



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 2, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.7

Soil moisture supplies: 13% very short, 26% short, 46% adequate and 15% surplus

Field Crops Report

Unseasonably high temperatures and dry conditions were major factors for last week's field activities. Corn planting made excellent progress, reaching 65 percent. Due to the sunny, warm weather conditions, corn emerged increased 19 points from last week to 30 percent. Rice producers continued planting last week with 40 percent planted, surpassing the 5-year average of 35 percent. The dry conditions continued to burden rice producers because of high salt levels in the surface water. Some rice was beginning to emerge. Sorghum producers were beginning to plant. Sugarcane producers continued fertilizing and cultivating fields. Winter wheat heading made excellent progress due to the sunny, dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers continued harvesting and spraying for insects and diseases. Vegetable producers were harvesting greenhouse tomatoes, planting and irrigating field crops. Crawfish harvesting continued, but ponds needed rain.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dry conditions continued to affect pasture conditions. Cattlemen continued cutting ryegrass for hay and spraying weeds in pastures. Cattlemen were also busy with spring calving, weaning fall calves and culling cows.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	65	45	54	59
	Emerged	30	11	12	24
Rice	Planted	40	16	17	35
	Emerged	7	0	5	11
Sorghum	Planted	7	0	2	3
Wheat	Headed	52	35	13	20
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	63	41	35	50

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	9	19	48	20	4
Wheat	0	3	20	68	9
Livestock	1	8	38	50	3
Vegetables	1	17	37	42	3
Pasture	5	18	32	44	1



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/27/06 TO 04/02/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	43	65	60	0.20	4.02	13.99	14.00
Minden	83	40	64	59	0.19	6.25	16.89	15.27
Mooringsport	84	45	65	MM	0.16	6.08	15.33	12.92
Extreme/Average	84	40	65	61	0.18	5.45	15.40	14.32
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	84	35	64	60	0.07	6.39	19.75	16.62
Homer/Hill Farm	82	44	64	59	0.12	6.37	18.79	15.55
ULM-Monroe	85	(33)	65	61	0.08	5.72	19.09	17.36
Winnfield	82	40	64	60	0.26	4.91	17.94	16.46
Extreme/Average	85	33	64	61	0.13	5.85	18.89	16.50
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	84	38	63	59	0.10	4.68	18.55	17.73
LSU-St Joseph	86	42	65	62	0.16	5.18	18.04	17.93
LSU-Winnshoro	85	45	67	61	0.10	4.84	19.60	17.13
Tallulah	85	44	66	60	0.10	5.78	22.66	17.78
Extreme/Average	86	38	65	61	0.12	5.12	19.71	17.58
4. West-Central								
Leesville	83	40	68	62	0.66	2.82	11.71	15.93
LSU-Rosepine	83	40	67	62	0.57	3.84	12.22	15.83
Natchitoches	84	41	65	61	0.26	4.81	17.95	15.75
Extreme/Average	84	40	67	62	0.50	3.82	13.96	15.70
5. Central								
Alexandria	83	41	67	63	0.31	3.60	15.03	17.08
Brusly	85	40	67	63	0.06	0.39	6.11	17.29
Bunkie	83	46	68	63	0.19	1.55	11.79	17.47
LSU-Alexandria	83	50	68	62	0.25	2.72	12.25	16.46
Extreme/Average	85	40	67	63	0.20	2.07	11.30	17.01
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	(87)	36	66	63	0.00	0.87	6.34	18.78
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	38	68	63	0.00	0.36	6.34	16.25
LSU-Clinton	82	37	65	62	0.00	1.68	8.56	17.86
LSU-Hammond	86	36	66	63	0.02	0.31	7.16	18.19
Slideell	84	40	66	64	0.01	0.58	6.96	17.73
Extreme/Average	87	36	66	63	0.01	0.76	6.70	18.00
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	83	40	67	63	1.81	5.50	14.87	16.50
Jennings	82	47	68	63	0.22	0.47	10.55	14.69
LSU-Crowley	81	45	65	64	0.06	0.68	8.22	15.07
Extreme/Average	83	40	68	64	1.02	2.99	12.71	14.71
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	85	43	67	64	0.01	0.50	6.42	16.00
LSU-Jeanerette	82	45	68	64	0.12	0.24	4.41	14.19
Morgan City	80	42	66	64	0.00	0.22	6.34	15.18
Extreme/Average	85	42	67	65	0.04	0.32	5.72	15.03
9. Southeast								
Galliano	81	42	69	65	0.00	0.22	4.93	16.29
Houma	86	49	70	65	0.00	0.61	6.99	15.28
NO Audubon Park	85	47	70	66	0.00	0.38	5.95	15.80
Reserve	85	41	67	64	0.00	0.63	7.53	17.83
Extreme/Average	86	41	69	65	0.00	0.46	6.35	16.54
State								
State Averages	87	33	67	63	0.28	2.92	12.28	16.21

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 2, 2006

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