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LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 17, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.3

Soil moisture supplies: 7% short, 83% adequate and 10% surplus

Field Crops Report

Excellent weather conditions continued to prevail over most of the state last week. However, heavy rains were received in the northern part of the state early in the week, slowing some field activities. Corn planting edged closer to completion as cotton and soybean planting got underway. Rice producers continued planting and began flooding seedling rice. Sorghum planting reached 35 percent, surpassing the 5-year average of 18 percent. Sugarcane producers were off-barring and applying herbicides and fertilizers to fields. Wheat fields continued to show signs of leaf rust.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry harvest continued as vegetable producers began selling produce. Citrus growers began spraying fungicides. Producers were still reporting good crawfish production.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay cutting got underway with more favorable weather conditions last week. Cattlemen continued working cattle and fertilizing pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	98	93	99	94
	Emerged	67	41	91	76
Cotton	Planted	6	1	6	5
Hay	First Cutting	2	0	4	4
Rice	Planted	62	46	77	74
	Emerged	41	24	63	56
Sorghum	Planted	35	25	29	18
	Emerged	11	0	15	5
Soybeans	Planted	7	0	9	5
Wheat	Headed	64	39	84	76
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	72	56	72	78

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	25	74	0
Sugarcane	1	14	39	35	11
Wheat	0	9	45	42	4
Livestock	0	7	35	54	4
Vegetables	0	12	57	28	3
Pasture	2	13	38	44	3

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/11/05 TO 04/17/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKLY	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	81	48	64	64	4.25	6.25	15.23	16.25				
Minden	80	44	62	63	4.82	7.46	15.58	17.82				
Mooringsport	79	47	64	MM	2.29	4.95	13.32	14.92				
Extreme/Average	81	44	63	64	3.79	6.22	14.71	16.57				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	82	45	62	64	1.40	5.19	15.18	19.02				
LTI-Ruston	78	44	61	63	1.58	5.30	18.56	18.33				
ULM-Monroe	81	47	63	64	1.19	4.28	14.60	20.07				
Winnfield	83	45	63	63	1.40	4.32	15.70	19.27				
Extreme/Average	83	44	63	64	1.39	4.77	16.01	19.01				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	80	50	63	63	1.42	4.79	16.09	20.87				
LSU-St Joseph	84	43	64	65	0.88	3.63	15.78	20.67	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	82	47	64	64	2.00	4.43	16.83	19.98				
Tallulah	81	48	63	64	1.63	4.51	16.28	20.54				
Extreme/Average	84	43	64	65	1.48	4.34	16.25	20.44	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	83	42	62	65	1.11	3.45	13.30	18.09				
LSU-Rosepine	(87)	(37)	63	65	1.38	3.41	16.11	17.91	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	81	49	64	64	1.92	4.38	15.00	17.93				
Extreme/Average	87	37	63	65	1.47	3.75	15.00	17.90	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	82	49	65	66	1.00	2.54	16.51	19.57				
Brusly	83	48	65	66	0.80	2.19	13.03	20.20				
Bunkie	81	50	66	66	1.40	4.04	17.11	20.22				
LSU-Alexandria	83	45	63	65	0.92	2.63	15.92	18.66	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	83	45	65	66	1.03	2.85	15.64	19.51	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	81	46	65	66	3.47	7.72	17.95	21.54				
LSU-Baton Rouge	84	46	65	66	1.40	2.10	11.74	18.89				
LSU-Clinton	78	46	63	65	1.90	5.42	17.57	20.80				
LSU-Hammond	79	47	64	65	2.43	4.01	14.29	21.12	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	78	49	65	66	2.59	7.58	21.62	20.06				
Extreme/Average	84	46	64	66	2.36	5.37	16.63	20.85	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	83	42	65	66	2.04	3.99	14.68	18.54				
Jennings	82	50	66	66	0.42	0.92	15.83	16.61	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	83	52	66	67	0.34	1.27	13.97	17.17	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	83	42	66	67	0.93	2.06	14.90	16.73	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	83	49	66	67	0.87	1.08	12.58	18.68				
LSU-Jeanerette	82	50	66	67	0.54	0.89	14.58	16.54				
Morgan City	81	53	67	67	0.17	0.87	15.97	17.25				
Extreme/Average	83	49	66	68	0.53	0.95	14.38	17.43				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	82	52	67	67	0.00	4.23	21.48	18.46				
Houma	82	54	68	68	1.03	1.49	25.21	17.48	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	83	54	68	69	2.95	5.16	22.48	18.35				
Reserve	82	51	66	67	1.69	2.44	20.51	20.45				
Extreme/Average	83	51	67	68	1.89	3.03	22.73	18.96				
State												
State Averages	87	37	65	66	1.58	3.61	16.42	18.65	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 17, 2005

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