

## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 10, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.2

**Soil moisture supplies:** 5% short, 75% adequate and 20% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Excellent weather conditions prevailed over most of the state last week. Showers were received in the central part of the state during the middle of the week; these slowed some field activities. Most producers were able to progress with field activities as weather conditions were in their favor. Planting of corn increased after getting off to a slow start, surpassing the 5 year average and coming close to last year. Cotton planting began. Planting of rice advanced to 46 percent as field conditions improved. Sorghum planting continued with excellent progress made last week. Sugarcane producers were off-barring and applying herbicides and fertilizers to fields. Some wheat fields were still showing signs of leaf rust.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of strawberries continued, and producers were spraying to control spider mites. Vegetable producers were working fields and planting crops. Producers were still reporting good crawfish production.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Spring pastures were improving as the state had more favorable weather conditions last week. Cattlemen were fertilizing pastures. Spring calving was winding down and cattlemen continued working cattle.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	93	58	97	81
	Emerged	41	14	82	61
Cotton	Planted	1	0	4	2
Rice	Planted	46	19	71	60
	Emerged	24	6	48	39
Sorghum	Planted	25	2	24	9
Wheat	Headed	39	14	77	59
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	56	35	82	64

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	2	12	37	39	10
Wheat	0	12	35	49	4
Livestock	0	7	46	41	6
Vegetables	0	13	55	28	4
Pasture	3	13	53	28	3



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/04/05 TO 04/10/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKLY	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City	83	50	65	62	0.19	2.11	10.98	15.20				
Minden	82	42	64	61	0.22	2.08	10.16	16.63				
Mooringsport	81	47	65	MM	1.03	2.67	11.03	14.01				
Extreme/Average	83	42	64	62	0.48	2.29	10.72	15.52				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	80	45	64	62	1.44	4.40	13.78	17.92				
LTI-Ruston	80	44	64	61	1.40	4.30	17.02	17.28				
ULM-Monroe	80	(40)	64	62	1.78	4.49	13.43	18.81				
Winnfield	83	44	66	62	0.75	4.25	13.43	17.98				
Extreme/Average	83	40	64	62	1.20	4.33	13.61	17.86				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	81	47	65	61	1.86	4.01	14.67	19.41				
LSU-St Joseph	(84)	48	66	63	0.26	4.34	14.90	19.41	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	82	51	66	62	1.14	3.67	14.83	18.65				
Tallulah	81	41	64	62	1.39	3.64	14.65	19.28				
Extreme/Average	84	41	65	63	1.16	3.92	14.76	19.11	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	82	46	65	63	0.20	3.60	12.19	17.11				
LSU-Rosepine	81	47	65	63	0.11	2.44	14.73	16.97	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	83	44	66	63	0.30	3.44	13.08	16.94				
Extreme/Average	83	44	65	63	0.20	3.16	13.08	16.90	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	82	49	65	64	0.22	3.27	15.51	18.44				
Brusly	84	43	65	64	0.20	2.21	12.23	18.81				
Bunkie	83	51	66	64	0.74	4.26	15.71	18.95				
LSU-Alexandria	84	45	64	63	0.28	2.50	15.00	17.66	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	84	43	65	65	0.36	3.06	14.61	18.37	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	80	40	64	64	0.55	5.71	14.48	20.28				
LSU-Baton Rouge	82	45	64	65	0.13	2.54	10.34	17.63				
LSU-Clinton	80	42	63	63	0.67	4.54	15.67	19.40				
LSU-Hammond	79	44	64	64	0.43	2.96	11.86	19.79	MM	MM	MM	
Slideell	75	46	64	65	3.21	7.67	19.03	19.01				
Extreme/Average	82	40	64	65	1.00	4.68	14.28	19.52	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	81	49	66	64	0.35	2.80	12.64	17.63				
Jennings	80	48	65	65	0.04	2.12	15.41	15.73	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	80	50	65	65	0.23	2.00	13.63	16.19	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	81	48	65	66	0.20	2.46	15.41	15.78	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	81	45	66	65	0.07	1.60	11.71	17.44				
LSU-Jeanerette	80	46	65	65	0.04	2.01	14.04	15.42				
Morgan City	80	49	65	66	0.56	1.83	15.80	16.30				
Extreme/Average	81	45	65	66	0.22	1.81	13.85	16.31				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	78	47	67	66	4.12	8.45	21.48	17.48				
Houma	79	48	67	67	0.45	3.89	23.18	16.48				
NO Audubon Park	78	52	68	67	1.86	4.56	19.48	17.16	MM	MM	MM	
Reserve	80	46	65	65	0.20	2.94	18.33	19.26				
Extreme/Average	80	46	67	67	1.66	4.96	20.62	17.84	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	84	40	65	64	0.73	3.48	14.86	17.52	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 10, 2005

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