

## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 6, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 1.3

**Soil moisture supplies:** 43% adequate and 57% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Louisiana has been experiencing unusual weather patterns and wet conditions throughout the state. The wet conditions limited field activities for producers. Producers were hoping for dryer conditions to start spring field activities. Rice field work was restricted to water leveling. Some sugarcane fields were beginning to emerge. Rust symptoms were showing up in some wheat fields.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers continued harvesting and selling their crop. Rainy conditions hampered vegetable producer's ability to prepare for spring crops. Crawfish producers were harvesting with average yields being reported. Producers are hoping warmer weather will improve the size of the crawfish.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Little work was completed on pastures due to the wet conditions. Spring pastures were beginning to green up due to the rain, while livestock conditions declined. Calving was in full swing, and cattlemen began weaning and marketing early fall born calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	8	0	8	19

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	5	16	42	34	3
Wheat	5	8	36	50	1
Livestock	3	15	49	31	2
Vegetables	26	29	25	16	4
Pasture	18	29	33	18	2



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 02/28/05 TO 03/06/05**

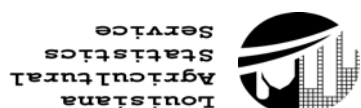
	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKLY FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	53	0.12	2.96	8.71	10.12				
Minden	67	33	49	53	0.04	2.71	7.67	10.92				
Mooringsport	66	38	52	MM	0.06	2.54	7.77	9.32				
Extreme/Average	67	33	MM	54	M.MM	M.MM	M.MM	10.29				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	54	0.03	4.01	8.79	11.62				
LTI-Ruston	69	34	49	53	0.00	5.15	11.79	11.50				
ULM-Monroe	MM	MM	MM	54	0.00	3.90	8.11	12.01				
Winnfield	70	33	50	54	0.17	3.50	8.30	11.40				
Extreme/Average	70	33	49	54	0.00	5.15	11.79	11.67				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	68	37	49	52	0.00	4.43	9.58	12.17				
LSU-St Joseph	70	36	52	55	0.11	2.61	8.83	12.40	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	70	36	52	54	0.15	3.47	9.59	11.94				
Tallulah	69	38	51	54	0.00	3.69	9.70	12.16				
Extreme/Average	70	36	52	55	0.13	3.04	9.21	12.14	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	72	34	52	56	0.22	4.64	7.69	11.49				
LSU-Rosepine	65	35	52	56	0.23	8.30	11.10	11.19	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	70	40	53	55	0.04	4.62	8.51	11.11				
Extreme/Average	72	34	MM	56	M.MM	M.MM	M.MM	11.23	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	70	41	53	56	0.27	6.46	11.07	12.03				
Brusly	73	37	54	57	0.04	3.97	9.64	12.84				
Bunkie	72	39	53	57	0.04	4.79	9.56	12.40				
LSU-Alexandria	70	35	51	56	0.17	6.20	12.07	11.78	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	73	35	52	57	0.16	5.54	10.93	12.18	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	74	36	51	57	0.29	2.14	8.29	13.07				
LSU-Baton Rouge	MM	MM	MM	57	0.03	3.52	7.40	11.89				
LSU-Clinton	70	(31)	49	56	0.18	3.10	10.55	13.03				
LSU-Hammond	(75)	34	52	57	0.13	2.66	8.47	12.81	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	70	38	53	57	0.31	2.19	9.97	12.59				
Extreme/Average	75	31	52	58	0.15	2.77	8.05	12.72	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	68	40	53	57	0.00	6.46	8.61	11.90				
Jennings	69	42	54	57	0.38	5.72	12.61	10.78	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	64	42	51	58	0.30	5.51	11.23	11.21	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	69	40	54	58	0.38	5.72	12.61	10.84	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	71	39	53	58	0.11	4.15	9.70	11.34				
LSU-Jeanerette	69	42	53	58	0.23	6.34	11.03	10.37				
Morgan City	69	45	55	58	0.45	6.81	11.74	11.10				
Extreme/Average	71	39	MM	59	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	10.94				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	71	43	56	59	1.02	4.36	11.64	11.50				
Houma	71	44	56	60	1.08	7.77	17.35	10.98	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	61	0.52	5.10	14.05	11.20				
Reserve	72	42	56	58	0.20	5.00	13.37	12.79				
Extreme/Average	72	42	56	60	1.08	7.77	17.35	11.74	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	75	31	53	57	0.33	5.20	11.87	11.82	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 6, 2005

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