



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 3.7

Soil moisture supplies: 3% very short, 13% short, 63% adequate and 21% surplus

Field Crops Report

The unseasonably cooler temperatures caused some producers to be concerned about crop damage across the state. The state averaged 1.53 inches of rain last week but was still 5 inches below the state average. Field activity was slow last week due to the rain and cooler weather conditions. Corn planting moved closer to completion as corn emerged reached 87 percent. Corn condition declined due to the cooler weather. Rice producers continued planting and began applying fertilizers and herbicides. Sorghum planting progressed to 47 percent. Cotton and soybean producers continued preparing fields for planting, anticipating warmer weather before planting begins. Sugarcane crop condition showed some improvement from last week.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued planting and irrigating field crops. Some producers were selling strawberries and beets. Crawfish catches continued to be good, but prices were dropping. Some crawfish producers were beginning to drain ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The cooler weather brought relief to cattlemen. Pasture conditions showed improvement due to the recent rain. Cattlemen continued cutting hay. Cattlemen were also busy with spring calving, as well as culling cows and marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	96	92	95	94
	Emerged	87	76	82	72
Hay	First Cutting	6	2	8	4
Rice	Planted	61	51	72	68
	Emerged	40	26	51	49
Sorghum	Planted	47	39	41	25
Wheat	Headed	90	71	89	69
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	82	78	83	79

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	14	38	48	0
Sugarcane	2	10	48	35	5
Wheat	0	4	40	54	2
Livestock	0	6	34	56	4
Vegetables	1	11	39	45	4
Pasture	1	7	46	43	3



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/09/07 TO 04/15/07

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	78	37	55	63	0.73	1.15	11.51	15.95
Minden	76	36	55	62	2.20	3.12	14.24	17.48
Mooringsport	75	37	55	MM	1.44	4.88	16.77	14.66
Extreme/Average	78	36	55	64	1.46	3.05	14.17	16.27
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	76	36	56	63	2.38	2.87	13.14	18.72
Homer/Hill Farm	76	38	55	62	2.81	3.64	15.76	17.76
ULM-Monroe	79	35	54	63	2.34	3.25	11.46	19.71
Winnfield	MM	MM	MM	63	M.MM	M.MM	6.37	18.91
Extreme/Average	79	35	55	64	2.51	3.25	13.45	18.69
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	78	38	57	63	2.37	2.94	11.84	20.46
LSU-St Joseph	81	39	59	64	0.48	2.65	13.78	20.31
LSU-Winnboro	82	42	59	63	1.10	3.99	13.23	19.60
Tallulah	77	42	57	63	0.64	2.05	10.55	20.18
Extreme/Average	82	38	57	64	1.16	2.55	12.06	20.06
4. West-Central								
Leesville	80	39	58	64	1.42	3.87	12.78	17.81
LSU-Rosepine	82	37	59	64	1.08	3.93	15.80	17.64
Natchitoches	77	36	57	64	2.18	2.88	11.26	17.64
Extreme/Average	82	36	58	64	1.56	3.56	13.28	17.60
5. Central								
Alexandria	81	37	60	65	1.10	3.45	15.76	19.25
Brusly	83	38	60	65	1.27	2.10	13.90	19.81
Bunkie	82	38	61	65	1.24	4.87	14.76	19.85
LSU-Alexandria	81	41	61	65	1.10	3.04	12.98	18.38
Extreme/Average	83	37	61	66	1.18	3.37	13.88	19.19
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	83	34	60	65	1.68	2.40	12.55	21.18
LSU-Baton Rouge	83	39	63	66	1.47	2.28	13.13	18.53
LSU-Clinton	79	(29)	56	64	1.18	2.75	12.58	20.40
LSU-Hammond	82	38	61	65	2.05	2.93	12.06	20.74
Slideell	81	38	61	66	1.60	2.78	13.06	19.76
Extreme/Average	83	29	60	66	1.60	2.63	12.70	20.47
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	82	37	60	65	0.87	4.44	17.08	18.28
Jennings	81	38	61	66	1.54	3.22	15.51	16.35
LSU-Crowley	80	40	61	67	2.01	3.14	15.37	16.89
Extreme/Average	82	37	61	67	1.47	3.79	16.23	16.45
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	39	62	66	1.72	3.03	12.33	18.34
LSU-Jeanerette	82	34	62	66	2.44	3.18	14.00	16.22
Morgan City	81	38	62	67	1.49	2.33	11.78	16.97
Extreme/Average	83	34	62	67	1.88	2.85	12.70	17.11
9. Southeast								
Galliano	82	41	64	67	0.92	1.02	9.94	18.18
Houma	81	39	63	67	1.69	2.34	12.50	17.18
NO Audubon Park	(84)	42	65	68	0.67	0.91	8.06	18.01
Reserve	82	45	62	66	0.82	1.48	12.17	20.11
Extreme/Average	84	39	64	68	1.09	1.42	10.17	18.64
State								
State Averages	84	29	59	66	1.53	2.97	13.32	18.33

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 15, 2007

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