



# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 1, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 53.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley. Highs ranged from 71.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City to 81.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Crowley and Leesville. The precipitation for this week was heavy throughout Louisiana, with the highest concentration in the west central part of the state with an average of 5.74 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending April 1, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	84	63	89	69
Corn, emerged	38	9	62	32
Rice, planted	62	38	60	49
Rice, emerged	32	7	32	16
Sorghum, planted	10	0	17	15
Soybeans, planted	5	0	3	3
Winter wheat, headed	58	27	45	26

(NA) Not available.

### Crop condition for week ending April 1, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	2	7	38	45	8
Pasture	1	10	39	42	8
Sugarcane	1	8	48	38	5
Vegetables	3	12	34	48	3
Winter wheat	1	9	46	44	0

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Mid-week rains of 4.5 to 5.5 inches fell, stopping planting and fieldwork in Morehouse Parish. High rivers and bayous causing backwater flooding which is a concern.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Rain last week has summer pasture and sugarcane growing. More rainfall is needed. The small amount of rain was not enough to limit fieldwork. Rice planting is nearing completion with good stands obtained.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Recent rainfall over the week slowed fieldwork over the parish. Growers are gearing up to plant soybeans. Sugarcane growers are still contemplating whether to plow out some weak stands. Cool temperatures are helping to prolong spring grass growth. Hay fields and some sugarcane are being fertilized. Spring vegetable planting is in full swing.”

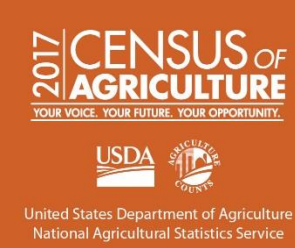
– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Favorable weather conditions allowed for sugarcane farmers to apply fertilizer and work fallow ground.”


– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Improved field conditions allowed many acres of corn and rice to be planted over the last week. Fieldwork continued in other crop areas where field conditions allowed. Pastures and grazing conditions also improve as soils dry throughout the area, allowing for clover and some emerging warm season grasses to establish. Over the next few weeks many soybean acres will be prepared for planting. The crawfish catch has been good and improving with warmer conditions.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish



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**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 1, 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	76.6	54.6	65.6	(NA)	(NA)	5.00	3	3.88	5.40	1.06
Mooringsport	74.0	53.6	63.8	(NA)	(NA)	3.58	2	2.62	4.34	0.51
Red River	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.64	-1.92
Shreveport	75.6	54.6	65.1	(NA)	(NA)	4.90	3	3.96	6.36	2.43
Extreme/Average	75.4	54.3	64.8	(NA)	(NA)	4.49	3	3.49	4.19	0.52
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	74.5	53.0	63.8	(NA)	(NA)	4.79	3	3.85	6.34	2.50
Extreme/Average	74.5	53.0	63.8	(NA)	(NA)	4.79	3	3.85	6.34	2.50
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	73.1	55.6	64.4	(NA)	(NA)	3.58	2	2.93	5.12	3.65
St Joseph	78.0	55.6	66.8	(NA)	(NA)	2.98	3	1.84	5.91	1.18
Tallulah	72.0	55.0	63.5	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.16	0.00	-0.52
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.02	1	3.86	4.86	3.97
Extreme/Average	74.4	55.4	64.9	(NA)	(NA)	2.65	3	2.12	3.97	2.07
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	81.3	59.0	70.1	(NA)	(NA)	6.73	2	5.69	10.75	6.59
Natchitoches	79.7	59.1	69.4	(NA)	(NA)	4.74	3	3.47	6.86	2.04
Extreme/Average	80.5	59.0	69.8	(NA)	(NA)	5.74	3	4.58	8.80	4.31
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	78.0	59.1	68.6	(NA)	(NA)	5.38	2	4.19	8.50	3.79
Bunkie	78.2	59.3	68.8	(NA)	(NA)	2.17	2	1.24	4.68	0.48
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	76.5	56.7	66.6	(NA)	(NA)	3.22	2	2.16	6.36	1.56
New Roads	77.7	58.4	68.1	(NA)	(NA)	0.60	1	-0.43	5.27	1.32
Extreme/Average	77.6	58.4	68.0	(NA)	(NA)	2.84	2	1.79	6.20	1.79
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.76	2	-0.28	4.07	-0.08
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.30	2	(NA)	5.73	(NA)
Slidell	76.0	60.6	68.3	(NA)	(NA)	1.00	1	-0.23	4.22	-0.51
Extreme/Average	76.0	60.6	68.3	(NA)	(NA)	1.02	2	-0.26	4.67	-0.29
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	81.3	68.0	74.7	(NA)	(NA)	0.81	2	0.16	2.56	-0.74
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	77.4	60.7	69.1	(NA)	(NA)	0.79	2	-0.16	2.05	-1.68
Oberlin Fire	76.1	60.1	68.1	(NA)	(NA)	1.65	2	0.67	4.64	0.81
Extreme/Average	78.3	62.9	70.6	(NA)	(NA)	1.08	2	0.22	3.08	-0.54
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	79.1	60.3	69.7	(NA)	(NA)	1.11	2	0.08	3.37	-0.48
Jeanerette	77.4	61.6	69.5	(NA)	(NA)	1.11	2	0.16	2.02	-1.48
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	71.0	60.0	65.5	(NA)	(NA)	2.01	1	1.65	2.01	1.39
Extreme/Average	75.8	60.6	68.2	(NA)	(NA)	1.41	2	0.63	2.47	-0.19
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	76.6	63.7	70.1	(NA)	(NA)	1.17	1	0.17	2.50	-1.65
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.10	1	-0.05	3.81	-0.46
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	78.5	64.3	71.4	(NA)	(NA)	1.50	1	(NA)	2.47	(NA)
Extreme/Average	77.5	64.0	70.8	(NA)	(NA)	1.26	1	0.06	2.93	-1.05
<b>State</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>4.74</b>	<b>0.92</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.