



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 18, 2007

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.2

Soil moisture supplies: 16% short, 74% adequate and 10% surplus

Field Crops Report

Spring rains and cooler temperatures limited field activities for some producers. Corn planted jumped to 54 percent, far surpassing the average of 19 percent. Rice producers were just beginning to plant but were having problems with blackbirds, ducks, and shortage of seed. Sugarcane producers were concluding their pre- and post-application of herbicides, along with cultivating and preparing for fertilizer application. Soybean producers were anxiously preparing their fields for planting due to good prices.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus trees were blooming unaffected by the cool weather and producers finished up fertilizing. Vegetable producers continued preparing land for planting, while planting was already underway for some. Crawfish farmers were harvesting crawfish with reports of catches increasing.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Calving continued as well as some feeding. Cattlemen were fertilizing and spraying weeds in pastures throughout the week. Winter pastures were growing well with the spring-like temperatures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	54	19	33	19
Rice	Planted	4	2	3	4
Wheat	Headed	1	0	21	5
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	42	32	34	29

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	2	15	47	29	7
Wheat	0	4	36	47	13
Livestock	1	6	38	51	4
Vegetables	0	13	54	29	4
Pasture	1	10	42	44	3



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/12/07 TO 03/18/07**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	77	37	63	56	0.18	1.44	10.36	11.80
Minden	77	35	61	56	0.41	1.94	11.12	12.84
Mooringsport	77	39	62	MM	1.19	1.60	11.89	10.96
Extreme/Average	77	35	62	57	0.59	1.66	11.12	12.09
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	79	(33)	61	57	0.81	1.29	10.19	13.90
Homer/Hill Farm	77	37	61	55	0.88	2.80	12.09	13.00
ULM-Monroe	81	34	61	57	0.61	1.15	8.21	14.41
Winnfield	MM	MM	MM	57	M.MM	M.MM	6.37	13.61
Extreme/Average	81	33	61	57	0.77	1.98	10.15	13.83
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	81	38	63	56	0.00	1.59	8.90	14.58
LSU-St Joseph	(84)	33	63	58	0.01	2.11	11.13	14.88
LSU-Winnsboro	83	34	63	57	0.05	1.47	9.31	14.22
Tallulah	82	36	64	57	0.02	1.30	8.50	14.68
Extreme/Average	84	33	63	58	0.02	1.62	9.46	14.54
4. West-Central								
Leesville	80	35	62	59	1.60	1.77	8.91	13.53
LSU-Rosepine	77	36	63	59	1.69	1.85	11.64	13.35
Natchitoches	78	34	63	58	1.00	1.29	8.44	13.25
Extreme/Average	80	34	62	59	1.43	1.57	10.04	13.27
5. Central								
Alexandria	80	41	65	60	0.46	3.08	12.31	14.31
Brusly	78	37	62	60	1.21	2.04	11.80	14.76
Bunkie	79	38	64	60	0.17	0.99	9.89	14.62
LSU-Alexandria	80	40	63	59	0.17	0.67	9.94	13.94
Extreme/Average	80	37	64	60	0.50	1.23	10.54	14.34
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	79	38	62	60	1.82	2.58	10.15	15.69
LSU-Baton Rouge	80	38	64	60	1.70	2.45	10.85	13.81
LSU-Clinton	77	36	62	59	0.88	1.74	9.83	15.11
LSU-Hammond	80	41	63	60	0.17	0.85	7.92	15.21
Slidell	78	37	64	61	1.52	2.30	10.24	14.98
Extreme/Average	80	36	63	61	1.22	1.91	9.64	15.08
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	79	40	64	60	2.30	2.73	12.64	14.06
Jennings	78	42	63	60	1.40	2.27	12.29	12.55
LSU-Crowley	78	42	64	61	1.25	1.61	12.22	12.93
Extreme/Average	79	40	64	61	1.65	2.20	12.38	12.58
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	80	41	64	61	1.68	2.39	9.30	13.38
LSU-Jeanerette	80	42	64	61	1.56	2.24	10.96	12.02
Morgan City	78	48	64	61	2.32	2.75	9.20	12.97
Extreme/Average	80	41	64	62	1.85	2.46	9.82	12.74
9. Southeast								
Galliano	77	43	65	62	1.52	1.98	8.92	13.70
Houma	82	43	65	63	1.66	2.51	10.16	12.91
NO Audubon Park	79	46	67	64	1.13	1.81	7.13	13.24
Reserve	76	41	63	61	1.42	2.51	10.38	15.07
Extreme/Average	82	41	65	63	1.36	2.10	8.81	13.90
State								
State Averages	84	33	63	60	1.03	1.84	10.32	13.65

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 18, 2007

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