



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 6, 2008

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.6

Soil moisture supplies: 10% short, 61% adequate and 29% surplus

Field Crops Report

Wet conditions across the state provided adequate moisture to aid corn plantings but hindered farmers slightly. Corn and rice farmers continued to be busy planting crops. Sugarcane farmers were busy spraying and fertilizing fields. Sorghum planting was underway. Winter wheat farmers were scouting fields for insects and disease. Soybean planting will begin soon.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

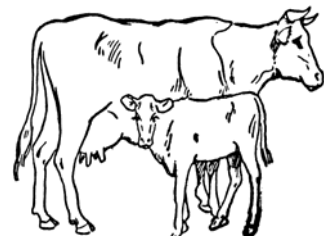
Vegetable producers were harvesting greenhouse tomatoes and preparing to plant bell peppers and watermelons. Strawberry producers continued harvesting and selling their crop. Citrus producers scouted for insects. Crawfish producers continued harvesting. Latest price drop will affect decisions on whether to drain and begin planting. Rain will help maintain ponds longer without pumping.

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 as calving season continued. Summer pastures continued to green up with the additional rainfall and grazing conditions improved. Some farmers were able to make first cutting of hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	94	87	91	82
	Emerged	53	14	71	48
Hay	First Cutting	1	0	2	1
Rice	Planted	51	35	47	46
	Emerged	23	0	19	21
Sorghum	Planted	16	5	35	17
Winter Wheat	Headed	52	21	66	49
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	71	50	78	64

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	4	47	45	3
Wheat	0	4	24	56	16
Livestock	1	6	38	53	2
Vegetables	1	12	46	36	5
Pasture	3	13	36	44	4



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/31/08 TO 04/06/08**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	51	65	61	2.01	2.81	13.06	14.75
Minden	83	48	64	60	2.11	2.59	14.48	16.12
Mooringsport	82	48	64	MM	1.76	2.90	13.73	13.62
Extreme/Average	84	48	65	61	1.96	2.77	13.76	15.07
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	84	44	64	61	2.35	3.26	10.91	17.44
Homer/Hill Farm	83	46	62	60	1.88	2.85	12.51	16.40
ULM-Monroe	84	48	65	61	2.39	3.49	11.02	18.27
Columbia Lock	85	50	65	MM	2.45	3.20	12.65	18.63
Extreme/Average	85	44	64	62	2.27	3.20	11.77	17.35
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	82	49	63	60	2.37	3.26	16.13	18.78
LSU-St Joseph	84	52	68	62	2.47	3.08	15.58	18.87
LSU-Winnboro	84	50	64	61	2.31	3.14	15.32	18.08
Tallulah	82	49	65	61	2.64	4.50	17.39	18.73
Extreme/Average	84	49	65	62	2.45	3.50	16.11	18.54
4. West-Central								
Leesville	85	(43)	68	63	1.12	2.39	14.45	16.68
LSU-Rosepine	82	58	71	62	0.28	1.67	13.92	16.55
Natchitoches	(87)	56	68	62	7.34	8.39	19.10	16.50
Extreme/Average	87	43	68	62	4.23	5.39	16.78	16.45
5. Central								
Alexandria	85	51	69	63	1.24	2.38	17.29	17.93
Brusly	86	56	73	63	1.24	2.31	17.43	18.24
Bunkie	84	52	69	64	0.78	2.39	16.28	18.41
LSU-Alexandria	86	50	69	63	1.21	2.43	16.14	17.21
Extreme/Average	86	50	69	64	1.08	2.40	16.57	17.86
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	82	52	70	MM	1.35	2.33	14.46	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	54	72	64	1.44	2.49	15.87	17.10
LSU-Clinton	83	51	70	63	1.15	2.64	17.22	18.81
LSU-Hammond	85	53	71	63	1.44	2.87	18.16	19.19
Slidell	82	56	71	64	5.93	6.82	19.93	18.54
Extreme/Average	85	51	71	64	2.26	3.43	17.13	18.95
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	81	49	67	64	0.49	2.53	18.13	17.21
Jennings	83	53	71	64	1.25	3.28	17.57	15.34
LSU-Crowley	83	54	71	65	0.47	3.73	16.35	15.77
Extreme/Average	83	49	70	65	0.74	3.18	17.35	15.39
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	56	72	65	1.02	1.78	12.44	16.90
LSU-Jeanerette	84	55	73	64	1.93	3.17	12.52	14.94
Morgan City	82	59	73	65	0.17	0.93	9.95	15.88
Extreme/Average	84	55	72	65	1.04	1.96	11.64	15.83
9. Southeast								
Galliano	82	60	72	66	0.21	1.24	17.42	17.05
Houma	85	56	73	66	0.47	0.77	9.43	16.03
Terrytown 3S	84	60	72	MM	3.87	4.73	19.77	MM.MM
Reserve	83	56	71	65	1.62	2.60	15.15	18.73
Extreme/Average	85	56	72	66	1.54	2.34	13.43	17.36
State								
State Averages	87	43	69	64	1.81	3.07	15.15	17.03

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 6, 2008

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