



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 16, 2008

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 2.9

Soil moisture supplies: 1% short, 50% adequate and 49% surplus

Field Crops Report

Wet conditions remained across the state last week. Most field work was slow due to the wet conditions. Some producers were able to begin planting corn and rice, but in general corn planting has gotten off to a slow start due to the wet conditions; progress was 41 points behind last year. Rice planting was in-line with last year's and the five-year average. Sugarcane producers continued destroying old stubble and applying herbicides to fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers continued spraying and harvesting their strawberry fields. Vegetable producers continued preparing for planting of spring crops and selling cole crops. Crawfish producers were reporting a better quality of crawfish being caught.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Calving continued last week. Cattlemen were fertilizing and spraying pastures. The cool temperatures and wet conditions have allowed pastures to remain in good to fair condition.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	3	0	44	19
Rice	Planted	2	0	3	3
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	18	10	17	26

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	15	46	34	4
Wheat	0	4	37	51	8
Livestock	1	9	44	44	2
Vegetables	3	20	53	23	1
Pasture	1	16	45	36	2



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/10/08 TO 03/16/08**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	36	60	56	0.65	3.65	10.44	11.66
Minden	84	35	58	55	0.37	5.37	12.26	12.68
Mooringsport	84	37	59	MM	0.45	3.61	11.15	10.83
Extreme/Average	84	35	59	57	0.49	4.51	11.35	11.94
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	(30)	59	57	0.79	3.40	8.44	13.71
Homer/Hill Farm	85	32	58	55	0.67	3.95	10.33	12.83
ULM-Monroe	86	32	61	56	1.03	3.77	8.56	14.21
Colmubia Lock	85	30	59	MM	0.57	2.43	10.02	14.49
Extreme/Average	86	30	59	57	0.77	3.71	9.11	13.65
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	81	33	59	55	0.69	4.69	13.56	14.37
LSU-St Joseph	84	38	61	58	0.51	5.97	13.01	14.67
LSU-Winnsboro	85	34	60	56	0.61	4.48	12.79	14.03
Tallulah	83	31	60	56	0.56	4.58	13.45	14.47
Extreme/Average	85	31	60	57	0.59	4.93	13.20	14.34
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(88)	34	62	59	0.86	4.89	12.92	13.36
LSU-Rosepine	85	38	60	58	1.17	3.38	12.77	13.17
Natchitoches	84	37	61	57	0.98	2.99	11.69	13.07
Extreme/Average	88	34	61	58	1.00	4.14	12.85	13.10
5. Central								
Alexandria	85	34	58	59	0.89	5.34	15.80	14.12
Brusly	87	38	62	60	0.46	3.88	15.58	14.60
Bunkie	87	40	61	59	1.33	5.22	15.22	14.43
LSU-Alexandria	86	43	62	58	1.01	3.55	14.17	13.76
Extreme/Average	87	34	61	60	0.92	4.50	15.19	14.16
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	86	35	60	MM	0.63	4.46	12.76	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	84	42	61	60	0.63	5.31	16.01	13.65
LSU-Clinton	84	39	59	58	1.05	3.22	15.63	14.93
LSU-Hammond	87	35	60	59	0.87	4.68	16.16	15.01
Slidell	82	40	60	60	0.71	3.31	12.83	14.78
Extreme/Average	87	35	60	60	0.78	4.20	14.68	14.88
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	85	37	66	59	1.78	5.71	17.38	13.88
Jennings	87	42	62	60	1.88	3.54	16.17	12.40
LSU-Crowley	87	42	63	60	2.21	4.87	14.70	12.78
Extreme/Average	87	37	64	61	1.96	4.71	16.08	12.43
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	84	38	61	61	0.42	2.84	11.08	13.21
LSU-Jeanerette	85	42	62	60	0.72	2.57	9.90	11.88
Morgan City	79	36	60	61	0.42	1.47	9.44	12.82
Extreme/Average	85	36	61	61	0.52	2.29	10.14	12.59
9. Southeast								
Galliano	79	50	64	62	0.59	8.06	16.76	13.52
Houma	80	43	62	62	0.10	2.63	8.76	12.75
Terrytown 3S	84	47	64	MM	0.42	5.78	15.50	MM.MM
Reserve	84	45	62	61	0.75	4.79	13.40	14.88
Extreme/Average	84	43	62	62	0.42	4.40	12.55	13.72
State								
State Averages	88	30	61	59	0.90	4.24	13.13	13.48

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 16, 2008

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