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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: March 17, 2024

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 17, 2024**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

Crop Progress for Week Ending March 17, 2024

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted	28	17	84	31
Corn emerged	9	(NA)	51	12
Rice planted	21	9	30	17
Rice emerged	3	(NA)	8	3
Winter wheat headed	8	2	5	6

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition for Week Ending March 17, 2024

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	0	3	51	45	1
Livestock	1	5	27	62	5
Pasture	0	8	39	48	5
Sugarcane	1	8	32	55	4
Vegetables	0	1	67	27	5
Winter wheat	0	0	32	65	3

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Louisiana Subsoil Moisture Map for the week of March 4 – March 10, 2024

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/>.

