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LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 24, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.8

Soil moisture supplies: 7% very short, 29% short and 64% adequate

Field Crops Report

Louisiana producers experienced another week of favorable weather conditions. Field activities made excellent progress. Rain would be beneficial for improving crop growth and field conditions. Corn planting was completed. Cotton and soybean planting continued, slightly behind last year but ahead of the 5-year average. Planting of rice continued and producers were applying herbicides and fertilizers. Sugarcane producers were fertilizing and working fields. Some wheat fields were beginning to turn color.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of strawberries continued. Vegetable producers were working crops and beginning to sell produce. Crawfish harvesting continued with reports of good production, but producers were beginning to pump ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay cutting was slow last week due to cool, dry conditions. Hay producers were fertilizing pastures and spraying for weed control. Spring calving was ending. Cattlemen continued working cattle and preparing for the breeding season.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	100	98	100	99
	Emerged	94	67	97	88
Cotton	Planted	31	6	33	21
	Emerged	6	0	12	5
Hay	First Cutting	4	2	7	10
Rice	Planted	71	62	81	80
	Emerged	51	41	69	65
Sorghum	Planted	47	35	51	32
	Emerged	34	11	31	14
Soybeans	Planted	21	7	31	18
	Emerged	6	0	20	7
Wheat	Headed	92	64	95	88
	Turning Color	7	0	13	17
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	85	72	92	88

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	32	62	4
Rice	0	6	56	34	4
Sugarcane	3	13	38	32	14
Wheat	0	8	39	51	2
Livestock	0	6	36	51	7
Vegetables	0	12	46	36	6
Pasture	2	13	40	41	4

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/18/05 TO 04/24/05

	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	MAX
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	85	40	67	65	0.00	5.32	15.23	17.33				
Minden	82	40	67	65	0.00	6.19	15.58	19.07				
Mooringsport	86	44	67	MM	0.00	4.05	13.32	15.82				
Extreme/Average	86	40	67	66	0.00	5.19	14.71	17.65				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	85	(37)	65	65	0.00	3.29	15.18	20.11				
LTI-Ruston	83	39	66	65	0.00	3.72	18.56	19.45				
ULM-Monroe	(87)	39	67	66	0.00	3.65	14.60	21.33				
Winnfield	85	40	68	65	0.00	2.93	15.70	20.53				
Extreme/Average	87	37	66	66	0.00	3.40	16.01	20.19				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	86	45	68	65	0.00	3.96	16.09	22.27				
LSU-St Joseph	87	44	69	67	0.00	1.76	15.78	21.92	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnboro	85	39	68	66	0.00	3.92	17.03	21.30				
Tallulah	84	50	68	66	0.00	3.62	16.80	21.80				
Extreme/Average	87	39	68	66	0.00	3.32	16.43	21.76	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	84	39	67	66	0.00	1.54	13.31	19.13				
LSU-Rosepine	86	45	68	66	0.04	1.77	16.17	18.89	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	85	42	68	66	0.05	2.90	15.05	18.98				
Extreme/Average	86	39	68	66	0.03	2.07	15.05	18.95	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	85	48	69	67	0.01	1.55	16.52	20.69				
Brusly	86	44	69	67	0.06	1.63	13.09	21.53				
Bunkie	86	48	69	67	1.20	3.49	18.31	21.55				
LSU-Alexandria	86	44	67	67	0.32	2.11	16.24	19.71	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	86	44	68	68	0.40	2.20	16.04	20.70	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	86	45	68	67	0.04	7.53	17.99	22.75				
LSU-Baton Rouge	87	43	69	68	0.00	1.93	11.74	20.15				
LSU-Clinton	82	44	66	66	0.00	3.35	17.57	22.20				
LSU-Hammond	87	42	68	67	0.00	3.88	14.29	22.40	MM	MM	MM	
Slideell	83	44	67	68	0.00	7.46	21.62	21.15				
Extreme/Average	87	42	67	68	0.01	4.83	16.64	22.15	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	85	46	68	67	0.00	3.79	15.13	19.47				
Jennings	83	47	69	68	0.04	0.55	15.87	17.53	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	84	47	70	69	0.00	0.70	13.97	18.21	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	85	46	69	69	0.01	1.68	14.92	17.72	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	84	45	68	69	0.00	1.03	12.58	19.87				
LSU-Jeanerette	83	48	68	68	0.02	0.68	14.60	17.66				
Morgan City	81	52	69	69	0.02	0.76	15.99	18.23				
Extreme/Average	84	45	69	69	0.01	0.82	14.39	18.55				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	85	48	69	69	0.00	5.18	22.48	19.47				
Houma	86	49	70	69	0.09	1.58	25.30	18.53	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	86	51	70	70	0.00	5.01	22.48	19.49				
Reserve	84	46	69	68	0.00	2.40	20.51	21.63				
Extreme/Average	86	46	70	70	0.02	3.54	22.69	20.01	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	87	37	68	68	0.07	2.96	16.50	19.79	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 24, 2005

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