



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 25, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 44.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 58.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City to 78.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the central part of the state with an average of 0.72 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 25, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	63	8	74	46
Corn, emerged	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice, planted	38	18	39	30
Rice, emerged	7	(NA)	7	4
Winter wheat, headed	27	10	33	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending March 25, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	3	10	39	43	5
Pasture	3	18	41	35	3
Sugarcane	1	10	59	24	6
Vegetables	3	15	42	39	1
Winter wheat	4	14	53	29	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Drier field conditions benefited producers who are planting corn. A lot of ground has been covered in the past week. With heavy rain forecast for later in the week; a hard push to get corn planted has been under way. Sweet potato bedding is under way as well.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll Parish

“Progress was made in the last several days with planting corn and rice. As ground conditions improve by drying out, work will progress quickly on soybean and sugarcane acres. Pasture conditions are slow to rebound after being saturated for an extended period of time during late winter. Cattle herds struggle to pick up weight as forages are slow to get growing. The crawfish catch is mixed but has improved in recent days with sunshine and spring like conditions.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“With the increasing warm weather, most fields are being prepared for planting. There should be watermelons and other vining crops planted by the middle of next month. Fruit and other citrus trees are also being planted and looking like a bumper crop based upon chilling hours this past winter.”

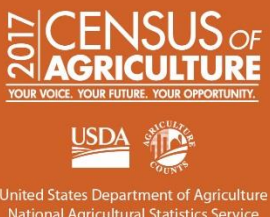
– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Favorable weather last week allowed for more rice to get planted. Fields have dried up allowing farmers to drill more rice than originally thought due to the very wet beginning to spring. A shower would be beneficial in the next week to activate the herbicides that were put out. Pastures are starting to green up and are looking good. Vegetables have ideal conditions as temperatures have been great with lots of sunshine.”


– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Drier conditions have finally allowed farmers to make significant progress with fieldwork. Rice and corn planting are well underway. Sugarcane herbicide and fertilizer was being applied to fields. Ryegrass is finally taking off for cattle producers.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 25, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	74.7	48.0	61.4	57.1	4.3	0.00	0	-1.05	2.53	-1.74
Mooringsport	72.7	49.9	61.3	58.3	3.0	0.00	0	-0.93	3.00	-0.93
Red River	72.0	47.4	59.7	58.4	1.6	0.00	0	-0.64	2.82	-0.82
Shreveport	73.7	49.4	61.6	58.0	3.6	(NA)	0	-0.94	3.87	-0.18
Extreme/Average	73.3	48.7	61.0	57.9	3.1	0.00	0	-0.89	3.05	-0.92
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	73.4	44.0	58.7	55.7	3.0	0.03	1	-0.87	4.53	0.53
Extreme/Average	73.4	44.0	58.7	56.8	3.0	0.03	1	-0.87	4.53	0.53
Northeast										
Lake Providence	70.1	49.3	59.7	57.3	2.4	(NA)	0	-1.04	4.25	1.68
St Joseph	74.6	49.0	61.8	59.7	2.1	0.09	2	-1.05	6.92	1.99
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.27	-0.28
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.34	1.31
Extreme/Average	72.3	49.1	60.8	58.7	2.3	0.09	2	-1.04	3.69	1.18
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	77.9	51.3	64.6	60.2	4.4	0.95	1	-0.05	7.79	3.51
Natchitoches	74.4	52.3	63.4	60.3	3.1	0.28	1	-1.21	3.98	-0.54
Extreme/Average	76.2	51.8	64.0	59.7	3.7	0.61	1	-0.63	5.88	1.48
Central										
Alexandria	77.6	52.6	65.1	60.7	4.3	1.01	1	-0.11	5.85	1.19
Bunkie	75.1	51.6	63.4	61.1	2.3	1.09	1	0.09	4.23	-0.27
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	74.9	50.6	62.7	59.4	3.3	0.75	1	-0.43	7.22	2.34
New Roads	75.9	51.7	63.8	61.5	2.3	0.02	1	-0.91	4.92	0.96
Extreme/Average	75.9	51.6	63.7	61.1	3.0	0.72	1	-0.34	5.56	1.06
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.24	1	-0.73	5.34	0.94
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.32	1	(NA)	5.69	(NA)
Slidell	72.9	52.7	62.8	61.8	1.0	0.12	1	-1.05	3.92	-0.79
Extreme/Average	72.9	52.7	62.8	61.4	1.0	0.56	1	-0.89	4.98	0.07
Southwest										
Crowley	78.0	53.8	65.9	62.0	3.7	0.00	0	-0.74	3.13	-0.39
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	76.3	54.4	65.4	61.9	3.5	0.01	1	-0.92	2.38	-1.36
Oberlin Fire	74.1	51.3	62.7	61.8	0.9	0.03	1	-0.88	3.76	-0.21
Extreme/Average	76.1	53.2	64.7	61.8	2.7	0.01	1	-0.85	3.09	-0.65
South central										
Donaldsonville	75.6	51.6	63.6	62.1	1.5	(NA)	0	-0.91	4.62	0.68
Jeanerette	75.1	53.4	64.3	62.8	1.5	0.00	0	-0.84	2.99	-0.54
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	70.0	48.0	59.0	62.5	-3.5	0.00	0	-0.12	0.25	-0.99
Extreme/Average	73.6	51.0	62.3	62.4	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.62	2.62	-0.28
Southeast										
Galliano	73.9	55.0	64.4	63.4	1.0	0.30	1	-0.67	1.36	-2.87
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-1.01	4.26	-0.04
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	76.0	58.3	67.2	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	1.27	(NA)
Extreme/Average	75.0	56.6	65.8	63.4	1.0	0.10	1	-0.84	2.30	-1.46
State	74.5	51.2	62.8	60.5	2.3	0.25	1	-0.76	4.01	0.09

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.