



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 26, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 3.9

**Soil moisture supplies:** 15% short, 51% adequate and 34% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Wet weather and cold temperatures slowed down Louisiana producers throughout the state last week. Corn planting made little progress, but 11 percent had already emerged. Rice producers made good progress in planting, up 13 points from the previous week. Sugarcane producers were fertilizing and spraying pre-emergence herbicides to fields; some rust had been reported. Winter wheat continued to head and very little rust had been reported.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers inspected trees for insects and diseases. Strawberry producers continued harvesting and marketing their crop while spraying to control insects and diseases. Strawberry, tomato, and pepper fields were being irrigated. Vegetable producers continued to plant bell peppers and field tomatoes. Crawfish harvest continued, and larger sizes were being reported.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Spring plowing continued with reports of ryegrass growing well. Hay producers and cattlemen began to cut ryegrass for hay. Calving was in full swing, and cattlemen were fertilizing and spraying weeds in pastures throughout the week.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	45	37	29	38
	Emerged	11	0	3	7
Rice	Planted	16	3	7	16
Wheat	Headed	35	24	8	8
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	41	34	21	35

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	9	18	48	20	5
Wheat	0	1	19	69	11
Livestock	0	11	48	38	3
Vegetables	3	14	41	39	3
Pasture	4	18	41	35	2



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/20/06 TO 03/26/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	63	32	48	58	2.30	3.82	13.79	12.95
Minden	64	30	46	58	3.05	6.06	16.70	14.12
Mooringsport	64	35	48	MM	2.75	5.92	15.17	12.00
Extreme/Average	64	30	48	59	2.70	5.27	15.22	13.27
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	63	30	46	59	3.51	6.32	19.68	15.39
Homer/Hill Farm	63	30	45	57	2.86	6.25	18.67	14.36
ULM-Monroe	61	31	46	59	3.48	4.15	17.52	16.01
Winnfield	66	30	49	59	3.25	4.65	17.68	15.13
Extreme/Average	66	30	46	59	3.21	5.74	18.68	15.27
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	58	36	47	58	2.69	4.58	18.45	16.26
LSU-St Joseph	63	32	49	60	2.47	5.02	17.88	16.55
LSU-Winnshoro	62	33	49	59	2.46	3.25	18.01	15.78
Tallulah	62	33	47	59	1.99	5.68	22.56	16.36
Extreme/Average	63	32	48	60	2.40	4.63	19.23	16.18
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	68	(28)	50	61	1.83	2.16	11.05	14.84
LSU-Rosepine	72	34	52	60	1.04	3.30	11.65	14.73
Natchitoches	77	36	52	60	3.63	4.55	17.69	14.62
Extreme/Average	77	28	51	60	2.73	3.36	14.37	14.60
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	68	36	53	61	1.68	3.29	14.72	15.82
Brusly	79	30	55	62	0.06	0.33	6.05	16.06
Bunkie	69	36	54	62	0.94	1.36	11.60	16.14
LSU-Alexandria	66	34	51	61	1.65	2.47	12.00	15.32
Extreme/Average	79	30	53	62	1.08	1.39	9.88	15.78
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	79	34	56	61	0.57	0.87	6.34	17.37
LSU-Baton Rouge	80	30	56	62	0.08	0.36	6.34	15.09
LSU-Clinton	78	30	55	61	0.32	1.68	8.56	16.55
LSU-Hammond	78	30	55	61	0.19	0.29	7.14	16.79
Slideell	77	34	57	62	0.10	0.57	6.95	16.50
Extreme/Average	80	30	56	62	0.25	0.75	6.69	16.67
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	68	34	53	62	1.05	3.69	13.06	15.41
Jennings	78	38	56	62	0.12	0.25	10.33	13.73
LSU-Crowley	78	36	56	63	0.32	0.62	8.16	14.09
Extreme/Average	78	34	55	63	0.50	1.52	10.52	13.73
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	80	33	57	63	0.21	0.49	6.41	14.74
LSU-Jeanerette	79	34	57	62	0.01	0.12	4.29	13.14
Morgan City	79	37	57	63	0.19	0.22	6.34	14.17
Extreme/Average	80	33	57	63	0.14	0.28	5.68	13.94
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	(81)	37	60	64	0.17	0.22	4.93	15.13
Houma	81	34	59	64	0.22	0.61	6.99	14.19
NO Audubon Park	80	42	61	65	0.21	0.38	5.95	14.61
Reserve	78	38	58	63	0.10	0.63	7.53	16.57
Extreme/Average	81	34	60	64	0.20	0.40	5.96	15.34
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	81	28	53	62	1.38	2.46	11.60	15.04

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 26, 2006

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