



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.6

Soil moisture supplies: 1% very short, 14% short, 77% adequate and 8% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana producers experienced a week of favorable conditions with mild temperatures and scattered rains. Corn planting was completed and corn emerged reached 96 percent. Cotton and soybean planting continued, behind last year and the average. Rice producers continued planting while applying herbicides and fertilizers. Sugarcane was progressing well and producers were cultivating fields and controlling weeds.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued working field crops, with reports of slow growth due to the cool nights. Citrus farmers were spraying for insects and disease. Some crawfish producers were beginning to drain ponds while others continued to fish.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture conditions showed improvement due to the recent rain and mild weather. Hay producers were cutting hay and fertilizing meadows. Spring calving was winding down and spring cattle work was being conducted.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	100	96	99	99
	Emerged	96	87	96	88
Cotton	Planted	3	0	32	20
Hay	First Cutting	11	6	17	9
Rice	Planted	70	61	81	76
	Emerged	57	40	65	60
Sorghum	Planted	75	47	68	41
	Emerged	60	0	50	22
Soybeans	Planted	14	0	28	17
	Emerged	5	0	20	8
Wheat	Headed	97	90	98	87
	Turning Color	7	0	36	10
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	88	82	90	88

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	9	42	49	0
Rice	0	16	53	31	0
Sugarcane	3	13	39	35	10
Wheat	0	4	31	58	7
Livestock	0	5	36	53	6
Vegetables	1	10	44	40	5
Pasture	0	6	47	42	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/16/07 TO 04/22/07

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	80	38	61	65	0.03	1.18	11.83	17.01
Minden	(83)	(36)	60	64	0.04	3.16	14.28	18.71
Mooringsport	81	40	62	MM	0.01	4.91	16.80	15.57
Extreme/Average	83	36	61	65	0.03	3.08	14.30	17.33
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	78	36	58	65	0.33	3.20	13.48	19.79
Homer/Hill Farm	82	40	63	63	0.18	3.82	15.94	18.95
ULM-Monroe	81	44	61	65	0.39	3.64	11.85	20.97
Winnfield	MM	MM	MM	65	M.MM	M.MM	6.37	20.17
Extreme/Average	82	36	61	65	0.30	3.55	13.76	19.85
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	80	42	62	64	0.33	3.27	12.17	21.87
LSU-St Joseph	81	37	61	66	0.28	2.92	14.05	21.56
LSU-Winnboro	80	38	62	65	0.31	4.30	13.54	20.93
Tallulah	80	42	62	65	0.31	2.36	10.98	21.44
Extreme/Average	81	37	62	66	0.31	3.21	12.69	21.39
4. West-Central								
Leesville	81	36	62	66	0.21	4.08	12.99	18.83
LSU-Rosepine	81	38	61	66	0.23	4.16	16.03	18.61
Natchitoches	80	42	62	66	0.08	3.19	11.54	18.68
Extreme/Average	81	36	61	66	0.17	3.81	13.52	18.65
5. Central								
Alexandria	83	43	65	67	0.15	3.60	15.91	20.37
Brusly	80	39	60	67	0.18	2.28	14.08	21.15
Bunkie	82	44	64	67	0.18	5.05	14.94	21.17
LSU-Alexandria	82	44	64	66	0.40	3.44	13.38	19.41
Extreme/Average	83	39	64	67	0.23	3.59	14.13	20.36
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	81	40	61	67	0.12	2.52	11.88	22.41
LSU-Baton Rouge	82	40	64	67	0.12	2.40	13.25	19.79
LSU-Clinton	81	38	63	66	0.20	2.95	12.78	21.80
LSU-Hammond	81	37	63	66	0.06	2.99	12.12	22.04
Slideell	79	39	62	67	0.31	3.09	13.37	20.83
Extreme/Average	82	37	63	67	0.16	2.79	12.66	21.79
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	81	42	64	67	0.00	4.44	17.08	19.19
Jennings	80	44	64	67	0.34	3.56	15.85	17.26
LSU-Crowley	80	47	65	68	0.45	3.59	15.82	17.91
Extreme/Average	81	42	64	68	0.26	4.02	16.45	17.43
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	81	43	63	68	0.23	3.26	12.56	19.53
LSU-Jeanerette	80	43	63	68	0.10	3.28	14.10	17.34
Morgan City	81	46	66	68	0.13	2.46	11.91	17.95
Extreme/Average	81	43	64	69	0.15	3.00	12.86	18.23
9. Southeast								
Galliano	79	43	65	69	0.00	1.02	9.94	19.17
Houma	MM	MM	MM	69	0.00	2.34	12.50	18.23
NO Audubon Park	82	46	66	70	0.33	1.32	8.47	19.17
Reserve	82	45	65	68	0.35	1.83	14.52	21.30
Extreme/Average	82	43	66	69	0.23	1.17	9.21	19.71
State								
State Averages	83	36	63	67	0.22	3.16	13.41	19.46

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 22, 2007

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