



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.9

Soil moisture supplies: 7% very short, 20% short, 63% adequate and 10% surplus

Field Crops Report

The floodwaters from the Mississippi River have kept land behind the levee flooded and seep water remained a problem in some fields near the river. Rice planting continued to progress. Winter wheat was nearly ripe for harvest. Grain farmers have slowed planting of sorghum and soybeans because of moisture concerns. However, there are a few reports of soybean producers with early planting of 4s and 5s. With the exception of rice, all crops could benefit from additional moisture. Some rice producers flushed rice fields and put fields on permanent flood but are holding flood off on drilled rice fields. Herbicide applications continued for most crops. Sugarcane producers sprayed and fertilized cane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers scouted for insects. Vegetable producers harvested crops and worked spring and summer crops. Crawfish producers drained low or poor producing fields in preparation for planting. Sweet potato producers prepared fields for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pastures were in need of moisture. Cattlemen cut hay. Cool weather hindered summer grass emergence, but the dry weather helped ryegrass hay production.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2007 | 5 YR AVG |
| Corn | Emerged | 99 | 96 | 99 | 97 |
| Cotton | Planted | 49 | 18 | 17 | 33 |
| | Emerged | 20 | 0 | 10 | 16 |
| Hay | First Cutting | 22 | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| Rice | Planted | 86 | 78 | 78 | 80 |
| | Emerged | 69 | 59 | 65 | 65 |
| Sorghum | Planted | 74 | 60 | 83 | 59 |
| | Emerged | 54 | 31 | 68 | 41 |
| Soybeans | Planted | 48 | 31 | 27 | 30 |
| | Emerged | 20 | 0 | 15 | 18 |
| Winter Wheat | Headed | 99 | 97 | 98 | 96 |
| | Turning Color | 46 | 7 | 23 | 23 |
| Land Preparation | Spring plowing | 89 | 84 | 91 | 91 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Corn | 0 | 2 | 17 | 62 | 19 |
| Rice | 0 | 3 | 20 | 72 | 5 |
| Sugarcane | 1 | 4 | 41 | 42 | 12 |
| Wheat | 0 | 1 | 23 | 60 | 16 |
| Livestock | 1 | 4 | 34 | 53 | 8 |
| Vegetables | 1 | 9 | 41 | 43 | 6 |
| Pasture | 3 | 11 | 35 | 45 | 6 |

