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Louisiana Crop Weather Summary



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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 25, 2007

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9

Soil moisture supplies: 6% very short, 41% short, 52% adequate and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report

Dry and spring-like conditions allowed producers to progress with field activities, but topsoil moisture was getting low. Corn planting continued to make good progress, jumping to 79 percent planted, far surpassing last year and the average. Rice producers continued with planting. Sugarcane producers were spraying herbicides and began to fertilize the crop. Soybean producers continued to prepare their fields for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus growers were finishing up fertilizer application. Vegetable producers continued preparing land for planting, while some producers were already planting and working crops. Crawfish farmers were harvesting crawfish with reports of good catches.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Calving continued as well as some feeding. Cattlemen were fertilizing and spraying weeds in pastures throughout the week. Spring plowing continued with reports of ryegrass growing well.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS								
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG			
Corn	Planted	79	54	44	36			
Corn	Emerged	14	0	9	7			
Rice	Planted	10	4	14	14			
Sorghum	Planted	20	0	0	0			
Wheat	Headed		1	33	13			
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	58	42	41	38			

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES								
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR FAIR		GOOD	EXCELLENT			
Sugarcane	4	16	36	35	9			
Wheat	0	3	31	51	15			
Livestock	1	6	37	51	5			
Vegetables	2	14	54	28	2			
Pasture	1	8	52	37	2			



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			AIR TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION WEEKLY FOUR YR. TO				
		MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL		DATE	NORM
1.	Northwest LSU-Bossier City Minden Mooringsport Extreme/Average	7 82 84 80 84	53 50 53 50	68 67 68 68	58 58 MM 59	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.20 0.41 1.29 0.63	10.36 11.12 11.89 11.12	12.80 13.96 11.87 13.12
2.	North-Central LSU-Calhoun Homer/Hill Farm ULM-Monroe Winnfield Extreme/Average	(86) 85 84 MM 86	(36) 49 49 MM 36	64 68 66 MM 66	59 57 59 59	0.00 0.00 0.00 M.MM 0.00	0.81 0.88 0.87 M.MM 0.85	10.27 12.09 8.21 6.37 10.19	15.21 14.19 15.81 14.94 15.09
3.	Northeast Lake Providence LSU-St Joseph LSU-Winnsboro Tallulah Extreme/Average	83 84 84 83 84	54 37 50 53 37	68 65 68 68	57 60 59 59	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.27 1.29 0.71 0.33 0.65	8.90 11.13 9.31 8.50 9.46	16.05 16.35 15.58 16.15 15.98
4.	West-Central Leesville LSU-Rosepine Natchitoches Extreme/Average	83 81 82 83	56 54 55 54	69 68 69 68	61 60 60	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	1.66 1.79 1.00 1.48	8.91 11.87 8.38 9.72	14.68 14.56 14.45 14.44
5.	Central Alexandria Brusly Bunkie LSU-Alexandria Extreme/Average	84 83 85 86 86	54 53 54 56 53	69 69 69 70 69	61 61 60 62	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	2.31 1.49 0.59 0.34 0.81	12.31 11.80 9.89 9.94 10.54	15.64 15.89 15.95 15.15
6.	East-Central Bogalusa LSU-Baton Rouge LSU-Clinton LSU-Hammond Slidell Extreme/Average	84 85 82 80 85	46 54 36 49 50 36	66 70 67 66 66 67	61 62 60 61 62 62	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	2.26 1.86 1.25 0.33 1.73 1.49	10.15 10.85 9.83 7.92 10.28 9.80	17.16 14.93 16.37 16.59 16.32 16.48
7.	Southwest De Ridder Jennings LSU-Crowley Extreme/Average	84 82 82 84	56 56 57 56	69 69 69	62 62 62 63	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	2.58 1.51 1.26 1.78	12.64 12.29 12.22 12.38	15.25 13.59 13.95 13.59
8.	South-Central Donaldsonville LSU-Jeanerette Morgan City Extreme/Average	85 84 84 85	52 54 50 50	69 70 69 69	62 62 63 63	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	1.74 1.61 2.38 1.91	9.30 10.82 9.45 9.86	14.57 13.00 14.02 13.79
9.	Southeast Galliano Houma NO Audubon Park Reserve Extreme/Average	80 83 81 80 83	45 50 57 51 45	67 68 69 66 68	64 64 65 64	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	1.67 1.73 1.21 1.63 1.56	8.92 10.16 7.15 10.69 9.23	14.96 14.03 14.44 16.39 15.16
St	ate State Averages	86	36	68	61	0.00	1.24	10.37	14.87

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 25, 2007

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