



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 16, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.9

**Soil moisture supplies:** 28% very short, 45% short, 27% adequate and 0% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Unseasonably high temperatures and severe drought has limited most field activities. With 73% of the topsoil moisture being poor, there was a threat that crops in some fields will die. The year-to-date average rainfall was 6.25 inches below the state average of 18.49 inches. Winter wheat was starting to turn color. Sugarcane and rice fields were struggling due to the drought and the high expense of pumping additional water into fields.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to cultivate crops. Citrus producers continued harvesting and spraying for insects. Farmers were also pumping additional water into crawfish ponds due to lack of rain.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pastures were drying out and will add to the livestock feeding crisis if rain does not come. Cattle producers continued working cattle and marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	96	92	97	93
	Emerged	86	60	63	72
Cotton	Planted	15	3	5	5
Hay	First Cutting	9	4	2	3
Rice	Planted	75	54	60	68
	Emerged	54	31	39	50
Soybeans	Planted	8	0	6	4
Sorghum	Planted	43	26	34	21
	Emerged	28	0	9	4
Wheat	Headed	90	81	60	67
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	83	73	72	73

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	3	35	62	0
Sugarcane	14	27	48	11	0
Wheat	0	3	21	70	6
Livestock	2	17	37	43	1
Vegetables	7	18	35	40	0
Pasture	11	21	34	33	1



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	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	87	41	68	63	0.00	2.59	14.08	16.10
Minden	87	40	66	63	0.00	3.55	17.19	17.65
Mooringsport	84	46	68	MM	0.00	3.31	15.73	14.79
Extreme/Average	87	40	67	64	0.00	3.15	15.67	16.42
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	83	38	64	63	0.00	4.19	20.36	18.87
Homer/Hill Farm	82	41	65	62	0.00	3.84	19.65	17.93
ULM-Monroe	87	38	67	64	0.00	3.92	19.47	19.89
Winnfield	86	39	67	63	0.00	3.92	18.35	19.09
Extreme/Average	87	38	66	64	0.00	3.98	19.45	18.85
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	87	44	68	63	0.00	3.19	18.95	20.67
LSU-St Joseph	88	41	69	65	0.00	2.78	18.19	20.49
LSU-Winnshoro	87	39	68	64	0.00	2.68	19.72	19.79
Tallulah	86	44	68	63	0.00	2.29	22.86	20.36
Extreme/Average	88	39	68	64	0.00	2.74	19.93	20.25
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	86	(37)	67	64	0.00	2.70	11.92	17.95
LSU-Rosepine	(94)	42	69	64	0.00	1.62	12.23	17.77
Natchitoches	87	43	68	64	0.00	4.08	18.14	17.78
Extreme/Average	94	37	68	64	0.00	2.80	14.10	17.75
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	86	45	68	66	0.00	1.99	15.03	19.41
Brusly	85	40	66	65	0.00	0.12	6.11	20.01
Bunkie	85	44	68	66	0.00	1.13	11.79	20.03
LSU-Alexandria	86	45	70	65	0.00	2.00	12.35	18.52
Extreme/Average	86	40	68	66	0.00	1.08	10.08	19.35
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	86	46	68	65	0.00	0.57	6.34	21.36
LSU-Baton Rouge	87	42	68	66	0.00	0.08	6.34	18.71
LSU-Clinton	85	45	67	64	0.00	0.32	8.56	20.60
LSU-Hammond	86	40	67	65	0.00	0.24	7.19	20.93
Slideell	83	45	67	66	0.00	0.11	6.96	19.91
Extreme/Average	87	40	67	66	0.00	0.26	6.71	20.66
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	85	45	69	66	0.00	3.01	15.02	18.41
Jennings	84	47	68	66	0.00	0.49	10.70	16.48
LSU-Crowley	85	46	68	67	0.00	0.48	8.32	17.03
Extreme/Average	85	45	68	67	0.00	1.75	12.86	16.59
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	83	45	67	67	0.00	0.22	6.42	18.51
LSU-Jeanerette	82	45	67	66	0.00	0.13	4.41	16.38
Morgan City	81	50	68	67	0.00	0.19	6.34	17.11
Extreme/Average	83	45	67	67	0.00	0.18	5.72	17.27
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	88	48	68	67	0.00	0.32	5.08	18.32
Houma	84	49	69	68	0.00	0.23	7.00	17.33
NO Audubon Park	86	54	71	69	0.00	0.21	5.95	18.18
Reserve	84	48	68	67	0.00	0.10	7.53	20.28
Extreme/Average	88	48	69	68	0.00	0.22	6.39	18.80
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	94	37	68	66	0.00	1.75	12.24	18.49

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 16, 2006

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