



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 8, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 41.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 59.1 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 69.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 77.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the central part of the State with an average of 2.80 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 8, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	95	84	95	85
Corn, emerged	82	38	84	56
Hay, first cutting	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice, planted	76	62	74	68
Rice, emerged	50	32	51	35
Sorghum, planted	15	10	28	29
Soybeans, planted	9	5	12	9
Soybeans, emerged	3	(NA)	3	1
Winter wheat, headed	78	58	66	48

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending April 8, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	3	38	59	0
Livestock	2	7	37	49	5
Pasture	2	11	39	44	4
Rice	1	6	28	64	1
Sugarcane	0	6	53	34	7
Vegetables	1	13	34	49	3
Winter wheat	2	11	42	45	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“High quality ryegrass is aiding in putting some much needed condition back on thin cows. Some ryegrass harvest has begun for haylage. Bermuda grass green-up is sporadic at best due to continued cool nights, however some producers have begun fertilizing taking advantage of favorable soil moisture conditions.”

– Jason Holmes, Union Parish

“Areas of Claiborne and Webster Parishes saw low temperatures of 31 degrees Fahrenheit on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Frost was noted in many areas. This is a setback for cattle and hay producers during a spring which has had poor forage growing conditions already. Many cattle producers continue to feed hay while supplies are getting low. Vegetable gardens were behind as well and some will need to be replanted after the frost.”

– Lee Faulk, Claiborne Parish

“Recent rainfall has slowed or stopped fieldwork across the parish. Farmers have been preparing to plant soybeans. Most farmers are ready to plant or continue planting once it dries enough to return to the field.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Got a good rainfall over the weekend should help give rice a needed boost. Cool weather last week will slow growth. Ryegrass is continuing to grow with cool weather.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish



“Rice was emerging nicely with very little rice left to be planted. Recent cool snaps have slowed growth some but should not impact overall production. Some needed showers have crossed the parish recently giving the rice an added push out of the ground. Some soybeans have been planted on the west side of the parish and more will be planted next week.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

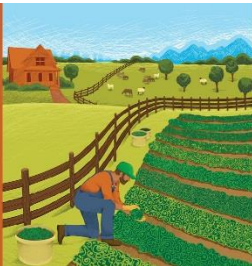
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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 8, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	73.8	48.0	60.9	60.4	0.5	2.29	3	1.29	7.49	3.27
Mooringsport	70.3	46.1	58.2	61.7	-3.5	1.97	3	1.14	5.60	1.95
Red River	75.8	55.2	65.5	61.8	4.1	1.05	1	0.45	6.06	2.61
Shreveport	72.4	48.9	60.6	61.2	-0.5	1.78	3	0.91	7.02	3.31
Extreme/Average	73.1	49.5	61.3	61.3	0.1	1.77	3	0.95	6.54	2.78
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	70.5	41.5	56.0	59.1	-3.1	1.14	3	0.52	5.96	2.70
Extreme/Average	70.5	41.5	56.0	60.2	-3.1	1.14	3	0.52	5.96	2.70
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	69.0	43.1	56.1	61.0	-5.0	1.66	3	0.81	5.49	4.03
St Joseph	75.4	50.8	63.1	63.0	0.3	0.68	1	-0.06	5.17	0.87
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.16
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.02	3.86
Extreme/Average	72.2	47.0	59.6	62.2	-2.3	1.17	3	0.38	3.67	2.15
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	75.0	52.0	63.5	63.0	0.5	2.44	4	1.44	11.68	7.63
Natchitoches	74.1	51.4	62.8	63.3	-0.5	2.43	3	0.99	7.73	2.39
Extreme/Average	74.5	51.7	63.1	62.8	0.0	2.44	4	1.21	9.71	5.01
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	74.1	51.3	62.7	63.8	-1.1	2.95	3	1.81	10.60	6.00
Bunkie	74.9	49.7	62.3	64.2	-1.9	2.57	4	1.52	6.47	2.40
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	75.1	50.9	63.0	63.0	0.0	3.39	3	2.33	8.57	4.04
New Roads	73.0	50.6	61.8	64.7	-2.9	2.30	2	1.26	5.22	1.28
Extreme/Average	74.3	50.6	62.5	64.3	-1.5	2.80	4	1.73	7.71	3.43
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.46	4	0.39	3.81	-0.28
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.41	3	(NA)	7.53	(NA)
Slidell	73.6	54.1	63.9	64.5	-0.6	2.36	3	1.28	5.24	0.62
Extreme/Average	73.6	54.1	63.9	64.1	-0.6	2.41	4	0.83	5.53	0.17
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	76.3	55.8	66.1	65.2	1.0	1.77	4	0.93	2.94	-0.51
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	74.6	53.4	64.0	64.9	-0.9	1.64	5	0.81	2.57	-1.04
Oberlin Fire	73.0	52.0	62.5	64.8	-2.3	1.77	3	0.79	3.91	0.12
Extreme/Average	74.6	53.7	64.2	64.8	-0.7	1.73	5	0.84	3.14	-0.48
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	76.6	52.4	64.5	64.9	-0.4	1.48	3	0.47	3.16	-0.69
Jeanerette	74.6	53.9	64.2	65.6	-1.4	1.19	3	0.27	2.43	-1.10
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	77.2	57.2	67.3	65.5	2.1	0.62	1	0.21	2.63	1.74
Extreme/Average	76.1	54.5	65.3	65.2	0.1	1.10	3	0.32	2.74	-0.02
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	74.7	58.2	66.4	66.0	0.4	1.45	2	0.86	3.48	-0.14
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.41	3	0.26	3.67	-0.65
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	76.3	59.1	67.7	(NA)	(NA)	0.98	3	(NA)	2.48	(NA)
Extreme/Average	75.5	58.7	67.1	66.0	0.4	1.28	3	0.56	3.21	-0.40
<b>State</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>5.32</b>	<b>1.61</b>

(NA) Not available.  
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.  
DFN = Departure From Normal.