



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 14 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 44.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 53.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 69.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 76.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville. Light precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 0.71 inch.

Crop progress for week ending March 31, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	87	50	81	64
Corn, emerged	22	2	34	25
Rice, planted	49	25	59	45
Rice, emerged	14	1	28	17
Sorghum, planted	19	0	9	8
Soybeans, planted	9	1	4	2
Winter wheat, headed	55	30	54	30

Crop condition for week ending March 31, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	10	43	42	4
Pasture	1	13	43	39	4
Sugarcane	1	11	42	39	7
Vegetables	0	6	39	51	4
Winter wheat	3	11	46	40	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Weather has been beneficial to spring planting. Last week, all areas of production were making progress. A general rain will be in order to get spring seeded crops up. Conditions were drying out.”

– Vince Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Favorable conditions last week allowed for more rice to be planted. Emergence was good and rice was coming up nicely. Many farmers were flushing their fields in order to move the rice along. Pastures were greening up. Crawfish catch and size were increasing.”

–Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Sugarcane farmers continued to make excellent progress in their fields. Nearly all sugarcane fields have been sprayed, and many fields were cultivated as nearly all sugarcane farmers have started to apply fertilizer. Older stubble was being plowed and fields were being prepared for next year's crop or soybean planting. Some hay pastures were cut and baled. Cattle producers continued to care for new calves, and home gardens were growing slowly. All agriculture could use warmer weather and some rain.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Dry conditions persisted during the week and allowed for good progress in rice planting and sugarcane fieldwork. Cattle producers continued to turn out bulls and calve. Some were still feeding. Warmer temperatures and a bit of rain would help summer pastures to develop.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Drier conditions over the past week have really helped farmers catch up on fieldwork. Rice and corn planting were at full throttle and producers began soybean planting. However, the forecasted unseasonably cool temps and rain will likely slow things down.”

– Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 31, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	71.9	47.4	59.6	58.5	1.1	0.68	3	-0.42	4.03	-0.29
Mooringsport	72.2	50.7	61.4	59.8	1.7	0.57	1	-0.26	2.17	-1.54
Red River	74.0	49.4	61.7	59.8	2.1	0.45	1	-0.25	2.23	-1.31
Shreveport	72.0	48.1	60.1	59.3	0.7	0.88	3	-0.07	2.86	-1.08
Extreme/Average	72.5	48.9	60.7	59.4	1.4	0.65	3	-0.25	2.82	-1.06
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	69.9	44.4	57.1	57.1	0.0	0.71	2	-0.38	4.35	0.04
Extreme/Average	69.9	44.4	57.1	58.3	0.0	0.71	2	-0.38	4.35	0.04
Northeast										
Lake Providence	72.9	48.6	60.7	58.9	1.8	1.07	3	-0.01	3.48	-0.82
St Joseph	74.2	45.0	59.6	61.1	-1.3	0.07	1	-0.75	0.59	-4.03
Tallulah	71.0	49.0	60.0	60.3	-0.9	0.20	1	-0.14	0.20	-0.45
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.07	-0.84
Extreme/Average	72.7	47.5	60.1	60.2	-0.1	0.45	3	-0.30	1.08	-1.54
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	76.9	47.7	62.3	61.4	0.8	0.59	3	-0.45	0.76	-3.41
Natchitoches	76.1	49.6	62.9	61.5	1.4	0.29	3	-1.03	1.22	-3.56
Extreme/Average	76.5	48.7	62.6	61.1	1.1	0.44	3	-0.74	0.99	-3.49
Central										
Alexandria	73.6	49.9	61.7	62.1	-0.4	0.56	1	-0.63	0.71	-3.86
Bunkie	76.0	49.0	62.5	62.4	0.1	0.67	3	-0.40	0.97	-3.40
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	72.8	47.8	60.3	60.9	-0.6	0.28	2	-0.78	1.15	-3.67
New Roads	73.8	48.8	61.3	62.8	-1.3	0.16	1	-0.43	1.33	-2.19
Extreme/Average	74.0	48.9	61.5	62.5	-0.5	0.42	3	-0.56	1.04	-3.28
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.06	1	(NA)	1.14	(NA)
Slidell	72.9	50.7	61.8	62.9	-1.1	0.19	1	-1.06	1.47	-3.27
Extreme/Average	72.9	50.7	61.8	62.5	-1.1	0.12	1	-1.06	1.30	-3.27
Southwest										
Crowley	74.2	50.0	62.1	63.3	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.67	0.48	-2.83
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	74.3	50.9	62.6	63.2	-0.6	0.57	2	-0.40	1.16	-2.57
Oberlin Fire	74.3	49.1	61.7	63.1	-1.4	0.48	2	-0.49	0.57	-3.28
Extreme/Average	74.3	50.0	62.1	63.1	-1.0	0.35	2	-0.52	0.74	-2.89
South central										
Donaldsonville	75.9	48.1	62.0	63.3	-1.3	0.02	1	-1.01	1.72	-2.13
Jeanerette	74.6	49.9	62.2	64.0	-1.8	0.20	2	-0.75	1.44	-2.06
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	74.3	52.6	63.4	63.7	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.87	0.88	-2.58
Extreme/Average	74.9	50.2	62.6	63.6	-1.1	0.07	2	-0.88	1.35	-2.26
Southeast										
Galliano	73.0	53.2	63.1	64.5	-1.2	0.00	0	-0.73	1.63	-1.35
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.30	1	-0.83	1.44	-2.83
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	73.0	53.2	63.1	65.3	-1.2	0.15	1	-0.78	1.53	-2.09
State	73.3	49.2	61.2	61.9	-0.4	0.38	2	-0.60	1.67	-2.25

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.