



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 30, 2008

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.5

Soil moisture supplies: 14% short, 83% adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Dry conditions across the state allowed producers to make excellent progress with field activities. Land preparation progressed significantly last week. Corn and rice producers were busy planting crops, surpassing last year and the five-year average for both crops. Corn began to emerge as warm, dry conditions were received during the week. Sorghum planting was underway. Winter wheat producers were scouting fields for insects and disease. Sugarcane producers continued treating fields with herbicides and preparing to fertilize.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

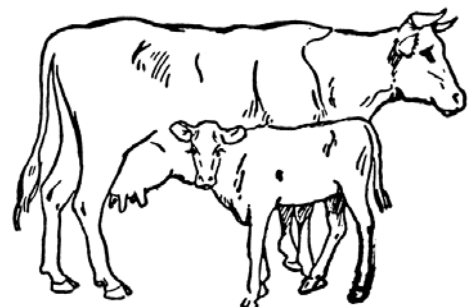
Citrus producers were scouting and spraying for insects. Vegetable producers were harvesting greenhouse tomatoes and preparing to plant spring and summer crops. Strawberry producers continued harvesting and selling their crop. Crawfish producers continued harvesting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cool nights across the state continued to slow the growth of pasture. Some fertilizer was being applied to pastures. Cattlemen continued working cattle.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	87	43	85	61
	Emerged	14	0	46	23
Rice	Planted	35	4	29	27
Sorghum	Planted	5	0	24	7
Winter Wheat	Headed	21	0	43	28
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	50	28	68	55

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	2	9	47	37	5
Wheat	0	4	26	58	12
Livestock	0	5	39	54	2
Vegetables	2	15	51	31	1
Pasture	2	13	42	41	2



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/24/08 TO 03/30/08

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	83	34	62	59	0.03	2.87	11.05	13.70
Minden	81	32	61	59	0.00	2.91	12.37	14.93
Mooringsport	80	34	62	MM	0.00	3.61	11.97	12.66
Extreme/Average	83	32	62	60	0.01	3.13	11.80	14.02
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	81	33	60	60	0.11	1.93	8.56	16.28
Homer/Hill Farm	80	37	60	58	0.20	3.15	10.63	15.21
ULM-Monroe	(84)	36	61	60	0.00	1.72	8.63	16.98
Columbia Lock	84	38	60	MM	0.00	1.27	10.20	17.23
Extreme/Average	84	33	61	60	0.08	2.02	9.51	16.16
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	82	37	60	59	0.00	2.57	13.76	17.31
LSU-St Joseph	80	41	60	61	0.00	2.53	13.11	17.55
LSU-Winnsboro	84	36	61	60	0.00	2.19	13.01	16.75
Tallulah	83	36	61	60	0.00	3.39	14.75	17.38
Extreme/Average	84	36	61	61	0.00	2.72	13.84	17.18
4. West-Central								
Leesville	83	34	64	61	0.00	2.59	13.33	15.63
LSU-Rosepine	84	37	63	61	0.01	2.83	13.64	15.53
Natchitoches	83	35	63	61	0.00	1.83	11.76	15.43
Extreme/Average	84	34	63	61	0.00	2.42	12.91	15.40
5. Central								
Alexandria	78	41	61	62	0.00	1.90	15.94	16.72
Brusly	79	33	56	62	M.MM	2.53	16.05	16.93
Bunkie	78	38	61	62	0.00	4.11	15.50	17.09
LSU-Alexandria	83	37	63	61	0.01	2.30	14.93	16.14
Extreme/Average	83	33	63	63	0.01	2.30	14.93	16.67
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	82	35	61	MM	0.07	3.99	13.11	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	83	33	62	63	0.04	2.66	14.44	15.91
LSU-Clinton	79	32	56	61	0.00	2.51	15.96	17.48
LSU-Hammond	83	(31)	61	62	0.27	3.65	16.72	17.79
Slidell	76	35	58	63	0.00	1.82	13.22	17.39
Extreme/Average	83	31	61	63	0.13	3.43	14.76	17.62
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	81	40	62	62	0.00	5.49	17.64	16.20
Jennings	76	42	60	63	0.00	3.42	16.32	14.43
LSU-Crowley	77	40	60	63	0.00	5.52	15.86	14.79
Extreme/Average	81	40	MM	64	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	14.43
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	37	62	63	0.03	2.38	11.42	15.64
LSU-Jeanerette	79	39	59	63	0.00	2.06	10.38	13.89
Morgan City	83	41	63	63	0.00	1.70	9.78	14.90
Extreme/Average	83	37	63	64	0.02	2.04	10.60	14.73
9. Southeast								
Galliano	80	39	62	65	0.00	2.59	17.21	15.97
Houma	83	35	63	65	0.00	1.25	8.96	14.98
Terrytown 3S	80	42	64	MM	0.00	2.24	15.90	MM.MM
Reserve	83	40	63	64	0.00	2.87	13.53	17.47
Extreme/Average	83	35	63	65	0.00	2.24	13.09	16.20
State								
State Averages	84	31	62	62	0.03	2.51	12.85	16.15

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 30, 2008

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