



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 22, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 55.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 66.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 80.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Most of the State received some rain, with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the State with an average of 2.41 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 22, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	99	97	100	97
Corn, emerged	95	89	96	90
Hay, first cutting	13	4	24	8
Rice, planted	90	87	88	83
Rice, emerged	73	66	78	67
Sorghum, planted	40	35	75	69
Sorghum, emerged	15	0	45	49
Soybeans, planted	26	16	56	31
Soybeans, emerged	11	6	31	13
Winter wheat, headed	92	89	93	86
Winter wheat, mature	9	1	19	7

Crop condition for week ending April 22, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	9	48	42	1
Livestock	1	5	34	54	6
Pasture	1	9	37	50	3
Rice	0	11	41	46	2
Sugarcane	0	5	50	39	6
Vegetables	2	10	37	44	7
Winter wheat	0	10	47	40	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Ryegrass harvest for high moisture haylage is in full swing; however no low moisture ryegrass hay was harvested due to inadequate drying conditions. Cold nights still have warm season grasses in a lurch, leaving cattle producers in a prolonged transition period between cool season and warm season grazing.”

– Jason Holmes, Union Parish

“The story remained the same this week, cool and wet!! A round of showers over the weekend and cool temperatures delayed crop progress. Corn, rice, and sugarcane stands are slow to move. Warmer weather is needed. Livestock pasture is green and lush with clover and ryegrass stands helping to extend grazing time. The spring crops are not so well due to cooler than average temperatures.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Favorable conditions this week allowed for the remaining rice to be put in the ground. Rice is emerging well but cooler temperatures have put the rice at a stand-still; it is just not moving fast right now. Rain showers this past weekend caused some fields to become wet but stronger winds are drying out the fields. More soybeans will be planted this week. More crawfish ponds are being drained and being prepared for late-planting of rice.”

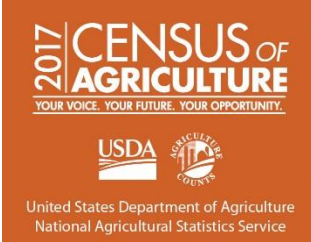
– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Rain over the weekend with amounts averaging 0.75 inches. Cool temperatures have slowed the growth of sugarcane and soybeans, but everything is holding its own. Farmers should get back into the field by tomorrow afternoon. Sugarcane fertilization is about 65% complete.”


– Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“Rain throughout the parish stopped farmers from fertilizing sugarcane fields and planting soybeans for most of the past week. Cool temperatures are slowing spring sugarcane growth. Most farmers have fertilized at least half of their sugarcane crop.”

– Blair Hebert, Saint Martin Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 22, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	73.3	42.9	58.1	64.1	-6.0	2.91	1	1.70	11.55	7.18
Mooringsport	68.7	42.3	55.5	65.3	-9.9	2.33	1	1.61	8.38	5.18
Red River	71.4	47.0	59.2	65.7	-6.5	1.81	1	0.74	9.97	5.90
Shreveport	71.9	43.7	57.8	64.9	-7.1	2.58	1	1.47	10.36	6.55
Extreme/Average	71.3	44.0	57.6	65.0	-7.4	2.41	1	1.38	10.06	6.20
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	71.8	43.8	57.8	62.7	-4.7	0.00	0	-0.83	7.27	3.36
Extreme/Average	71.8	43.8	57.8	63.9	-4.7	0.00	0	-0.83	7.27	3.36
Northeast										
Lake Providence	68.7	47.9	58.3	65.1	-6.8	0.65	1	-0.67	7.58	4.50
St Joseph	71.4	47.9	59.6	66.7	-7.0	0.90	1	-0.12	7.76	3.50
Tallulah	80.0	51.0	65.5	65.7	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.16	0.00	-0.32
Winnsboro	66.0	43.0	54.5	66.2	-11.0	0.00	0	-0.36	7.84	3.89
Extreme/Average	71.5	47.5	59.5	65.9	-6.3	0.39	1	-0.33	5.79	2.89
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	75.0	49.1	62.1	66.0	-4.0	1.76	1	0.81	11.33	7.37
Natchitoches	72.9	49.9	61.4	67.2	-5.9	0.42	1	-0.39	8.60	3.80
Extreme/Average	74.0	49.5	61.7	66.2	-4.9	1.09	1	0.21	9.96	5.58
Central										
Alexandria	73.7	47.9	60.8	67.2	-6.4	0.70	1	-0.36	9.66	5.17
Bunkie	74.9	47.1	61.0	67.6	-6.6	0.70	1	-0.42	6.24	2.23
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	71.7	46.3	59.0	66.9	-7.8	0.50	1	-0.32	8.41	4.42
New Roads	71.8	49.7	60.8	68.1	-7.4	1.05	1	0.12	5.99	1.95
Extreme/Average	73.0	47.8	60.4	67.8	-7.1	0.74	1	-0.24	7.58	3.44
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.31	1	-0.83	5.22	0.88
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.88	1	(NA)	7.77	(NA)
Slidell	72.6	53.0	62.8	67.7	-4.9	0.30	1	-0.67	8.30	3.96
Extreme/Average	72.6	53.0	62.8	67.3	-4.9	0.50	1	-0.75	7.10	2.42
Southwest										
Crowley	78.5	53.5	66.0	68.7	-2.6	0.00	0	-0.56	3.88	0.68
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	72.6	50.1	61.4	68.3	-7.0	1.05	1	0.18	4.43	0.93
Oberlin Fire	72.1	49.3	60.7	68.0	-7.3	1.40	1	0.34	5.70	1.68
Extreme/Average	74.4	51.0	62.7	68.1	-5.6	0.82	1	-0.01	4.67	1.10
South central										
Donaldsonville	73.3	47.9	60.6	68.1	-7.5	0.25	1	-0.80	7.64	3.52
Jeanerette	72.2	49.2	60.7	68.8	-7.9	0.00	0	-0.71	4.38	0.85
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	73.6	52.0	62.8	68.8	-6.0	0.30	1	-0.43	5.84	3.32
Extreme/Average	73.0	49.7	61.4	68.5	-7.1	0.18	1	-0.65	5.95	2.56
Southeast										
Galliano	72.2	55.3	63.8	68.9	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.74	5.93	2.90
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.43	1	-0.71	7.24	2.64
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	80.3	54.3	67.3	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	6.86	(NA)
Extreme/Average	76.2	54.8	65.5	68.9	-5.1	0.14	1	-0.72	6.68	2.77
State	73.3	49.2	61.2	67.0	-5.8	0.65	1	-0.26	7.04	3.16

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.