



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 12, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 58 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 70.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 68.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 84.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. Heavy precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 7.13 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 12, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, planted	38	29	59	67
Cotton, emerged	15	3	(NA)	(NA)
Hay, first cutting	26	24	47	39
Rice, planted	90	88	98	96
Rice, emerged	85	81	92	90
Sorghum, planted	91	81	89	92
Sorghum, emerged	76	57	67	79
Soybeans, planted	53	46	85	75
Soybeans, emerged	32	23	59	54
Sweet potatoes, planted	16	14	22	12
Winter wheat, headed	100	99	99	(NA)
Winter wheat, coloring	84	76	84	65

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending May 12, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	11	38	50	1
Livestock	1	6	36	51	6
Pasture	1	9	34	50	6
Rice	0	6	29	54	11
Sorghum	0	0	49	48	3
Soybeans	0	6	45	45	4
Sugarcane	1	10	30	51	8
Vegetables	0	2	37	56	5
Winter wheat	1	11	44	42	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rains slowed fieldwork for sugarcane farmers and limited opportunities for rice herbicide and fertilizer applications. Most rice was ready for permanent flood. Cattlemen continued to work cattle and calves and breeding season continues. Summer pastures were making good growth with ample moisture and warmer temperatures.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Heavy rains blanketed the parish towards the end of the week, and the wet cloudy weather extended through the weekend. Many areas received over seven inches causing some flooding in low lying areas. With good drying conditions growers are hoping to get back into the fields by the end of next week. Sugarcane growth continued to be slowed by cool temperatures. Rust started to show up in susceptible cane varieties and some growers were preparing to apply fungicides as soon as crop growth starts to accelerate. Hay producers were waiting for a drying trend to make a cutting. Crawfish producers continued to drain fields and plant rice. Blackberries, peaches and blueberries started to ripen. Wet conditions delayed the harvest of spring Irish potatoes and onions. Cool, moist conditions allowed ryegrass and clover to linger in pastures.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rainfall totals ranging from five to nine inches across the area late in the week halted all fieldwork. Ground is saturated. Current forecast calling for sunshine and drier weather this next week will be welcomed by both farmers hoping to wrap up spring fieldwork and planting and also cattlemen who have been waiting to cut hay.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Most areas of the parish received in excess of six inches of rain with this last system. This resulted in flooding of fields with muddy water which may cause replanting if the water does not recede quickly. Producers were also delayed with cultivation, herbicide, and fertilizer applications. Some hay producers were not able to bale ryegrass like they were planning.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 12, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	79.4	60.7	70.1	69.9	0.2	6.04	4	4.92	10.36	5.62
Mooringsport	76.9	60.6	68.7	70.7	-2.0	5.46	3	4.54	11.69	8.18
Red River	79.7	64.7	72.2	71.6	0.6	3.88	3	2.78	8.72	4.36
Shreveport	78.4	61.3	69.9	70.7	-0.8	3.88	3	2.63	8.50	3.67
Extreme/Average	78.6	61.8	70.2	70.7	-0.5	4.81	4	3.72	9.82	5.46
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	80.2	58.6	69.4	68.3	1.3	4.91	1	4.21	8.56	4.31
Extreme/Average	80.2	58.6	69.4	69.4	1.3	4.91	1	4.21	8.56	4.31
Northeast										
Lake Providence	76.1	64.9	70.5	71.0	-0.5	3.29	4	2.04	7.94	3.36
St Joseph	82.5	61.0	71.8	72.5	-0.4	1.49	1	0.87	5.96	2.58
Tallulah	68.5	64.0	66.3	71.2	-5.7	0.65	2	0.32	4.75	3.15
Winnsboro	78.0	63.4	70.7	72.0	-1.2	4.44	4	3.32	7.19	2.50
Extreme/Average	76.3	63.3	69.8	71.7	-1.9	2.47	4	1.64	6.46	2.90
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	81.3	63.9	72.6	71.3	1.3	4.76	5	3.71	8.35	4.49
Natchitoches	80.6	64.4	72.5	73.1	-0.6	5.81	4	4.71	11.56	7.64
Extreme/Average	80.9	64.2	72.5	71.6	0.3	5.29	5	4.21	9.96	6.06
Central										
Alexandria	79.6	65.1	72.4	72.8	-0.4	4.28	4	3.23	6.64	2.56
Bunkie	81.9	65.0	73.4	73.0	0.4	4.21	5	2.97	11.82	7.36
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	78.6	61.7	70.1	72.5	-2.4	5.62	4	4.62	9.27	5.57
New Roads	82.9	65.7	74.3	73.4	0.9	10.50	5	9.40	15.24	11.04
Extreme/Average	80.8	64.4	72.6	73.3	-0.4	6.15	5	5.05	10.74	6.63
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.40	1	6.22	6.40	6.22
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.82	1	(NA)	6.50	(NA)
Slidell	81.9	66.9	74.4	73.2	1.1	6.28	3	5.17	10.96	6.87
Extreme/Average	81.9	66.9	74.4	72.8	1.1	4.50	3	5.70	7.95	6.54
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.0	(NA)	6.43	5	5.25	15.23	10.98
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	81.1	65.9	73.5	73.7	-0.2	7.92	3	6.85	14.66	10.95
Oberlin Fire	80.6	66.3	73.4	72.9	0.5	7.05	5	5.83	9.62	5.22
Extreme/Average	80.8	66.1	73.5	73.3	0.2	7.13	5	5.98	13.17	9.05
South central										
Donaldsonville	84.6	66.4	75.5	73.3	2.2	2.11	4	1.15	5.72	1.85
Jeanerette	81.4	66.7	74.1	73.9	0.2	4.56	4	3.60	7.50	4.00
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	81.1	69.0	75.1	73.8	1.2	0.86	2	-0.04	7.48	4.32
Extreme/Average	82.4	67.4	74.9	73.6	1.2	2.51	4	1.57	6.90	3.39
Southeast										
Galliano	83.3	70.3	76.8	74.0	2.8	3.22	2	2.31	4.61	1.61
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.71	4	2.77	7.87	4.10
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.29
Extreme/Average	83.3	70.3	76.8	75.2	2.8	3.46	4	2.54	4.16	1.81
State	80.7	64.8	72.8	72.5	0.5	4.86	4	4.11	8.92	5.39

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.