

LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 03, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.1

Soil moisture supplies: 3% short, 69% adequate and 28% surplus

Field Crops Report

Favorable weather conditions during the first part of the week allowed producers to progress with field activities. Scattered showers returned later in the week, which again slowed field activities. Corn planting made excellent progress last week, increasing to 58 percent, but still behind last year and the 5 year average. Rice planting continued as conditions improved. Sorghum planting began. Sugarcane producers continued cultivating and fertilizing fields. Wheat producers continued spraying fields to control rust.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were planting spring vegetables. Citrus producers were fertilizing trees. Crawfish harvesting continued and producers were still reporting good production.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture conditions continued to improve with dryer weather conditions across the state. Cattlemen were fertilizing and applying weed control to spring pastures. Cattlemen continued to stay busy with spring calving, weaning fall calves and culling cows.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	58	30	91	63
	Emerged	14	3	56	37
Rice	Planted	19	8	53	42
	Emerged	6	0	22	19
Sorghum	Planted	2	0	13	3
Wheat	Headed	14	9	50	37
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	35	21	75	58

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	2	12	49	35	2
Wheat	0	12	38	46	4
Livestock	0	8	47	39	6
Vegetables	1	17	57	24	1
Pasture	4	15	50	31	0



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/28/05 TO 04/03/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE		
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	FOUR YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG
1. Northwest											
LSU-Bossier City(87)	40	59	60		0.88	2.05	10.79	14.15			
Minden	85	38	59	60	1.15	2.11	9.94	15.44			
Mooringsport	86	43	62	MM	0.73	1.97	10.00	13.06			
Extreme/Average	87	38	60	61	0.92	2.04	10.24	14.47			
2. North-Central											
LSU-Calhoun	82	38	59	61	0.45	3.55	12.34	16.79			
LTI-Ruston	MM	MM	MM	60	0.41	3.83	15.62	16.21			
ULM-Monroe	85	40	59	61	0.68	3.52	11.65	17.55			
Winnfield	85	40	62	61	0.78	4.34	12.68	16.65			
Extreme/Average	85	38	60	61	0.64	3.80	12.22	16.67			
3. Northeast											
Lake Providence	81	44	61	60	0.68	3.10	12.81	17.94			
LSU-St Joseph	85	41	63	62	0.62	5.81	14.64	18.12	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Winnsboro	84	44	62	61	0.58	4.10	13.69	17.32			
Tallulah	82	44	61	61	0.60	3.30	13.26	17.97			
Extreme/Average	85	41	62	61	0.62	4.08	13.60	17.78	MM	MM	MM
4. West-Central											
Leesville	83	(37)	61	62	0.23	4.06	11.99	16.08			
LSU-Rosepine	82	39	60	62	0.23	3.31	14.62	15.98	MM	MM	MM
Natchitoches	85	43	61	61	0.63	3.78	12.78	15.90			
Extreme/Average	85	37	61	62	0.36	3.72	12.78	15.85	MM	MM	MM
5. Central											
Alexandria	81	40	61	63	0.32	3.97	15.29	17.25			
Brusly	77	43	62	63	0.57	2.39	12.03	17.48			
Bunkie	79	42	61	63	0.15	5.04	14.97	17.66			
LSU-Alexandria	81	39	61	62	0.59	2.67	14.72	16.61	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	81	39	61	63	0.41	3.52	14.25	17.18	MM	MM	MM
6. East-Central											
Bogalusa	81	40	63	63	3.47	5.57	13.93	18.97			
LSU-Baton Rouge	78	43	63	63	0.40	2.78	10.21	16.42			
LSU-Clinton	75	38	60	62	0.78	4.25	15.00	18.05			
LSU-Hammond	76	38	63	63	1.02	2.96	11.43	18.39	MM	MM	MM
Slideell	79	41	64	64	1.66	5.50	15.82	17.90			
Extreme/Average	81	38	62	64	1.47	4.21	13.28	18.19	MM	MM	MM
7. Southwest											
De Ridder	81	40	60	63	1.40	3.68	12.29	16.65			
Jennings	75	42	60	63	0.05	2.61	15.37	14.82	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Crowley	74	46	63	64	0.25	1.77	13.00	15.21	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	81	40	61	64	0.57	3.15	15.37	14.85	MM	MM	MM
8. South-Central											
Donaldsonville	79	44	63	64	0.09	1.91	11.64	16.18			
LSU-Jeanerette	78	44	62	64	0.08	2.90	14.00	14.34			
Morgan City	80	47	63	64	0.01	3.47	15.24	15.32			
Extreme/Average	80	44	63	65	0.06	2.76	13.63	15.19			
9. Southeast											
Galliano	83	45	67	65	0.06	6.33	17.36	16.45			
Houma	81	47	65	66	0.01	5.38	22.73	15.43			
NO Audubon Park	78	47	65	66	0.14	4.22	17.62	15.97	MM	MM	MM
Reserve	79	47	65	64	0.02	3.49	18.13	18.01			
Extreme/Average	83	45	65	65	0.06	4.86	18.96	16.71	MM	MM	MM
State											
State Averages	87	37	62	63	0.56	3.63	14.12	16.38	MM	MM	MM

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 03, 2005

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