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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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This report contains the results from the **Crop Progress and Condition** weekly survey. The survey is completed by parish extension agents' visual observations and contact with producers in their parish. These data are also posted on our web site at *https://www.nass.usda.gov/la* and in a more detailed report at *https://www.nass.usda.gov*. Thanks to all of the parish extension agents who responded to this survey.

Week Ending: April 30, 2023 **Released: May 1, 2023**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 30, 2023**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 30, 2023

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton planted	17	5	32	18
Cotton emerged	3	1	9	4
Hay first cutting	10	8	21	20
Rice planted	89	86	86	86
Rice emerged	83	81	77	78
Soybeans planted	59	41	56	39
Soybeans emerged	39	23	34	22
Sweet potatoes planted	1	0	4	3
Winter wheat headed	92	88	90	95
Winter wheat coloring	34	7	22	40

Crop Condition for Week Ending April 30, 2023

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	9	24	63	4
Hay, all	1	6	40	50	3
Livestock	1	6	45	45	3
Pasture	1	11	42	43	3
Rice	2	5	40	52	1
Sugarcane	0	0	38	60	2
Vegetables	0	2	49	47	2
Winter wheat	0	2	32	66	0

The USDA NASS National Crop Progress release is a more detailed report including crop progress and condition at the National level. You can locate that release at: https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/prog1723.pdf

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Louisiana Subsoil Moisture Map for the week of April 17 – April 23, 2023

The Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) provides measurements of soil moisture in the root zone as a weekly average, represented by pixels. Each pixel represents 9 by 9 kilometer plot or about 20,000 acres. The SMAP data measures soil moisture in cubic centimeters of water/cubic centimeters of soil. The scale represents the percent of water in a given volume of soil. More information and additional mapping is available at https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu.edu/CropCASMA/.