



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 10, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 80 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 78 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 26.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 53.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 44.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 76.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Moderate precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the State with an average of 0.73 inch.

### Crop progress for week ending March 10, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Rice, planted	1	(NA)	3	1
Winter wheat, headed	2	(NA)	0	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

### Crop condition for week ending March 10, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	15	45	35	3
Pasture	2	21	45	29	3
Sugarcane	2	13	51	30	4
Vegetables	0	14	42	39	5
Winter wheat	1	15	45	35	4

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Conditions were still really wet for fieldwork. Some farmers began working ground for water-seeding rice. Area needs more sunny weather to begin to dry out. Spring grass was beginning to emerge but likely will be knocked back by cold weather.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Sugarcane farmers are trying to get back in their fields following a wet and muddy harvest. Cattle producers are feeding hay and using rye grass pastures as they deal with new born calves. Crawfishermen are dealing with up and down daily catches. Home gardens are getting off to a good start, but cold weather last week slowed plant growth.”

–Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“During the week, a light freeze nipped back tender spring growth in pastures, gardens, and orchards. Early blooming peaches, pears, strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries may have suffered some damage. Irish potatoes, snap beans, and sweet corn were damaged by the heavy frost, but will likely recover in most fields. Sugarcane growers on well drained soils were able to plow out stubble, clip and apply herbicides. Producers need an extended period of dry weather to allow heavier ground to dry out and allow fieldwork to begin. Rice growers are likely a couple of weeks away from planting provided the weather starts to dry up.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Last week’s weather was wet with more rain forecast for the upcoming week.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Last week was wet! Livestock producers are out of hay while some had no hay throughout the winter. There are lots of thin cattle. Spring burn down has been applied on many acres by air, some rice is being seeded by air, and the crawfish catch had a very slow start but improves with warmer temperatures.

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Fields remained wet slowing fieldwork to plant corn across the parish. Producers are having to apply any pesticides aerially so they can plant as soon as fields dry.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 10, 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	56.9	35.1	46.0	53.3	-7.3	0.69	3	-0.44	6.31	1.64
Mooringsport	57.0	37.9	47.4	54.1	-6.7	0.60	2	-0.42	2.41	-1.74
Red River	52.8	33.6	43.2	54.6	-11.1	0.13	1	-0.61	4.55	0.30
Shreveport	57.6	37.0	47.3	54.3	-7.0	0.41	3	-0.66	4.48	-0.12
Extreme/Average	56.1	35.9	46.0	54.1	-8.0	0.46	3	-0.53	4.44	0.02
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	52.8	31.0	41.9	51.9	-9.8	0.31	2	-0.73	6.01	0.91
Extreme/Average	52.8	31.0	41.9	53.0	-9.8	0.31	2	-0.73	6.01	0.91
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	56.0	38.6	47.3	53.3	-6.0	0.92	3	-0.30	8.73	4.05
St Joseph	49.4	30.8	40.1	55.8	-15.5	0.03	1	-0.96	6.35	1.25
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	44.3	26.3	35.3	55.2	-19.3	0.07	1	-0.47	5.26	0.56
Extreme/Average	49.9	31.9	40.9	54.9	-13.6	0.34	3	-0.58	6.78	1.95
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	61.3	44.3	52.8	56.6	-3.8	0.11	4	-1.01	2.69	-2.09
Natchitoches	60.0	42.1	51.1	56.9	-5.8	0.15	4	-0.76	4.86	0.05
Extreme/Average	60.6	43.2	51.9	55.9	-4.8	0.13	4	-0.89	3.78	-1.02
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	60.1	42.3	51.2	57.0	-5.8	0.15	5	-1.12	3.98	-1.34
Bunkie	60.6	42.7	51.6	57.5	-5.9	0.10	2	-1.09	5.41	0.36
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	56.0	40.4	48.2	55.9	-7.7	0.59	2	-0.75	4.57	-0.60
New Roads	51.8	38.0	44.9	58.1	-12.9	0.20	1	-0.44	4.72	0.37
Extreme/Average	57.1	40.9	49.0	57.6	-8.1	0.26	5	-0.85	4.67	-0.30
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.87	2	(NA)	5.04	(NA)
Slidell	62.9	44.4	53.6	58.5	-4.9	0.59	2	-0.61	7.22	2.37
Extreme/Average	62.9	44.4	53.6	58.3	-4.9	0.73	2	-0.61	6.13	2.37
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	56.6	36.6	46.6	58.3	-11.5	0.25	1	-0.43	4.05	0.08
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	60.9	43.9	52.4	58.7	-6.3	0.28	3	-0.67	3.05	-1.11
Oberlin Fire	60.7	44.0	52.4	58.3	-6.0	0.09	1	-0.95	4.51	-0.19
Extreme/Average	59.4	41.5	50.4	58.3	-7.9	0.21	3	-0.68	3.87	-0.41
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	63.7	42.7	53.2	59.0	-5.7	1.14	2	0.11	5.73	1.04
Jeanerette	58.4	36.4	47.4	59.5	-11.9	0.14	2	-0.52	3.73	-0.19
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	59.0	43.3	51.2	59.6	-8.3	0.06	1	-0.77	4.16	0.51
Extreme/Average	60.4	40.8	50.6	59.2	-8.7	0.45	2	-0.39	4.54	0.45
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	76.3	53.7	65.0	60.4	4.4	0.31	1	-0.32	3.70	0.10
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.59	2	-0.23	6.29	1.66
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.34	2.62
Extreme/Average	76.3	53.7	65.0	61.1	4.4	0.45	2	-0.28	5.11	1.46
<b>State</b>	59.8	40.7	50.2	57.1	-6.6	0.36	3	-0.63	5.01	0.57

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.