



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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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 26, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 13 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 9 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph to 73.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Jennings. Highs ranged from 84.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville Locks to 91.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Roads. Light precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 1.99 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending May 26, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, silked	9	0	12	18
Cotton, planted	84	66	95	92
Cotton, emerged	65	37	78	76
Hay, first cutting	59	40	80	64
Rice, planted	96	92	100	99
Rice, emerged	92	88	99	97
Rice, headed	2	0	0	1
Sorghum, planted	94	93	98	98
Sorghum, emerged	92	81	93	92
Soybeans, planted	82	67	96	90
Soybeans, emerged	64	46	91	83
Soybeans, blooming	2	1	8	4
Sweet potatoes, planted	46	31	48	30
Winter wheat, coloring	95	90	100	94
Winter wheat, harvested	15	8	40	27

### Crop condition for week ending May 26, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	7	32	59	2
Livestock	0	4	33	57	6
Pasture	0	5	36	54	5
Rice	0	3	26	56	15
Sorghum	0	0	49	48	3
Soybeans	0	2	39	56	3
Sugarcane	1	11	33	50	5
Vegetables	0	3	31	60	6
Winter wheat	0	11	39	48	2

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Average wheat yields have been observed based on environmental conditions throughout the growing season. During last week, cotton planting was wrapping up and soybean planting was not too far behind. Sugarcane farmers continued to catch up with their fertilizer applications. With the Morganza Spillway scheduled to open this coming week, producers who farm in the levee system worked hard to remove all cattle, equipment, and temporary structures. Potential impact of the spillway is still unknown at this time.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

“Drier weather this past week allowed for improved field conditions and farmers were taking full advantage. Sugarcane growers continued to wrap up their spring/early summer fieldwork. Soybean planting made great progress. Wheat harvest continued. Crawfish farmers are draining ponds.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

“Dry weather allowed farmers to plant more soybeans last week. A lot of rice was getting to green ring and final fertilizer applications were being put down. Some crawfish ponds were being drained while others are holding strong.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Improved field conditions last week allowed for great progress planting soybeans. Sugarcane, rice, and corn crops made big progress getting to the production stages with warmer temperatures. Hay producers made real good progress last week. Crawfish producers were stocking ponds for the next crop, many ponds were drained. Cow calf producers wrapped up cow work with the spring breeding season underway.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Heavy rains over last weekend dried up quickly allowing workers to get into the fields by mid-week. Hot temperatures accelerated warm season crop development. Vegetable growers harvested sweet corn, squash, cucumbers, eggplant and bell peppers. Blackberry, peaches and blueberries ripened. Hay producers cut and baled hay. Crawfish producers continued to drain ponds and prepare for next year's crop.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 26, 2019**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm <sup>1</sup>	DFN <sup>2</sup>	One Week	Rain Days	DFN <sup>2</sup>	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	90.6	71.1	80.9	73.7	7.1	0.00	0	-0.94	8.24	3.99
Mooringsport	88.1	69.6	78.9	74.2	4.6	0.80	2	-0.08	8.93	5.35
Red River	88.3	71.7	80.0	75.4	5.1	0.03	1	-0.39	7.28	3.59
Shreveport	89.0	69.0	79.0	74.3	4.7	0.10	1	-0.93	7.22	2.55
Extreme/Average	89.0	70.3	79.7	74.4	5.4	0.23	2	-0.59	7.92	3.87
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	88.2	68.4	78.3	72.1	6.2	(NA)	0	-0.68	7.20	3.57
Extreme/Average	88.2	68.4	78.3	72.9	6.2	(NA)	0	-0.68	7.20	3.57
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	88.4	72.0	80.2	74.7	5.5	0.00	0	-1.15	6.78	1.92
St Joseph	88.8	68.2	78.5	76.2	2.6	0.00	0	-0.78	7.51	3.57
Tallulah	89.0	69.0	79.0	74.9	3.6	0.00	0	-0.35	4.22	2.85
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.69	3.29
Extreme/Average	88.7	69.7	79.2	75.3	3.9	0.00	0	-0.76	6.05	2.91
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	89.3	71.1	80.2	74.8	5.4	0.23	1	-0.92	9.50	5.27
Natchitoches	90.4	71.7	81.1	76.1	5.0	0.11	1	-0.85	11.45	7.27
Extreme/Average	89.8	71.4	80.6	75.0	5.2	0.17	1	-0.89	10.47	6.27
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	86.7	72.1	79.4	76.4	3.0	0.02	1	-1.09	8.20	3.99
Bunkie	88.3	71.4	79.9	76.4	3.5	0.12	2	-1.09	7.51	2.86
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	84.0	69.7	76.9	76.0	0.9	0.47	1	-0.61	7.79	3.80
New Roads	91.2	73.0	82.1	76.6	5.8	0.00	0	-0.59	12.30	8.52
Extreme/Average	87.5	71.5	79.6	76.7	3.3	0.15	2	-0.84	8.95	4.79
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.40	6.22
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	8.36	(NA)
Slidell	85.1	72.1	78.6	76.6	2.0	0.61	1	-0.63	8.96	4.40
Extreme/Average	85.1	72.1	78.6	76.1	2.0	0.30	1	-0.63	7.91	5.31
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.3	(NA)	0.22	1	-1.00	12.15	7.54
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	86.0	73.1	79.6	76.9	2.7	0.78	1	-0.35	14.51	10.31
Oberlin Fire	87.2	72.4	79.8	76.0	4.0	0.02	1	-0.86	10.29	5.91
Extreme/Average	86.6	72.8	79.7	76.6	3.3	0.34	1	-0.74	12.32	7.92
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	88.6	70.1	79.4	76.6	2.8	1.37	1	0.30	4.95	1.05
Jeanerette	84.3	70.1	77.2	77.1	0.1	3.15	1	2.10	7.71	4.15
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	86.6	72.4	79.5	76.9	2.6	1.45	1	0.54	3.68	0.24
Extreme/Average	86.5	70.9	78.7	76.8	1.8	1.99	1	0.98	5.45	1.81
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	86.1	74.6	80.4	77.3	3.1	0.76	1	-0.36	4.56	1.02
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.69	2	0.67	8.07	4.41
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8.63	5.76
Extreme/Average	86.1	74.6	80.4	78.3	3.1	1.23	2	0.16	7.09	3.73
<b>State</b>	87.4	71.5	79.4	75.9	3.8	0.44	1	-0.50	8.44	4.71

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

<sup>2</sup> Departure from normal.