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Louisiana Crop Weather Summary



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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.1

Soil moisture supplies: 2% short, 76% adequate and 22% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana weather conditions have been fairly balanced this year compared to previous years. The year-to-date average rainfall is 1.93 inches below the state average of 11.24 inches. These conditions have allowed producers to progress with burn down applications, plowing and some corn planting. Sugarcane producers were destroying old stubble and applying herbicides to fields. Winter wheat conditions were looking good as producers were applying fertilizer. Rice producers were water leveling and disking fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers continued harvesting and selling their crop. Vegetable producers were preparing for planting of spring crops. Crawfish producers were having up and down days due to weather, but production was increasing.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Spring pastures were beginning to green in response to the amount of rain the state has received this year. Calving was in full swing, and cattlemen began weaning and marketing early fall-born calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS								
CROP	ROP STAGE		Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG			
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	15	0	8	7			

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES								
ITEM	VERY POOR		FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT			
Sugarcane	6	23	30	30	11			
Wheat	0	7	32	53	8			
Livestock	0	9	43	42	6			
Vegetables	4	24	53	16	3			
Pasture	0	23	45	29	3			



LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 02/26/07 TO 03/04/07

			AIR TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION WEEKLY FOUR YR. TO				
1	Northwest	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1.	Northwest LSU-Bossier City Minden Mooringsport Extreme/Average	75 77 76 77	33 (26) 33 26	52 52 55 54	52 52 MM 54	0.02 0.00 0.10 0.05	2.58 2.44 1.39 1.92	10.24 10.71 10.70 10.71	9.82 10.60 9.04 9.99
2.	North-Central LSU-Calhoun Homer/Hill Farm ULM-Monroe Winnfield Extreme/Average	77 76 79 MM 79	27 29 33 MM 27	52 54 55 MM 55	54 51 53 54	0.00 0.00 0.21 M.MM 0.11	1.84 2.83 1.17 M.MM 2.00	9.38 11.25 7.55 6.37 9.40	11.24 10.68 11.63 11.05 11.31
3.	Northeast Lake Providence LSU-St Joseph LSU-Winnsboro Tallulah Extreme/Average	76 81 77 76 81	31 27 33 32 27	54 56 55 55	52 54 53 54	0.27 1.28 0.66 0.31 0.63	2.27 3.16 2.58 2.46 2.62	8.90 11.12 9.18 8.32 9.38	11.77 12.00 11.56 11.76 11.74
4.	West-Central Leesville LSU-Rosepine Natchitoches Extreme/Average	80 80 77 80	27 28 26 26	55 57 55 56	55 55 54 55	0.06 0.11 0.00 0.06	1.49 2.68 1.68 2.18	7.31 9.95 7.44 8.70	11.15 10.84 10.77 10.89
5.	Central Alexandria Brusly Bunkie LSU-Alexandria Extreme/Average	78 79 78 79 79	37 40 35 38 35	59 60 59 60	56 56 55 57	1.85 0.28 0.42 0.17 0.30	3.72 1.94 1.42 1.30 1.36	11.85 10.59 9.72 9.77 9.75	11.66 12.52 12.04 11.42 11.82
6.	East-Central Bogalusa LSU-Baton Rouge LSU-Clinton LSU-Hammond Slidell Extreme/Average	(82) 81 79 79 75 82	38 41 37 39 42 37	60 61 58 50 60	56 57 55 57 57	0.44 0.16 0.37 0.16 0.21	2.94 0.86 1.12 1.50 2.57 1.61	8.96 9.15 8.86 7.75 8.72 8.62	12.65 11.57 12.69 12.41 12.21 12.34
7.	Southwest De Ridder Jennings LSU-Crowley Extreme/Average	80 76 79 80	36 38 38 36	59 58 60 59	56 57 57 58	0.28 0.11 0.01 0.13	2.53 0.97 0.44 1.31	10.34 10.89 10.98 10.74	11.56 10.50 10.93 10.56
8.	South-Central Donaldsonville LSU-Jeanerette Morgan City Extreme/Average	82 81 80 82	42 41 46 41	62 62 62 62	58 57 58 58	0.06 0.05 0.06 0.06	0.72 1.01 0.43 0.72	7.62 9.40 6.88 7.97	11.02 10.11 10.80 10.64
9.	Southeast Galliano Houma NO Audubon Park Reserve Extreme/Average	81 82 78 78 82	43 43 46 40 40	63 63 62 63	59 59 50 59 59	0.15 0.07 0.04 0.21 0.12	0.70 2.07 1.44 2.15 1.59	7.29 8.50 6.00 8.96 7.69	11.14 10.66 10.86 12.41 11.38
Sta	ate State Averages	82	26	58	56	0.20	1.67	9.31	11.24

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 4, 2007

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