



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 3.5

**Soil moisture supplies:** 5% very short, 19% short, 47% adequate and 29% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Most of the state received rain and very cold temperatures late in the week which brought concern to some producers who had crops already planted and emerged. Corn planted and emerged continued to make good progress, but the condition declined due to the cold weather. Rice producers continued planting and 26 percent of the crop had already emerged. Sugarcane crop condition also declined due to the almost freezing temperatures. Sorghum planting made good progress, increasing to 39 percent. Soybean producers continued to prepare their fields for planting.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus growers were finishing up fertilizer applications. Vegetable producers were planting and irrigating field crops, with crop conditions on the rise. Crawfish catches continued to increase, but ponds were in need of more water.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cooler weather provided some relief to livestock. Calving continued as well as some feeding. Cattlemen were cutting hay and fertilizing pastures throughout the week. Cattlemen were also busy culling cows and marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	92	87	88	82
	Emerged	76	59	56	50
Hay	First Cutting	2	1	3	1
Rice	Planted	51	36	52	52
	Emerged	26	0	28	28
Sorghum	Planted	39	26	23	14
Wheat	Headed	71	55	77	47
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	78	68	73	67

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	2	6	21	71	0
Sugarcane	10	21	50	19	0
Wheat	0	5	29	59	7
Livestock	0	7	40	52	1
Vegetables	1	14	34	41	10
Pasture	1	15	44	32	8



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/02/07 TO 04/08/07

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	87	36	59	61	0.00	0.60	10.78	14.90
Minden	84	36	58	61	0.00	1.33	12.04	16.29
Mooringsport	83	37	58	MM	0.03	4.63	15.33	13.75
Extreme/Average	87	36	59	62	0.01	2.19	12.72	15.22
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	83	34	56	62	0.13	1.30	10.76	17.60
Homer/Hill Farm	86	35	59	60	0.00	1.71	12.95	16.57
ULM-Monroe	87	34	59	62	0.48	1.52	9.12	18.45
Winnfield	MM	MM	MM	62	M.MM	M.MM	6.37	17.60
Extreme/Average	87	34	58	62	0.20	1.51	10.94	17.52
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	86	37	59	61	0.06	0.57	9.47	18.99
LSU-St Joseph	85	38	61	63	0.54	2.18	13.30	19.05
LSU-Winnboro	84	37	59	62	0.19	2.94	12.13	18.27
Tallulah	83	36	59	62	0.09	1.43	9.91	18.92
Extreme/Average	86	36	60	62	0.22	1.78	11.20	18.73
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	84	32	61	63	0.41	4.05	11.36	16.83
LSU-Rosepine	83	33	61	63	0.51	4.54	14.72	16.69
Natchitoches	83	33	60	62	0.01	1.70	9.08	16.65
Extreme/Average	84	32	60	63	0.31	3.43	11.72	16.60
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	84	37	62	64	1.15	2.81	14.66	18.10
Brusly	83	37	62	64	0.62	2.04	12.63	18.43
Bunkie	83	34	60	64	1.13	3.80	13.52	18.59
LSU-Alexandria	84	36	60	63	0.49	2.11	11.88	17.36
Extreme/Average	84	34	61	64	0.85	2.69	12.68	18.03
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	86	34	63	64	0.41	2.54	10.87	19.92
LSU-Baton Rouge	84	38	62	64	0.54	2.51	11.66	17.27
LSU-Clinton	81	(29)	60	63	1.23	2.45	11.40	19.00
LSU-Hammond	84	37	63	63	0.58	2.26	10.01	19.39
Slidell	82	38	63	65	0.92	2.70	11.46	18.70
Extreme/Average	86	29	62	65	0.74	2.49	11.00	19.14
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	83	35	62	64	1.92	5.87	16.21	17.35
Jennings	80	36	61	64	0.89	3.08	13.97	15.47
LSU-Crowley	82	36	63	65	0.68	2.63	13.60	15.91
Extreme/Average	83	35	62	65	1.30	4.25	14.91	15.52
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	85	38	63	65	0.36	2.99	10.61	17.08
LSU-Jeanerette	83	37	63	65	0.33	2.30	11.56	15.10
Morgan City	83	37	65	65	0.42	3.16	10.29	16.02
Extreme/Average	85	37	64	66	0.37	2.82	10.82	15.99
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	81	41	64	66	0.10	1.62	9.02	17.20
Houma	83	39	65	66	0.43	2.31	10.81	16.18
NO Audubon Park	84	41	65	67	0.17	1.37	7.39	16.82
Reserve	85	40	64	65	0.31	2.08	11.35	18.91
Extreme/Average	85	39	64	66	0.25	1.85	9.64	17.52
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	87	29	61	64	0.55	2.60	11.90	17.20

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 8, 2007

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