | 0.18 | 11.05 | 6.77 |
| Eunice | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 72.8 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Jonesville Locks | 82.9 | 64.4 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 3.0 | 0.80 | 1 | -0.13 | 7.16 | 3.40 |
| New Roads | 86.8 | 67.2 | 77.0 | 71.6 | 5.8 | 0.33 | 1 | -0.25 | 4.04 | 0.48 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.8 | 65.4 | 74.6 | 71.4 | 3.7 | 0.73 | 2 | -0.15 | 7.30 | 3.37 |
| East central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baton Rouge | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hammond | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 70.4 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Norwood | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 3.94 | (NA) |
| Slidell | 80.0 | 65.9 | 72.9 | 71.3 | 1.7 | 1.58 | 2 | 0.52 | 6.15 | 2.10 |
| Extreme/Average | 80.0 | 65.9 | 72.9 | 70.8 | 1.7 | 1.58 | 2 | 0.52 | 5.04 | 2.10 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crowley | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 72.2 | (NA) | 0.00 | 0 | -0.62 | 7.06 | 3.56 |
| DeRidder | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 70.7 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Jennings | 82.7 | 66.6 | 74.6 | 71.8 | 2.8 | 2.86 | 3 | 1.92 | 8.65 | 5.16 |
| Oberlin Fire | 82.4 | 66.7 | 74.6 | 71.2 | 3.3 | 1.52 | 2 | 0.42 | 4.15 | -0.04 |
| Extreme/Average | 82.6 | 66.7 | 74.6 | 71.5 | 3.1 | 1.46 | 3 | 0.57 | 6.62 | 2.89 |
| South central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 85.0 | 65.0 | 75.0 | 71.5 | 3.5 | 1.42 | 2 | 0.50 | 4.39 | 0.44 |
| Jeanerette | 82.8 | 66.2 | 74.5 | 72.1 | 2.7 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.65 | 4.78 | 1.29 |
| Lafayette | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 71.4 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Morgan City | 83.8 | 68.3 | 76.1 | 72.1 | 3.8 | 1.28 | 2 | 0.53 | 7.39 | 4.51 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.9 | 66.5 | 75.2 | 71.8 | 3.3 | 0.90 | 2 | 0.13 | 5.52 | 2.08 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 81.5 | 71.3 | 76.4 | 72.2 | 4.2 | 0.58 | 2 | -0.07 | 1.56 | -1.15 |
| Gonzales | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 1.08 | 1 | 0.41 | 4.52 | 0.52 |
| Grand Isle | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| New Orleans | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 74.5 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 0.15 | -1.18 |
| Extreme/Average | 81.5 | 71.3 | 76.4 | 73.4 | 4.2 | 0.83 | 2 | 0.17 | 2.08 | -0.60 |
| State | 81.9 | 65.7 | 73.8 | 70.6 | 3.4 | 1.24 | 3 | 0.32 | 6.81 | 3.23 |

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.