



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 12, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.3

Soil moisture supplies: 1% very short, 13% short, 76% adequate and 10% surplus

Field Crops Report

Dry conditions throughout the week allowed producers to progress with field activities. Some corn and rice producers began planting, while others were hesitant about planting crops due to dry conditions and prices farmers are receiving. Sugarcane producers were spraying pre-emergence herbicides to fields, and cultivating row middles. Some sugarcane producers were still battling salt water problems due to the hurricane. Winter wheat producers continued applying fertilizer to fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers continued harvesting and marketing their crop. Vegetable producers continued preparing land for planting, while others began planting. Crawfish harvest continues with small sizes being reported.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

With last weeks warmer weather, pasture conditions continued to green up. Calving was in full swing, and cattlemen were fertilizing and spraying weeds in pastures throughout the week.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	11	0	0	3
Rice	Planted	1	0	0	1
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	14	8	13	15

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	11	16	33	30	10
Wheat	0	1	17	73	9
Livestock	2	14	46	34	4
Vegetables	15	30	33	22	0
Pasture	8	21	35	34	2



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	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	48	68	55	0.20	2.31	10.14	10.96
Minden	87	44	67	54	0.38	1.96	10.56	11.88
Mooringsport	84	51	68	MM	0.15	2.30	9.40	10.16
Extreme/Average	87	44	68	56	0.24	2.19	10.03	11.19
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	41	64	56	0.85	5.06	14.21	12.76
Homer/Hill Farm	82	43	63	54	0.30	3.16	12.72	11.98
ULM-Monroe	(88)	44	66	55	0.66	4.07	14.03	13.21
Winnfield	88	41	66	56	0.75	4.22	13.78	12.48
Extreme/Average	88	41	65	56	0.64	4.13	13.69	12.75
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	44	64	54	1.11	5.38	14.98	13.37
LSU-St Joseph	87	(38)	64	56	1.73	4.66	14.59	13.62
LSU-Winnnsboro	86	41	67	55	0.69	4.98	15.68	13.08
Tallulah	85	42	64	55	1.69	6.19	16.20	13.42
Extreme/Average	87	38	65	56	1.31	5.01	15.08	13.34
4. West-Central								
Leesville	86	49	70	58	0.25	1.85	9.14	12.51
LSU-Rosepine	86	50	68	57	2.22	3.63	10.72	12.27
Natchitoches	88	47	66	56	0.55	4.00	13.69	12.17
Extreme/Average	88	47	68	57	1.01	1.85	9.14	12.25
5. Central								
Alexandria	85	44	66	58	1.54	4.14	12.97	13.17
Brusly	85	47	68	59	0.05	1.69	5.77	13.80
Bunkie	84	47	68	58	0.42	1.89	10.66	13.48
LSU-Alexandria	85	51	69	57	0.80	2.88	10.33	12.86
Extreme/Average	85	44	68	59	0.42	2.15	8.92	13.26
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	83	42	67	58	0.25	2.30	5.56	14.38
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	47	69	59	0.00	1.49	5.98	12.85
LSU-Clinton	84	41	67	58	0.26	2.08	7.14	14.05
LSU-Hammond	84	42	68	59	0.01	2.80	6.86	14.01
Slidell	80	45	68	59	0.10	0.69	6.48	13.78
Extreme/Average	85	41	68	59	0.12	1.66	6.44	13.88
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	85	47	70	58	2.35	4.51	11.12	12.98
Jennings	80	50	68	59	0.05	2.01	10.13	11.65
LSU-Crowley	80	52	68	59	0.30	1.13	7.84	12.05
Extreme/Average	85	47	69	60	0.90	1.57	8.99	11.68
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	85	49	70	60	0.00	1.43	5.92	12.36
LSU-Jeanerette	80	47	69	59	0.08	0.84	4.24	11.18
Morgan City	80	50	68	60	0.03	1.01	5.88	12.05
Extreme/Average	85	47	69	60	0.04	1.09	5.35	11.84
9. Southeast								
Galliano	81	51	70	61	0.00	0.17	4.71	12.58
Houma	82	50	71	61	0.00	0.76	6.38	11.95
NO Audubon Park	82	50	71	62	0.00	0.33	5.57	12.22
Reserve	85	50	70	60	0.00	1.14	6.22	13.93
Extreme/Average	85	50	71	61	0.00	0.60	5.72	12.82
State								
State Averages	88	38	68	58	0.52	2.22	9.28	12.61

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 12, 2006

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