



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 5, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 3.3

**Soil moisture supplies:** 1% short, 79% adequate and 20% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Louisiana weather conditions have been fairly stable this year compared to previous years. The year-to-date average rainfall is 1.75 inches below the state average of 11.39 inches. These conditions have allowed producers to progress with field activities. Sugarcane producers were destroying old stubble and applying herbicides to fields. Winter wheat conditions were looking good as producers were applying fertilizer.

#### 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 reporting low catches, due to lack of rain and hurricane damage to ponds.

#### 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	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	8	0	8	9

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	6	10	46	26	12
Wheat	0	1	15	81	3
Livestock	0	12	52	28	8
Vegetables	17	20	35	19	9
Pasture	5	21	36	33	5



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 02/27/06 TO 03/05/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	79	36	58	53	0.00	3.46	9.94	9.97
Minden	79	31	57	53	0.00	3.18	10.18	10.76
Mooringsport	80	35	59	MM	0.00	3.10	9.25	9.18
Extreme/Average	80	31	58	54	0.00	3.25	9.79	10.14
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	79	31	58	54	0.00	5.53	13.36	11.43
Homer/Hill Farm	77	32	55	52	0.00	4.43	12.42	10.84
ULM-Monroe	82	(29)	57	53	0.00	4.88	13.37	11.82
Winnfield	81	30	57	54	0.00	5.79	13.03	11.22
Extreme/Average	82	29	57	54	0.00	5.16	13.05	11.49
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	77	34	55	52	0.00	6.50	13.87	11.97
LSU-St Joseph	79	31	56	54	0.00	4.94	12.86	12.20
LSU-Winnsboro	79	32	56	53	0.00	6.49	14.99	11.75
Tallulah	MM	MM	MM	53	0.69	6.30	14.51	11.96
Extreme/Average	79	31	55	54	0.00	5.72	13.37	11.94
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	81	30	60	56	0.00	3.78	8.89	11.32
LSU-Rosepine	78	43	62	55	0.01	3.19	8.50	11.01
Natchitoches	81	37	59	54	0.00	5.42	13.14	10.94
Extreme/Average	81	30	60	55	0.00	3.78	8.89	11.06
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	78	37	60	56	0.00	5.35	11.43	11.84
Brusly	82	33	59	57	0.00	3.26	5.72	12.68
Bunkie	77	35	58	56	0.00	3.29	10.24	12.22
LSU-Alexandria	79	36	60	55	0.00	4.05	9.53	11.60
Extreme/Average	82	33	59	57	0.00	4.23	10.40	12.00
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	81	35	59	56	0.00	2.22	5.31	12.86
LSU-Baton Rouge	(83)	33	59	57	0.00	2.91	5.98	11.73
LSU-Clinton	78	32	58	56	0.00	4.35	7.76	12.86
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	57	0.00	4.08	6.85	12.61
Slidell	79	35	58	57	0.00	3.03	7.82	12.40
Extreme/Average	83	32	59	57	0.00	2.91	5.98	12.53
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	78	35	60	57	0.00	4.26	8.77	11.73
Jennings	78	37	58	57	0.00	2.97	10.08	10.64
LSU-Crowley	78	38	59	57	0.00	1.91	7.54	11.07
Extreme/Average	78	35	59	58	0.00	2.44	8.81	10.70
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	80	35	59	58	0.00	2.59	5.92	11.18
LSU-Jeanerette	78	37	60	58	0.00	1.76	4.16	10.24
Morgan City	77	42	60	58	0.00	1.34	5.85	10.95
Extreme/Average	80	35	60	59	0.00	1.55	5.01	10.79
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	79	41	60	59	0.00	0.41	4.71	11.32
Houma	76	43	59	60	0.00	1.03	6.38	10.82
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	61	0.00	1.08	5.58	11.03
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	58	0.00	2.18	6.22	12.60
Extreme/Average	79	41	MM	60	0.00	M.MM	M.MM	11.56
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	83	29	58	57	0.00	3.69	9.64	11.39

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 5, 2006

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