



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 23, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.1

Soil moisture supplies: 29% very short, 39% short, 32% adequate and 0% surplus

Field Crops Report

Dry conditions and high temperatures still put a limitation on activities last week, but much needed rain came on Friday and helped several crops. Corn planting was completed. Cotton, soybean, and sorghum planting continued, relatively well ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Sugarcane was starting to stubble and farmers were fertilizing, spraying, and cultivating middles with reports of rust. Rice stands were looking good, and planting was nearing completion. Wheat planting was nearly concluded, and fields were turning color fast with the drought.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest strawberries and greenhouse tomatoes along with irrigating tomato and pepper fields. Citrus producers were experiencing some fruit drop due to lack of moisture. Crawfish harvesting was slowing down, but a few fishermen were reporting good catches.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pastures were still very dry. Cattle producers continued working cattle and marketing calves with spring calving approaching the end.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	100	96	100	99
	Emerged	98	86	90	86
Cotton	Planted	35	15	27	20
	Emerged	21	0	5	4
Hay	First Cutting	18	9	4	7
Rice	Planted	82	75	70	75
	Emerged	67	54	50	59
Sorghum	Planted	72	43	45	34
	Emerged	54	28	31	16
Soybeans	Planted	31	8	19	16
	Emerged	23	0	5	5
Wheat	Headed	99	90	88	84
	Turning Color	42	0	6	6
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	90	83	85	84

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	3	27	66	4
Rice	0	0	23	73	4
Sugarcane	12	23	44	18	3
Wheat	2	7	20	61	10
Livestock	4	12	39	42	3
Vegetables	8	14	39	37	2
Pasture	15	17	41	26	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/17/06 TO 04/23/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	94	56	76	65	2.21	2.50	16.29	17.17
Minden	92	55	74	64	2.15	2.65	19.34	18.89
Mooringsport	92	57	75	MM	0.60	1.16	16.33	15.70
Extreme/Average	94	55	75	66	1.65	2.10	17.32	17.49
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	91	51	73	65	0.74	1.42	21.10	19.95
Homer/Hill Farm	95	54	73	64	2.38	3.36	22.03	19.12
ULM-Monroe	MM	MM	MM	65	0.59	1.03	20.06	21.15
Winnfield	91	(50)	74	65	0.69	1.36	19.04	20.35
Extreme/Average	95	50	73	65	1.27	2.05	20.72	20.02
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	94	58	76	65	0.27	0.77	19.22	22.07
LSU-St Joseph	(96)	55	76	66	1.16	1.47	19.35	21.74
LSU-Winnboro	93	55	76	65	1.08	1.30	20.80	21.12
Tallulah	92	62	76	65	0.80	1.10	23.66	21.62
Extreme/Average	96	55	76	66	0.83	1.16	20.76	21.58
4. West-Central								
Leesville	93	50	75	66	1.57	2.44	13.49	18.98
LSU-Rosepine	88	53	74	66	0.72	1.30	12.95	18.75
Natchitoches	93	50	74	66	0.40	0.85	18.54	18.83
Extreme/Average	93	50	75	66	0.90	1.53	14.99	18.80
5. Central								
Alexandria	92	63	77	67	1.12	1.43	16.15	20.53
Brusly	92	55	75	67	0.15	0.21	6.26	21.34
Bunkie	91	59	76	67	1.30	1.49	13.09	21.36
LSU-Alexandria	93	55	76	66	1.40	1.75	13.75	19.56
Extreme/Average	93	55	76	68	0.95	1.15	11.03	20.53
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	92	55	76	67	0.30	0.30	6.77	22.58
LSU-Baton Rouge	93	55	76	67	0.16	0.16	6.50	19.97
LSU-Clinton	89	54	75	66	0.21	0.21	8.77	22.00
LSU-Hammond	92	52	75	67	0.06	0.11	7.26	22.22
Slideell	89	58	77	68	0.55	0.56	7.51	20.99
Extreme/Average	93	52	76	68	0.26	0.27	7.01	21.97
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	92	58	77	67	1.75	3.71	17.49	19.33
Jennings	87	50	74	68	0.20	0.57	10.90	17.39
LSU-Crowley	90	60	77	68	0.18	0.34	8.50	18.06
Extreme/Average	92	50	76	69	0.71	1.54	12.30	17.57
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	92	59	75	68	0.06	0.07	6.48	19.70
LSU-Jeanerette	87	61	75	68	0.27	0.39	4.68	17.50
Morgan City	85	65	76	68	0.02	0.02	6.36	18.09
Extreme/Average	92	59	75	69	0.12	0.16	5.84	18.39
9. Southeast								
Galliano	88	62	76	69	0.08	0.23	5.16	19.32
Houma	88	64	78	69	0.33	0.34	7.33	18.38
NO Audubon Park	91	67	79	70	0.05	0.05	6.00	19.33
Reserve	92	61	77	68	0.30	0.30	7.83	21.47
Extreme/Average	92	61	77	69	0.19	0.23	6.58	19.86
State								
State Averages	96	50	76	67	0.77	1.15	12.81	19.62

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 23, 2006

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