

LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 27, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 3.3

Soil moisture supplies: 51% adequate and 49% surplus

Field Crops Report

Continuous wet weather hindered Louisiana producers throughout the state last week. Field activities remained very limited due to saturated soil. Corn planted made little progress, only increasing 8 percent from last week. Planting of rice continued as some producers were having problems with blackbirds and ducks. Sugarcane producers were limited with field cultivation due to fields being too wet. Wheat producers began spraying fields to control rust.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were limited with field work. Harvesting of strawberries continued. Watermelon producers began planting. Crawfish producers continued reporting good catches.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Warmer temperatures and rain continued to green up spring pastures. Cattlemen were weaning fall calves and culling cows. They were also busy with spring calving.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	30	22	74	46
	Emerged	3	0	20	15
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	21	19	28	49
Rice	Planted	8	3	30	24
Wheat	Headed	9	1	22	22

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	3	16	52	29	0
Wheat	0	11	40	49	0
Livestock	1	11	58	29	1
Vegetables	6	31	51	12	0
Pasture	7	24	56	13	0



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	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	79	(42)	60	58	0.93	1.31	9.91	13.10				
Minden	78	46	61	58	0.67	1.06	8.79	14.28				
Mooringsport	83	47	60	MM	0.90	1.55	9.27	12.13				
Extreme/Average	83	42	60	59	0.83	1.31	9.32	13.42				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	79	43	60	59	1.90	3.13	11.89	15.57				
LTI-Ruston	78	43	59	58	1.80	3.42	15.21	15.09				
ULM-Monroe	80	43	60	59	0.62	2.85	10.96	16.21				
Winnfield	81	46	63	59	1.39	3.73	11.90	15.32				
Extreme/Average	81	43	61	59	1.70	3.43	13.00	15.45				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	82	43	61	58	0.83	2.53	12.13	16.47				
LSU-St Joseph	84	45	64	60	1.87	5.30	14.02	16.75	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	83	45	64	59	0.71	3.67	13.11	15.98				
Tallulah	83	42	60	59	0.89	2.76	12.66	16.57				
Extreme/Average	84	42	62	60	1.08	3.57	12.98	16.38	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	80	43	64	61	1.91	4.09	11.76	15.00				
LSU-Rosepine	80	45	65	61	1.84	4.37	15.45	14.89				
Natchitoches	80	47	63	60	1.53	3.19	12.15	14.79	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	80	43	64	60	1.76	3.88	12.15	14.76	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	78	48	63	62	1.00	3.92	14.97	16.00				
Brusly	85	48	66	62	0.62	1.86	11.46	16.23				
Bunkie	80	48	65	62	1.75	4.93	14.82	16.33				
LSU-Alexandria	80	43	62	61	0.84	2.25	14.13	15.49	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	85	43	64	62	1.05	3.24	13.85	15.96	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	86	46	65	62	0.23	2.39	10.46	17.58				
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	49	66	62	0.17	2.44	9.81	15.25				
LSU-Clinton	82	46	63	61	2.07	3.65	14.22	16.73				
LSU-Hammond	(87)	46	65	62	0.13	2.07	10.41	16.99	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	82	50	65	62	0.12	4.15	14.16	16.68				
Extreme/Average	87	46	65	62	0.54	2.94	11.23	16.86	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	80	46	64	62	0.20	2.28	10.89	15.57				
Jennings	80	48	65	62	0.41	2.94	15.32	13.87				
LSU-Crowley	MM	MM	MM	63	0.05	1.82	12.75	14.23	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	80	46	64	63	0.31	2.94	15.32	13.87	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	85	50	67	63	0.05	1.95	11.55	14.92				
LSU-Jeanerette	81	50	66	63	0.23	3.08	13.92	13.29				
Morgan City	81	42	65	63	0.13	3.92	15.23	14.32				
Extreme/Average	85	42	66	64	0.14	2.98	13.57	14.09				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	84	50	69	64	0.05	7.29	17.30	15.30				
Houma	86	53	69	64	0.00	6.45	22.72	14.35	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	85	55	69	65	0.24	4.60	17.48	14.78				
Reserve	85	54	68	63	0.04	3.69	18.11	16.75				
Extreme/Average	86	50	69	64	0.08	5.51	18.90	15.52	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	87	42	64	62	0.82	3.38	13.73	15.21	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 27, 2005

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