



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 19, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 68.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 87.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. Precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the west central part of the State with an average of 2.88 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 19, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, planted	66	38	85	83
Cotton, emerged	37	15	47	58
Hay, first cutting	40	26	68	53
Rice, planted	92	90	99	98
Rice, emerged	88	85	96	95
Sorghum, planted	93	91	94	96
Sorghum, emerged	81	76	86	88
Soybeans, planted	67	53	92	85
Soybeans, emerged	46	32	81	72
Soybeans, blooming	1	0	1	1
Sweet potatoes, planted	31	16	34	22
Winter wheat, coloring	90	84	96	85
Winter wheat, harvested	8	0	15	10

Crop condition for week ending May 19, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	10	38	50	2
Livestock	1	5	34	54	6
Pasture	1	7	38	48	6
Rice	0	6	30	53	11
Sorghum	0	0	51	45	4
Soybeans	0	9	44	44	3
Sugarcane	1	7	32	52	8
Vegetables	0	2	35	59	4
Winter wheat	0	13	40	45	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Consecutive days of dry weather and sunshine allowed for the progression of a lot of fieldwork, including soybeans and cotton being planted as well as sweet potatoes in some areas. Wheat harvest also began late last week. Recent thunderstorms will force growers to be idle once again for the next few days.”

– Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“Crop progress slowed over the last week by several rain events. Soybean plantings are behind schedule due to excessive rain and many acres will be replanted. The rice crop will make progress with warmer temperatures, many acres have been top dressed and under permanent flood. The sugarcane crop is progressing but still some fieldwork to be completed. Wet conditions have that slowed that progress. Cattle pastures improve and many hay acres are ready to bale waiting on improved weather conditions.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry conditions from mid to late this past week allowed for some timely fertilization and herbicide application prior to permanent flood in rice and allowed sugarcane farmers to complete some layby practices. Pastures and sugarcane are making good growth with adequate moisture and warmer conditions. Cattlemen continue to work cattle and calves as breeding season continues.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Wet field conditions improved by mid-week allowed sugarcane farmers to continue to fertilize and layby activities. Some late rice and soybeans were planted and some hay baled. Home gardens and sugarcane crop continue to improve.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Several inches of rain and strong winds impacted the parish over this past weekend. Growers will be out of the fields until the end of the week due to wet conditions. Crops are still progressing slowly due to cool conditions. Fruit growers are harvesting blackberries, peaches, and blueberries. Hay producers are waiting for a window to start cutting.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 19, 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	85.3	60.6	72.9	71.9	1.0	0.72	1	-0.29	8.84	4.29
Mooringsport	83.6	61.0	72.3	72.5	-0.2	0.58	1	-0.29	10.43	6.89
Red River	84.3	64.9	74.6	73.6	1.0	0.50	1	-0.54	7.79	3.45
Shreveport	83.4	59.1	71.3	72.5	-1.3	0.61	1	-0.47	7.78	2.95
Extreme/Average	84.1	61.4	72.8	72.6	0.1	0.60	1	-0.40	8.71	4.39
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	83.1	57.6	70.4	70.2	0.1	1.30	1	0.26	8.20	4.05
Extreme/Average	83.1	57.6	70.4	71.2	0.1	1.30	1	0.26	8.20	4.05
Northeast										
Lake Providence	82.4	61.7	72.1	72.9	-0.8	1.14	1	-0.05	7.68	2.67
St Joseph	84.9	60.0	72.4	74.4	-2.0	1.83	1	0.77	7.98	3.98
Tallulah	87.0	65.5	76.3	73.1	2.5	1.75	1	1.40	4.22	2.89
Winnsboro	75.0	56.0	65.5	73.8	-7.5	0.00	0	-0.16	5.69	2.10
Extreme/Average	82.3	60.8	71.6	73.6	-2.0	1.18	1	0.49	6.39	2.91
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	84.3	59.3	71.8	73.1	-1.3	2.97	1	1.90	10.42	6.44
Natchitoches	86.7	62.1	74.4	74.7	-0.3	2.79	1	1.88	13.48	9.49
Extreme/Average	85.5	60.7	73.1	73.4	-0.8	2.88	1	1.89	11.95	7.96
Central										
Alexandria	83.1	62.6	72.9	74.7	-1.8	3.30	1	2.25	9.44	5.37
Bunkie	84.1	62.0	73.1	74.8	-1.7	2.00	1	0.80	9.72	5.18
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	81.7	61.7	71.7	74.3	-2.6	0.90	1	-0.08	7.98	4.28
New Roads	85.7	64.9	75.3	75.0	0.3	0.40	1	-0.67	13.01	8.80
Extreme/Average	83.7	62.8	73.2	75.1	-1.5	1.65	1	0.57	10.04	5.91
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.40	6.22
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	7.28	(NA)
Slidell	82.7	66.3	74.5	75.0	-0.5	0.49	1	-0.66	11.11	6.86
Extreme/Average	82.7	66.3	74.5	74.5	-0.5	0.24	1	-0.66	8.26	6.54
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.7	(NA)	2.05	2	0.93	13.36	8.97
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	82.6	64.0	73.3	75.4	-2.1	2.95	1	1.89	15.20	11.29
Oberlin Fire	83.3	61.7	72.5	74.5	-2.0	1.70	1	0.52	10.38	5.85
Extreme/Average	82.9	62.9	72.9	75.0	-2.1	2.23	2	1.11	12.98	8.70
South central										
Donaldsonville	85.1	63.1	74.1	75.0	-0.9	0.05	1	-0.90	5.14	1.36
Jeanerette	83.3	63.7	73.5	75.6	-2.1	0.00	0	-0.90	6.34	2.92
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	84.1	67.6	75.9	75.4	0.4	0.09	1	-0.79	5.29	1.98
Extreme/Average	84.2	64.8	74.5	75.3	-0.8	0.05	1	-0.86	5.59	2.09
Southeast										
Galliano	82.5	68.3	75.4	75.7	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.86	4.34	1.22
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.59	1	0.82	8.33	4.66
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	82.5	68.3	75.4	76.8	-0.3	0.80	1	-0.02	6.33	2.94
State	83.3	62.9	73.1	74.3	-0.9	1.30	1	0.33	9.01	5.30

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.