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LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 1, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.7

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 36% short, 60% adequate and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received across the state last week, which brought little relief to crops. More rain and warmer temperatures are needed to improve crop conditions. Cotton producers made good progress with planting last week. Rice planting continued, but producers were troubled with windy conditions as they applied herbicides. Showers improved conditions for planting soybeans, but planting slowed down as fields dried out. Sugarcane producers were fertilizing fields and working fallow land. Some producers were reporting rust on the young sugarcane. Reports of bacterial streak and black chaff were found in some wheat fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of strawberries continued. Vegetable producers continued working crops. Crawfish producers were wrapping up the season and began draining fields to prepare for rice planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Rain and warmer conditions are needed to help improve pasture growth. Hay cutting continued to be slow last week due to cool, dry conditions. Cattlemen continued working and marketing cattle and calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Emerged	99	94	100	99
Cotton	Planted	54	31	55	49
	Emerged	20	6	31	20
Hay	First Cutting	7	4	9	19
Rice	Planted	80	71	87	88
	Emerged	64	51	79	75
Sorghum	Planted	58	47	61	50
	Emerged	42	34	42	32
Soybeans	Planted	37	21	42	32
	Emerged	19	6	32	16
Wheat	Headed	97	92	99	97
	Turning Color	14	7	26	39
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	94	85	93	92

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	3	32	62	3
Rice	0	3	49	44	4
Sugarcane	5	13	37	31	14
Wheat	0	11	36	46	7
Livestock	0	6	31	55	8
Vegetables	0	13	43	38	6
Pasture	2	11	40	43	4

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/25/05 TO 05/01/05

	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	88	46	65	68	0.36	4.80	15.59	18.42				
Minden		81	45	64	67	0.39	5.43	15.97	20.31			
Mooringsport		87	46	64	MM	0.22	3.54	13.54	16.65			
Extreme/Average		88	45	64	68	0.29	4.17	14.57	18.77			
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun		85	42	62	67	1.50	4.34	16.68	21.23			
LTI-Ruston		87	45	63	66	0.80	3.78	19.36	20.61			
ULM-Monroe		85	46	65	68	1.91	4.88	16.51	22.59			
Winnfield		87	42	63	67	0.82	2.97	16.52	21.79			
Extreme/Average		87	42	63	68	1.16	3.66	16.60	21.38			
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence		86	46	63	67	2.03	5.31	18.12	23.67			
LSU-St Joseph		87	44	63	69	1.29	2.43	17.07	23.18	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Winnboro		87	44	65	68	1.85	4.99	18.88	22.56			
Tallulah		86	42	63	67	2.46	5.48	19.26	23.09			
Extreme/Average		87	42	63	68	1.93	4.41	18.15	23.05	MM	MM	MM
4. West-Central												
Leesville		86	(37)	63	68	0.13	1.44	13.44	20.23			
LSU-Rosepine		85	43	65	68	0.02	1.55	16.19	19.95	MM	MM	MM
Natchitoches		87	41	63	68	0.53	2.80	15.58	20.12			
Extreme/Average		87	37	63	68	0.13	1.44	MM.MM	20.07	MM	MM	MM
5. Central												
Alexandria		84	45	63	69	0.08	1.31	16.60	21.83			
Brusly		85	47	65	69	1.56	2.62	14.65	22.76			
Bunkie		84	46	66	69	0.00	3.34	18.31	22.88			
LSU-Alexandria		87	44	65	69	0.06	1.58	16.30	20.80	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average		87	44	65	70	0.43	2.21	16.47	21.90	MM	MM	MM
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa		86	45	66	69	3.25	7.31	21.24	23.96			
LSU-Baton Rouge		85	48	65	70	1.57	3.10	13.31	21.34			
LSU-Clinton		82	45	63	68	0.60	3.17	18.17	23.53			
LSU-Hammond		84	47	65	69	1.65	4.51	15.94	23.58	MM	MM	MM
Slideell		84	48	67	70	2.26	8.06	23.88	22.33			
Extreme/Average		86	45	65	70	1.61	3.81	14.63	23.42	MM	MM	MM
7. Southwest												
De Ridder		84	46	64	69	0.00	2.39	15.13	20.48			
Jennings		82	48	66	70	0.61	1.11	16.48	18.56	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Crowley		83	50	67	71	0.68	1.25	14.65	19.34	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average		84	46	65	71	0.31	1.75	16.48	18.80	MM	MM	MM
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville		84	49	67	70	0.95	1.89	13.53	20.97			
LSU-Jeanerette		82	48	66	70	1.09	1.69	15.69	18.74			
Morgan City		82	53	67	70	1.46	2.21	17.45	19.28			
Extreme/Average		84	48	66	71	1.28	1.95	16.57	19.65			
9. Southeast												
Galliano		83	52	69	71	0.78	5.90	23.26	20.57			
Houma		84	49	68	71	0.51	2.08	25.81	19.60	MM	MM	MM
NO Audubon Park		80	55	66	72	1.31	6.12	23.79	20.61			
Reserve		84	53	69	70	0.00	2.38	20.51	22.75			
Extreme/Average		84	49	67	71	0.91	4.10	24.80	21.10	MM	MM	MM
State												
State Averages		88	37	65	69	0.85	3.01	17.43	21.03	MM	MM	MM

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 1, 2005

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