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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 31, 2024 **Released: April 1, 2024**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 31, 2024**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

Crop Progress for Week Ending March 31, 2024

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn planted	70	52	98	80
Corn emerged	40	27	85	43
Rice planted	51	39	63	53
Rice emerged	38	19	44	27
Soybeans planted	9	1	9	5
Winter wheat headed	36	25	35	40

Crop Condition for Week Ending March 31, 2024

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, all	0	3	45	50	2
Livestock	1	6	36	53	4
Pasture	0	4	37	51	8
Sugarcane	0	4	19	73	4
Vegetables	0	1	55	36	8
Winter wheat	0	0	23	72	5

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/prog1324.pdf

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Louisiana Subsoil Moisture Map for the week of March 18 – March 24, 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/.