



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 9, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.7

Soil moisture supplies: 25% very short, 34% short, 40% adequate and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report

Spring plowing and planting of crops were taking place, but lack of soil moisture and high winds were beginning to set field activities back. High winds prevented farmers from spraying fertilizer and applying herbicides. Corn planting made excellent progress with 60 percent emerged, while cotton planting was just getting underway. Rice producers were right on schedule with planting, but there was concern about drifting of seed rice. Rice emerged was at 31 percent, matching the 5 year average. Wheat headed was far ahead of the 5 year average, jumping up to 81 percent. Sugarcane farmers were working the crop and hoping for rain.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued planting and irrigating fields, but they were still in desperate need of water. Citrus producers continued harvesting their crops with reports of high insect pressure. Crawfish catches and sizes continued rising, but ponds needed more water also.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dry, cool and windy conditions continued to affect pasture conditions. Cattlemen continued cutting ryegrass for hay, but pastures were experiencing very slow re-growth. Cattlemen were also busy with culling cows and marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	92	65	88	81
	Emerged	60	30	37	52
Cotton	Planted	3	0	1	2
Hay	First Cutting	4	0	0	1
Rice	Planted	54	40	42	54
	Emerged	31	7	21	31
Sorghum	Planted	26	7	22	11
Wheat	Headed	81	52	35	43
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	73	63	56	63

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	10	24	44	16	6
Wheat	0	3	17	71	9
Livestock	1	11	42	42	4
Vegetables	1	15	41	40	3
Pasture	8	20	32	37	3



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/03/06 TO 04/09/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	86	45	69	61	0.09	3.91	14.08	15.05
Minden	85	42	69	61	0.34	6.21	17.23	16.46
Mooringsport	85	46	69	MM	0.40	6.33	15.73	13.88
Extreme/Average	86	42	69	62	0.28	5.48	15.68	15.37
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	39	68	62	0.61	6.15	20.36	17.76
Homer/Hill Farm	83	42	67	60	0.79	6.86	19.58	16.74
ULM-Monroe	87	39	67	62	0.36	5.42	19.45	18.63
Winnfield	(89)	42	69	62	0.41	4.57	18.35	17.79
Extreme/Average	89	(39)	68	62	0.54	5.75	19.44	17.69
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	45	68	61	0.40	3.97	18.95	19.20
LSU-St Joseph	88	44	69	63	0.15	3.60	18.19	19.23
LSU-Winnshoro	88	42	69	62	0.12	3.88	19.72	18.46
Tallulah	87	46	68	62	0.20	4.29	22.86	19.10
Extreme/Average	88	42	68	63	0.22	3.94	19.93	18.92
4. West-Central								
Leesville	86	44	70	63	0.21	2.78	11.92	16.97
LSU-Rosepine	84	47	70	63	0.01	1.63	12.23	16.83
Natchitoches	88	47	70	63	0.19	4.45	18.14	16.80
Extreme/Average	88	44	70	63	0.14	2.95	14.10	16.75
5. Central								
Alexandria	86	47	71	64	0.00	2.06	15.03	18.27
Brusly	86	48	70	64	0.00	0.34	6.11	18.62
Bunkie	85	47	71	64	0.00	1.13	11.79	18.77
LSU-Alexandria	86	44	71	63	0.10	2.02	12.35	17.51
Extreme/Average	86	44	70	64	0.03	1.39	11.32	18.20
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	87	52	72	64	0.00	0.62	6.34	20.10
LSU-Baton Rouge	87	47	71	64	0.00	0.36	6.34	17.45
LSU-Clinton	85	47	67	63	0.00	1.42	8.56	19.20
LSU-Hammond	85	52	70	64	0.00	0.30	7.16	19.59
Slideell	83	51	71	65	0.00	0.48	6.96	18.86
Extreme/Average	87	47	70	65	0.00	0.72	6.55	19.33
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	84	48	70	64	0.15	3.30	15.02	17.49
Jennings	83	49	70	65	0.15	0.57	10.70	15.60
LSU-Crowley	85	49	72	65	0.10	0.48	8.32	16.05
Extreme/Average	85	48	71	66	0.13	1.45	11.35	15.65
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	85	49	70	65	0.00	0.50	6.42	17.26
LSU-Jeanerette	85	51	71	65	0.00	0.16	4.41	15.26
Morgan City	81	53	72	65	0.00	0.19	6.34	16.16
Extreme/Average	85	49	71	66	0.00	0.28	5.72	16.15
9. Southeast								
Galliano	84	55	72	66	0.15	0.37	5.08	17.34
Houma	85	52	73	66	0.01	0.62	7.00	16.33
NO Audubon Park	88	55	74	67	0.00	0.38	5.95	16.99
Reserve	85	51	70	65	0.00	0.63	7.53	19.09
Extreme/Average	88	51	72	67	0.04	0.50	6.39	17.68
State								
State Averages	89	39	70	64	0.15	2.38	12.18	17.36

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 9, 2006

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