



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.5

**Soil moisture supplies:** 1% very short, 14% short, 71% adequate and 14% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Moisture from previous week's rainfall was starting to dry out fields permitting field activities to resume. Although rice planting remained active, strong winds kept producers from making much progress in planting. Cane field work progressed well with cultivation and spraying in full swing. Soybean and sorghum planting were underway.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were harvesting their crops. Citrus producers scouted for insects. Crawfish producers continued harvesting. Some ponds were drained because of low prices.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Some fertilizer was applied to pastures. Cattlemen remained busy as calving season continued. Some farmers made a first cutting of hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	98	94	95	95
	Emerged	85	53	84	71
Cotton	Planted	1	0	0	4
Hay	First Cutting	4	1	5	3
Rice	Planted	63	51	58	63
	Emerged	35	23	36	42
Sorghum	Planted	42	16	45	29
Soybeans	Planted	6	0	0	2
Winter Wheat	Headed	91	52	85	72
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	75	71	82	77

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	15	68	16
Sugarcane	1	5	38	48	8
Wheat	1	3	15	64	17
Livestock	1	6	39	49	5
Vegetables	1	11	48	35	5
Pasture	2	11	38	45	4

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/07/08 TO 04/13/08

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	84	47	68	62	0.11	2.27	13.17	15.80
Minden	84	41	66	62	0.20	2.42	14.68	17.31
Mooringsport	82	48	66	MM	0.18	2.63	13.91	14.53
Extreme/Average	84	41	67	63	0.16	2.44	13.92	16.12
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	86	42	67	63	0.06	2.54	10.97	18.56
Homer/Hill Farm	84	44	66	61	0.33	2.51	12.84	17.59
ULM-Monroe	(88)	49	69	63	0.02	2.48	11.04	19.53
Columbia Lock	86	47	67	MM	0.10	2.73	12.75	20.03
Extreme/Average	88	42	67	63	0.13	2.57	11.90	18.53
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	87	44	66	62	0.11	2.68	16.24	20.25
LSU-St Joseph	87	48	70	64	0.02	2.59	15.60	20.13
LSU-Winnboro	88	42	69	63	0.18	2.80	15.83	19.41
Tallulah	87	47	68	63	0.10	4.04	17.49	20.00
Extreme/Average	88	42	68	64	0.10	3.03	16.29	19.87
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	84	(37)	67	64	0.06	1.59	14.51	17.67
LSU-Rosepine	83	43	69	64	0.04	1.32	14.74	17.51
Natchitoches	85	47	69	63	0.13	7.54	19.23	17.50
Extreme/Average	85	37	68	64	0.08	3.48	16.16	17.46
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	86	47	69	65	0.03	1.52	17.32	19.09
Brusly	88	43	71	65	0.00	1.85	17.43	19.61
Bunkie	86	48	70	65	0.00	1.06	16.28	19.67
LSU-Alexandria	87	47	70	64	0.09	1.51	16.23	18.24
Extreme/Average	88	43	70	65	0.03	1.49	16.82	19.03
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	86	42	70	MM	0.20	1.90	14.66	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	88	45	71	65	0.55	2.42	16.42	18.35
LSU-Clinton	85	43	68	64	1.29	2.97	18.60	20.20
LSU-Hammond	87	42	70	64	0.08	2.08	18.24	20.55
Slidell	84	44	70	65	0.65	6.94	20.58	19.61
Extreme/Average	88	42	70	65	0.55	3.26	17.70	20.28
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	84	45	70	65	0.07	0.82	18.20	18.15
Jennings	85	48	71	65	0.04	1.44	17.61	16.22
LSU-Crowley	87	48	72	66	0.01	1.53	16.36	16.75
Extreme/Average	87	45	71	66	0.04	1.26	17.39	16.31
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	86	47	71	66	0.09	1.42	12.50	18.16
LSU-Jeanerette	85	47	71	66	0.08	2.53	12.60	16.06
Morgan City	83	53	72	66	0.12	0.63	10.07	16.83
Extreme/Average	86	47	71	67	0.10	1.53	11.72	16.95
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	83	49	71	67	0.00	0.65	17.42	18.04
Houma	85	48	72	67	1.15	1.82	10.58	17.04
Terrytown 3S	85	54	72	MM	0.39	5.33	20.38	MM.MM
Reserve	84	51	71	66	0.12	1.97	15.37	19.94
Extreme/Average	85	48	71	67	0.42	2.44	15.94	18.48
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	88	37	69	65	0.17	2.28	15.57	18.17

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 13, 2008

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