



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 9, 2008

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 1.9

Soil moisture supplies: 2% short, 52% adequate and 46% surplus

Field Crops Report

Most of the state received rain and cooler weather conditions late in the week. The year-to-date average rainfall was 2.94 inches above this time last year but in line with the normal rainfall amount. This has brought some concern to producers who have not been able to get into fields. Sugarcane producers were destroying old stubble and applying herbicides to fields as weather permitted. Winter wheat conditions were looking good as rain was received. Some wheat producers were reporting rust in fields. Rice producers were preparing fields to begin planting next week.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers continued harvesting and selling their crop. Citrus producers completed fertilizing trees. Fruit crops were at risk due to late freezes. Vegetable producers were preparing for planting of spring crops and selling cole crops. Crawfish producers were having up and down days due to weather, but production was improving.

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	2007	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	10	0	32	18

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	0	12	76	12	0
Wheat	0	1	29	53	17
Livestock	2	12	54	30	2
Vegetables	15	30	38	17	0
Pasture	6	25	48	21	0



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/03/08 TO 03/09/08

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	76	33	51	54	2.07	6.59	9.79	10.68
Minden	76	32	49	54	2.43	8.50	11.89	11.56
Mooringsport	74	32	49	MM	2.47	7.72	10.70	9.88
Extreme/Average	76	32	50	55	2.32	7.55	10.84	10.89
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	76	29	49	55	1.02	4.70	7.65	12.38
Homer/Hill Farm	75	29	48	53	2.18	6.47	9.66	11.64
ULM-Monroe	78	30	50	54	0.62	4.65	7.53	12.81
Colmubia Lock	76	(27)	48	MM	0.52	4.27	9.45	13.16
Extreme/Average	78	27	48	55	1.09	5.27	8.28	12.39
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	77	28	48	53	1.68	6.22	12.33	12.97
LSU-St Joseph	78	33	50	56	1.92	7.00	12.03	13.20
LSU-Winnsboro	78	30	49	55	1.36	6.00	12.16	12.70
Tallulah	77	28	48	55	1.53	6.24	12.76	13.00
Extreme/Average	78	28	49	55	1.62	6.37	12.32	12.94
4. West-Central								
Leesville	78	29	52	57	1.32	7.02	12.06	12.17
LSU-Rosepine	76	32	51	56	1.44	6.04	11.60	11.91
Natchitoches	77	37	52	56	0.78	5.73	10.71	11.81
Extreme/Average	78	29	52	56	1.18	6.53	11.83	11.91
5. Central								
Alexandria	77	30	51	57	0.87	7.71	14.91	12.79
Brusly	(80)	33	54	58	1.60	5.39	15.12	13.48
Bunkie	78	33	52	57	2.50	7.09	13.89	13.12
LSU-Alexandria	77	33	52	56	1.08	6.48	13.16	12.50
Extreme/Average	80	30	52	58	1.51	6.67	14.27	12.90
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	75	30	50	MM	3.01	6.26	12.13	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	79	32	53	58	3.60	6.29	15.38	12.53
LSU-Clinton	76	29	49	57	1.13	5.48	14.58	13.71
LSU-Hammond	76	31	50	58	2.22	4.63	14.15	13.61
Slidell	72	33	52	58	0.73	3.51	12.12	13.38
Extreme/Average	79	29	51	58	2.14	5.23	13.67	13.48
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	77	32	52	58	3.45	8.35	15.60	12.62
Jennings	77	34	54	58	1.39	4.43	14.29	11.35
LSU-Crowley	76	35	54	58	2.28	4.58	12.49	11.77
Extreme/Average	77	32	53	59	2.37	5.79	14.13	11.40
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	80	32	53	59	1.62	3.43	10.66	12.02
LSU-Jeanerette	78	34	54	59	1.03	3.06	9.18	10.90
Morgan City	77	34	54	59	0.94	1.36	9.02	11.73
Extreme/Average	80	32	53	60	1.20	2.62	9.62	11.54
9. Southeast								
Galliano	80	34	55	60	1.56	8.73	16.18	12.22
Houma	80	33	53	61	0.95	3.78	8.66	11.63
Terrytown 3S	78	36	56	MM	1.38	7.81	15.08	MM.MM
Reserve	77	33	53	59	1.89	4.59	12.65	13.55
Extreme/Average	80	33	54	61	1.45	6.23	13.14	12.46
State								
State Averages	80	27	52	58	1.68	5.89	12.30	12.27

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 9, 2008

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