



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 11, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 34 percent adequate, and 66 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 58 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 53.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 59.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 74.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 1.55 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending March 11, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Rice, planted	4	(NA)	4	3

(NA) Not available.

### Crop condition for week ending March 11, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	3	10	43	42	2
Pasture	6	19	40	29	6
Sugarcane	0	5	62	25	8
Vegetables	3	16	37	41	3
Winter wheat	0	9	55	33	3

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Drying conditions over next few days should allow cattlemen to resume fertilizing ryegrass. Hay feeding continued for many as ryegrass growth has been slow. Pasture conditions should improve rapidly with adequate moisture and the milder temperatures, along with plentiful sunshine.”

– Jason Holmes, Union Parish

“All production areas are extremely wet. A very small number of corn acres were planted two weeks ago. Some rice acres have been water seeded with more being seeded this week. Hay supplies for cattle herds have been fairly well exhausted, as winter pasture plantings are offering marginal grazing. Cattle are getting thin in many areas. The crawfish catch has been slow, but producers say they are seeing improvements to their catch daily.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Most producers are preparing ground to plant corn and soybeans, but continued wet conditions are making it very difficult. Some producers are applying burndown with the help of aerial applicators or smaller ground rigs. Wet conditions have slowed corn planting in our area.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Rice planting is off to good start, but drier weather conditions would help. Sugarcane farmers are watching the wind and waiting for drier conditions to put out herbicides. Cattle ranchers have stopped haying as spring green up has started.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Cooler temperatures have slowed down pastures and planting. Soil moisture is still high and slowing the progress of planting as well. Ground preparation continued where dry conditions were present.”

– Bradley Pousson, Cameron Parish

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**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 11, 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	72.5	42.7	57.6	53.5	4.1	0.20	2	-0.76	8.15	3.30
Mooringsport	68.1	43.1	55.6	54.4	1.2	0.71	3	-0.30	6.88	2.94
Red River	67.2	42.2	54.7	54.9	0.1	0.19	1	-0.53	8.44	4.23
Shreveport	69.6	41.4	55.5	54.6	0.9	1.11	3	0.02	9.77	5.19
Extreme/Average	69.3	42.4	55.9	54.3	1.6	0.55	3	-0.39	8.31	3.92
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	53.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	54.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	65.2	34.2	49.7	52.1	-2.2	0.89	2	0.02	10.99	6.26
Extreme/Average	65.2	34.2	49.7	53.2	-2.2	0.89	2	0.02	10.99	6.26
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	66.9	43.4	55.1	53.6	1.5	1.29	3	0.07	9.03	5.64
St Joseph	68.0	42.0	55.0	56.1	-0.8	1.42	1	0.44	6.12	1.43
Tallulah	59.5	37.0	48.3	55.3	-7.2	0.00	0	-0.36	0.27	-0.28
Winnsboro	69.2	43.8	56.5	55.5	1.4	0.84	1	0.11	8.78	3.92
Extreme/Average	65.9	41.5	53.7	55.1	-1.3	0.89	3	0.07	6.05	2.68
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	54.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	55.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Leesville	73.6	47.0	60.3	56.9	3.4	1.51	2	0.40	13.00	8.25
Natchitoches	71.0	47.9	59.4	57.2	2.3	1.56	2	0.64	9.00	4.26
Extreme/Average	72.3	47.5	59.9	56.2	2.8	1.54	2	0.52	11.00	6.25
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	69.4	46.1	57.8	57.2	0.6	0.85	1	-0.40	9.04	3.93
Bunkie	70.1	45.4	57.8	57.8	0.0	0.78	1	-0.40	5.98	0.96
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	59.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	68.9	45.0	56.9	56.2	0.8	1.18	1	-0.15	6.64	1.49
New Roads	66.8	47.2	57.0	58.4	-1.0	1.40	2	0.77	3.30	-1.20
Extreme/Average	68.8	45.9	57.4	57.9	0.1	1.05	2	-0.05	6.24	1.30
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.72	1	0.59	4.38	-0.86
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	58.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.49	2	NA	4.71	NA
Slidell	69.3	48.4	58.9	58.8	0.1	1.34	2	0.15	3.17	-1.66
Extreme/Average	69.3	48.4	58.9	58.5	0.1	1.52	2	0.37	4.09	-1.26
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	68.0	46.6	57.3	58.6	-1.0	1.13	1	0.46	3.29	-0.63
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	58.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	69.3	49.7	59.5	58.9	0.6	1.12	3	0.17	2.84	-1.28
Oberlin Fire	69.3	44.8	57.1	58.6	-1.4	2.39	1	1.51	5.66	1.14
Extreme/Average	68.9	47.0	58.0	58.6	-0.6	1.55	3	0.71	3.93	-0.26
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	66.0	45.7	55.9	59.2	-3.3	1.69	3	0.68	4.56	-0.07
Jeanerette	67.8	46.0	56.9	59.7	-2.6	0.78	2	0.13	3.22	-0.65
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	58.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	74.0	53.0	63.5	59.8	4.3	0.00	0	-0.14	0.39	-2.68
Extreme/Average	69.3	48.2	58.8	59.4	-0.6	0.82	3	0.22	2.72	-1.13
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	68.2	52.6	60.4	60.6	-0.2	0.47	3	-0.65	1.22	-3.34
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.55	2	0.45	5.28	0.57
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	68.2	52.6	60.4	60.6	-0.2	1.01	3	-0.10	3.25	-1.39
<b>State</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>6.16</b>	<b>1.64</b>

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.

NA = Not Available.