



**United States Department of Agriculture
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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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Week Ending March 22, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 22, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 76 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 64.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 64.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 82.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Donaldsonville. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the state with an average of 1.82 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 22, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	1	0	17	48
Rice, planted	4	0	12	23
Winter Wheat, headed	2	1	2	12

Crop condition for week ending March 22, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	8	50	38	3
Pasture	3	23	42	28	4
Sugarcane	3	13	52	29	3
Vegetables	4	30	39	25	2
Winter Wheat	3	18	40	37	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Saturated soils continue to delay corn and rice planting. A couple of corn producers planted sandier fields early last week, but overall, are behind.”

– Donna Morgan, Rapides Parish

“We were able to plant a little corn. Pastures are starting to show signs of coming out of winter. Cattle are in pretty good shape from wet cold weather.”

– Miles J Brashier, Pointe Coupee Parish

“A few producers were able to plant a few acres of corn the end of last week before rain set in again. We received about 1.25 inches of rain over the weekend.”

– Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Rains continue to hamper field progress. A spring flush of weeds has emerged with the warmer weather conditions. Growers are getting anxious to plant and cultivate fields. Sugarcane appears to be emerging from winter with good stand populations. Ryegrass pastures are reaching maximum growth levels.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rice producers still awaiting word on Section 18 approval on AV 10-11 bird repellent before planting. Blackbirds and ducks are still hanging around. Crawfish production has increased but still catching a bunch of small crawfish. There were several producers who reported seeing dying crawfish in the fields.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia Parish

“Field conditions have improved in the last week. The corn planting is being delayed due to wet conditions; a little rice is being planted. Winter planted pasture has an abundant amount of forage due to warmer temperatures. Crawfish producers catches are improving some but water quality related is becoming a problem. Home gardens and grounds are getting some attention in the recent days.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 22, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	67.3	52.3	59.8	56.4	3.4	2.36	4	1.33	9.52	4.97
Mooringsport	64.7	51.6	58.1	57.5	0.6	1.45	4	0.54	9.93	5.92
Red River	68.9	54.1	61.5	57.6	3.9	NA	NA	NA	9.64	5.95
Shreveport	69.0	53.7	61.4	57.3	4.0	1.66	4	0.74	12.01	7.88
Extreme/Average	67.5	52.9	60.2	57.2	3.0	1.82	4	0.87	10.28	6.18
North Central										
Calhoun	71.4	53.4	62.4	56.1	6.3	0.83	3	-0.24	7.98	3.29
Farmerville	66.3	51.7	59.0	57.2	1.8	NA	NA	NA	9.37	4.75
Homer	66.0	51.0	58.5	55.0	3.5	2.16	3	1.56	7.75	5.84
Extreme/Average	67.9	52.0	60.0	56.1	3.9	1.50	3	0.66	8.37	4.63
Northeast										
Lake Providence	69.1	52.7	60.9	56.5	4.4	1.18	4	0.74	5.22	3.49
St Joseph	78.6	56.6	67.6	59.0	8.8	NA	NA	NA	7.62	2.87
Tallulah	72.7	57.5	65.1	58.2	6.9	0.96	2	0.00	6.41	2.28
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	58.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	73.5	55.6	64.5	58.0	6.7	1.07	4	0.37	6.42	2.88
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	57.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	75.0	57.0	66.0	59.0	7.4	0.14	4	-0.47	5.04	0.93
Leesville	77.9	57.6	67.7	59.6	8.2	1.85	1	0.85	7.04	2.68
Natchitoches	72.6	55.0	63.8	59.6	4.1	2.06	4	0.67	7.50	3.14
Extreme/Average	75.2	56.5	65.8	59.0	6.6	1.35	4	0.35	6.53	2.25
Central										
Alexandria	77.1	58.1	67.6	60.0	7.6	NA	NA	NA	7.68	2.72
Bunkie	78.3	58.9	68.6	60.4	8.2	0.65	4	-0.38	8.04	3.41
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	62.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	77.4	58.7	68.1	58.7	9.3	0.95	3	-0.25	7.46	2.31
New Roads	81.2	60.3	70.8	60.8	10.0	1.10	1	0.33	8.24	4.09
Extreme/Average	78.5	59.0	68.8	60.4	8.8	0.90	4	-0.10	7.86	3.13
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.53	1	-0.44	5.38	1.00
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	60.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.00	2	NA	9.26	NA
Slidell	80.7	62.1	71.4	NA	NA	0.64	1	NA	6.21	NA
Extreme/Average	80.7	62.1	71.4	60.4	NA	0.72	2	-0.44	6.95	1.00
Southwest										
Crowley	79.9	63.1	71.5	61.3	10.2	0.48	2	-0.35	5.25	1.54
DeRidder	76.3	59.3	67.8	60.9	6.9	2.27	1	1.18	6.91	2.54
Jennings	78.7	62.7	70.7	61.3	9.4	0.09	4	-0.81	3.89	0.12
Oberlin Fire	78.6	59.0	68.8	61.2	7.9	0.00	1	-0.64	6.86	3.01
Extreme/Average	78.4	61.0	69.7	61.2	8.6	0.71	4	-0.16	5.73	1.80
South Central										
Donaldsonville	82.7	62.0	72.4	61.5	10.9	0.12	NA	-0.77	4.70	0.65
Jeanerette	80.4	61.6	71.0	62.1	8.9	0.05	1	-0.78	3.52	0.03
Lafayette	80.6	61.6	71.1	61.4	9.7	0.42	1	-0.37	6.12	2.23
Morgan City	81.5	60.8	71.2	61.9	9.3	0.01	1	-0.76	2.76	-0.89
Extreme/Average	81.3	61.5	71.4	61.7	9.7	0.15	1	-0.67	4.28	0.51
Southeast										
Galliano	80.6	64.4	72.5	62.8	9.7	0.01	1	-1.00	5.33	1.02
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.05	1	-0.97	5.82	1.41
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.6	64.4	72.5	62.8	9.7	0.03	1	-0.98	4.54	1.21
State	76.2	58.6	67.4	59.8	6.5	0.89	3	-0.04	6.78	2.61

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.