



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.2

Soil moisture supplies: 2% short, 83% adequate and 15% surplus

Field Crops Report

Spring plowing conditions were improving after being delayed from wet conditions. Conditions were improving for planting of corn and rice. Some wheat fungicides were applied. Some farmers had sprayed wheat fields for aphids. Sugarcane producers had begun application of pre- and post-emergent herbicides and were starting to fertilize. Off-barring of sugarcane has started in drier fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

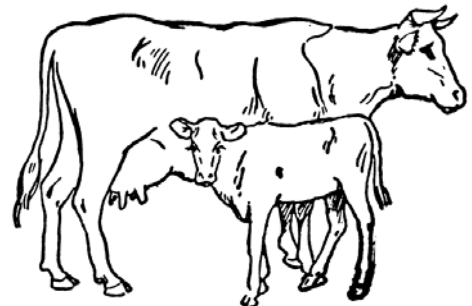
Citrus producers were finishing fertilization and scouting trees for insects. Vegetable farmers were planting summer crops. Producers harvested greenhouse tomatoes and strawberries. Strawberry producers sprayed to control mites and diseases in their fields. Crawfish farmers were getting good yields and size was starting to increase.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cool nights were prolonging the growth of winter forages but slowing the growth of pasture. Some fertilizer was being applied to pastures. Cattlemen were beginning to cut ryegrass hay, and calving continued.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	43	3	72	39
Rice	Planted	4	2	8	10
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	28	18	58	35

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	10	47	38	4
Wheat	0	3	23	61	13
Livestock	1	7	33	58	1
Vegetables	3	21	43	31	2
Pasture	1	19	39	39	2



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/17/08 TO 03/23/08

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	85	37	61	57	0.12	3.10	10.56	12.65
Minden	85	35	60	57	0.11	3.48	12.37	13.80
Mooringsport	83	40	61	MM	0.69	3.88	11.84	11.74
Extreme/Average	85	35	61	58	0.31	3.29	11.47	12.97
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	(34)	61	58	0.02	1.97	8.45	15.03
Homer/Hill Farm	84	36	60	56	0.10	3.35	10.43	14.02
ULM-Monroe	87	39	62	58	0.07	2.01	8.63	15.61
Colmubia Lock	86	37	60	MM	0.18	1.43	10.20	15.83
Extreme/Average	87	34	61	58	0.09	2.44	9.17	14.91
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	83	38	60	57	0.20	2.98	13.76	15.84
LSU-St Joseph	86	38	62	59	0.10	2.82	13.11	16.14
LSU-Winnsboro	87	37	61	58	0.22	2.46	13.01	15.38
Tallulah	86	36	63	58	1.30	3.92	14.75	15.94
Extreme/Average	87	36	61	59	0.46	3.05	13.66	15.78
4. West-Central								
Leesville	85	34	63	60	0.41	2.76	13.33	14.52
LSU-Rosepine	82	37	62	60	0.21	2.85	12.98	14.39
Natchitoches	86	35	61	59	0.07	2.06	11.76	14.28
Extreme/Average	86	34	62	60	0.23	2.81	13.16	14.28
5. Central								
Alexandria	85	42	64	61	0.14	1.90	15.76	15.45
Brusly	85	41	64	61	0.47	2.64	16.05	15.72
Bunkie	85	40	64	61	0.28	4.15	15.50	15.76
LSU-Alexandria	85	40	64	60	0.20	2.47	14.37	14.98
Extreme/Average	85	40	64	61	0.27	3.09	15.31	15.42
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	77	41	62	MM	0.28	4.22	13.04	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	(88)	40	64	61	0.39	2.70	14.40	14.77
LSU-Clinton	85	39	62	60	0.33	3.01	15.96	16.19
LSU-Hammond	78	39	63	61	0.29	3.64	16.45	16.40
Slidell	75	44	63	62	0.38	1.92	13.22	16.13
Extreme/Average	88	39	63	62	0.33	3.10	14.61	16.28
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	81	40	62	61	0.26	5.49	17.64	15.08
Jennings	83	43	64	61	0.15	3.43	16.32	13.45
LSU-Crowley	82	44	64	62	1.03	5.53	15.73	13.81
Extreme/Average	83	40	63	62	0.48	4.82	16.56	13.45
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	44	64	62	0.31	2.41	11.39	14.40
LSU-Jeanerette	83	42	64	62	0.31	2.10	10.21	12.86
Morgan City	83	47	65	62	0.34	1.72	9.78	13.87
Extreme/Average	83	42	65	63	0.32	2.08	10.46	13.64
9. Southeast								
Galliano	80	45	65	63	0.44	2.60	17.21	14.78
Houma	81	42	65	64	0.20	1.27	8.96	13.87
Terrytown 3S	79	47	65	MM	0.44	2.24	15.90	MM.MM
Reserve	78	45	64	62	0.23	2.87	13.53	16.21
Extreme/Average	81	42	65	64	0.33	1.94	13.09	14.98
State								
State Averages	88	34	63	61	0.31	3.05	13.40	14.69

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 23, 2008

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