

LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 13, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 2.7

Soil moisture supplies: 3% short, 49% adequate and 48% surplus

Field Crops Report

Field activities were limited due to persistent wet conditions. Many fields were simply too wet to plow last week. Rice field work was restricted to water leveling. If field conditions begin to dry out, rice and corn planting will be in full swing next week. Some sugarcane producers were behind, putting out late winter herbicides due to wet conditions. Rust symptoms continued to show up in some wheat fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Continued wet conditions hampered vegetable producers' ability to prepare for spring planting. Strawberry producers were harvesting and selling their crop. As crawfish harvesting continued, producers are hopeful that warmer weather will improve the size of the crawfish.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Spring pastures continued to green up as fertilization and weed control was done as the weather permitted. Calving was in full swing, while some producers were beginning to report low levels of hay stocks.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	13	8	16	23

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	3	14	38	44	1
Wheat	3	15	24	56	2
Livestock	1	16	52	30	1
Vegetables	14	38	39	8	1
Pasture	6	31	42	20	1



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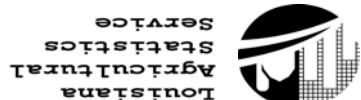
	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	80	33	54	55	0.13	1.62	8.87	11.10				
Minden	80	32	53	55	0.25	1.62	8.08	12.04				
Mooringsport	82	38	59	MM	0.33	2.20	8.36	10.30				
Extreme/Average	82	32	55	56	0.24	1.81	8.44	11.34				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	80	32	55	56	0.59	2.25	9.38	12.95				
LTI-Ruston	MM	MM	MM	55	0.93	2.64	12.72	12.71				
ULM-Monroe	82	(31)	57	56	0.81	2.62	8.94	13.41				
Winnfield	(83)	32	57	56	0.84	2.57	9.18	12.66				
Extreme/Average	83	31	56	56	0.72	2.41	9.28	12.93				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	69	34	51	54	0.95	3.31	10.53	13.57				
LSU-St Joseph	79	32	55	57	1.73	3.17	10.56	13.83	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	81	33	56	56	1.57	3.96	11.16	13.27				
Tallulah	80	32	54	56	1.05	3.66	10.75	13.63				
Extreme/Average	81	32	55	56	1.45	3.57	10.86	13.54	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	82	31	58	58	0.66	3.22	8.35	12.68				
LSU-Rosepine	80	34	57	57	0.98	5.54	12.08	12.45	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	82	37	58	57	0.64	3.66	9.64	12.35				
Extreme/Average	82	31	58	57	0.65	3.66	9.64	12.42	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	78	34	56	58	0.92	4.23	11.99	13.36				
Brusly	80	37	57	59	0.38	3.98	10.02	13.96				
Bunkie	77	37	57	59	1.52	4.33	11.08	13.67				
LSU-Alexandria	80	38	57	58	0.45	3.89	12.52	13.04	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	80	34	57	59	0.82	4.03	11.51	13.44	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	80	40	55	58	0.41	2.37	8.70	14.60				
LSU-Baton Rouge	78	37	57	59	0.37	3.53	7.80	13.01				
LSU-Clinton	76	35	54	58	0.38	2.48	10.93	14.22				
LSU-Hammond	79	36	55	59	0.43	2.91	8.90	14.21	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	76	39	56	59	1.04	3.21	11.01	13.98				
Extreme/Average	80	35	56	59	0.53	2.94	8.47	14.08	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	81	38	58	59	1.23	6.17	9.84	13.16				
Jennings	78	39	59	59	0.53	6.12	13.14	11.80				
LSU-Crowley	74	39	58	59	0.40	5.71	11.63	12.19	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	81	38	58	60	0.72	5.92	12.39	11.83	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	76	38	57	60	0.38	4.32	10.08	12.53				
LSU-Jeanerette	74	41	58	60	0.93	7.10	11.96	11.32				
Morgan City	75	45	60	60	2.20	7.85	13.94	12.21				
Extreme/Average	76	38	58	61	1.17	M.MM	MM.MM	11.99				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	75	43	60	61	2.00	6.34	13.64	12.77				
Houma	76	43	59	62	1.94	9.58	19.29	12.11	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	77	45	60	63	1.52	6.47	15.57	12.39				
Reserve	75	38	59	60	0.75	5.46	14.12	14.12				
Extreme/Average	77	38	60	62	1.55	9.58	19.29	13.00	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	83	31	57	59	0.87	4.49	11.58	12.85	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 13, 2005

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