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/21/08 TO 04/27/08

| | AIR TEMPERATURE | | | | PRECIPITATION | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| | MAX | MIN | AVG | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | NORM |
| 1. Northwest | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Bossier City | 87 | 59 | 73 | 66 | 0.49 | 3.01 | 14.06 | 17.97 |
| Minden | 86 | 51 | 71 | 66 | 0.21 | 3.02 | 15.39 | 19.79 |
| Mooringsport | 84 | 56 | 72 | MM | 0.54 | 3.01 | 14.98 | 16.30 |
| Extreme/Average | 87 | 51 | 72 | 67 | 0.41 | 3.01 | 14.81 | 18.29 |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Calhoun | 88 | 52 | 71 | 66 | 0.02 | 2.84 | 11.53 | 20.75 |
| Homer/Hill Farm | 86 | 53 | 70 | 65 | 0.16 | 2.95 | 13.58 | 19.97 |
| ULM-Monroe | 90 | 53 | 71 | 67 | 0.09 | 2.86 | 11.49 | 22.05 |
| Columbia Lock | 88 | (44) | 68 | MM | 0.32 | 3.35 | 13.65 | 22.81 |
| Extreme/Average | 90 | 44 | 70 | 67 | 0.15 | 3.00 | 12.56 | 20.87 |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 86 | 54 | 69 | 66 | 0.40 | 3.04 | 16.80 | 23.07 |
| LSU-St Joseph | (91) | 46 | 72 | 67 | 0.34 | 3.59 | 17.12 | 22.64 |
| LSU-Winnsboro | 91 | 53 | 72 | 67 | 0.89 | 4.12 | 17.37 | 22.02 |
| Tallulah | 86 | 55 | 70 | 66 | 0.50 | 3.64 | 18.78 | 22.52 |
| Extreme/Average | 91 | 46 | 71 | 67 | 0.53 | 3.60 | 17.52 | 22.48 |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville | 88 | 52 | 73 | 67 | 0.32 | 1.63 | 15.12 | 19.75 |
| LSU-Rosepine | 86 | 54 | 73 | 67 | 0.31 | 2.08 | 15.72 | 19.48 |
| Natchitoches | 86 | 50 | 71 | 67 | 0.00 | 7.81 | 20.02 | 19.62 |
| Extreme/Average | 88 | 50 | 72 | 67 | 0.21 | 3.84 | 16.95 | 19.58 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 86 | 56 | 73 | 68 | 0.78 | 3.71 | 19.66 | 21.33 |
| Brusly | 88 | 49 | 72 | 68 | 0.20 | 1.58 | 17.77 | 22.25 |
| Bunkie | 89 | 53 | 74 | 68 | 1.15 | 2.60 | 18.10 | 22.31 |
| LSU-Alexandria | 87 | 54 | 73 | 68 | 1.95 | 4.38 | 19.35 | 20.32 |
| Extreme/Average | 89 | 49 | 73 | 69 | 1.02 | 3.07 | 18.72 | 21.38 |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Franklinton 5SW | 88 | 53 | 73 | MM | 1.13 | 2.86 | 15.97 | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge | 89 | 48 | 73 | 68 | 0.17 | 2.32 | 16.75 | 20.83 |
| LSU-Clinton | 88 | 47 | 70 | 67 | 0.13 | 2.88 | 19.04 | 22.96 |
| LSU-Hammond | 88 | 51 | 72 | 68 | 0.20 | 1.72 | 17.54 | 23.09 |
| Slidell | 85 | 55 | 71 | 69 | 0.66 | 7.89 | 21.89 | 21.81 |
| Extreme/Average | 89 | 47 | 72 | 69 | 0.46 | 3.53 | 18.24 | 22.87 |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | |
| De Ridder | 88 | 53 | 73 | 68 | 2.00 | 4.14 | 21.78 | 20.03 |
| Jennings | 87 | 59 | 74 | 69 | 2.42 | 4.05 | 20.40 | 18.10 |
| LSU-Crowley | 89 | 59 | 74 | 70 | 1.45 | 2.20 | 18.05 | 18.84 |
| Extreme/Average | 89 | 53 | 74 | 70 | 1.96 | 3.46 | 20.08 | 18.32 |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 86 | 53 | 73 | 69 | 0.66 | 1.90 | 13.29 | 20.51 |
| LSU-Jeanerette | 90 | 56 | 75 | 69 | 0.25 | 2.25 | 12.84 | 18.29 |
| Morgan City | 85 | 55 | 72 | 69 | 2.37 | 2.94 | 12.72 | 18.82 |
| Extreme/Average | 90 | 53 | 73 | 70 | 1.09 | 2.36 | 12.95 | 19.19 |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 84 | 56 | 72 | 70 | 2.90 | 3.33 | 20.54 | 20.08 |
| Houma | 88 | 52 | 73 | 70 | 0.75 | 2.46 | 11.42 | 19.13 |
| Terrytown 3S | 88 | 59 | 74 | MM | 3.95 | 8.39 | 24.51 | MM.MM |
| Reserve | 85 | 56 | 72 | 69 | 0.80 | 2.78 | 16.41 | 22.27 |
| Extreme/Average | 88 | 52 | 73 | 70 | 2.10 | 4.24 | 18.22 | 20.62 |
| State | | | | | | | | |
| State Averages | 91 | 44 | 72 | 68 | 0.98 | 3.38 | 17.06 | 20.44 |

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 27, 2008

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