



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.6

**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 22% short, 66% adequate and 9% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Some fields near the Mississippi River still have seep water; there are a few reports of fields of damaged corn which may not survive. Farmers that have unplanted fields with seep water may be unable to plant until June. Rice producers were busy applying herbicide and fertilizer applications. Soybean planting continued. Sugarcane fertilization continued. Some farmers have harvested wheat fields.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers scouted for insects and presence of disease on vegetable crops. Crawfish production has slowed down, and some producers drained ponds.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Rain helped establishment of summer perennial grasses, but growth was slowed by cool night temperatures. Cattleman continued cutting ryegrass hay. The price of fertilizer has limited application, but some producers have applied fertilizer to hayfields.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS |                |              |           |      |          |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP                | STAGE          | Current Week | Last Week | 2007 | 5 YR AVG |
| Corn                | Emerged        | 100          | 99        | 100  | 100      |
| Cotton              | Planted        | 68           | 49        | 39   | 55       |
|                     | Emerged        | 49           | 20        | 20   | 31       |
| Hay                 | First Cutting  | 28           | 22        | 20   | 20       |
| Rice                | Planted        | 91           | 86        | 87   | 88       |
|                     | Emerged        | 82           | 69        | 75   | 76       |
| Sorghum             | Planted        | 84           | 74        | 90   | 71       |
|                     | Emerged        | 67           | 54        | 76   | 54       |
| Soybeans            | Planted        | 56           | 48        | 51   | 45       |
|                     | Emerged        | 42           | 20        | 35   | 32       |
| Winter Wheat        | Headed         | 100          | 99        | 100  | 98       |
|                     | Turning Color  | 77           | 46        | 51   | 47       |
| Land Preparation    | Spring plowing | 92           | 89        | 96   | 95       |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES |           |      |      |      |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM                      | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Corn                      | 0         | 3    | 18   | 63   | 16        |
| Rice                      | 0         | 3    | 20   | 72   | 5         |
| Sorghum                   | 0         | 1    | 29   | 60   | 10        |
| Sugarcane                 | 0         | 2    | 23   | 61   | 14        |
| Wheat                     | 0         | 1    | 23   | 61   | 15        |
| Livestock                 | 1         | 3    | 32   | 57   | 7         |
| Vegetables                | 1         | 7    | 38   | 48   | 6         |
| Pasture                   | 2         | 8    | 32   | 49   | 9         |

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/28/08 TO 05/04/08

|                         | AIR         |      |     |     | PRECIPITATION |       |        |       |
|-------------------------|-------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|-------|--------|-------|
|                         | TEMPERATURE |      |     |     | WEEKLY        | FOUR  | YR. TO | NORM  |
|                         | MAX         | MIN  | AVG | NRM | TOTAL         | WEEKS | DATE   |       |
| <b>1. Northwest</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| LSU-Bossier City        | 84          | 47   | 65  | 68  | 0.38          | 1.43  | 14.80  | 19.02 |
| Minden                  | 82          | 44   | 63  | 67  | 0.20          | 1.11  | 15.88  | 21.03 |
| Mooringsport            | 82          | 43   | 64  | MM  | 1.18          | 2.43  | 16.38  | 17.09 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84          | 43   | 64  | 68  | 0.29          | 1.27  | 15.34  | 19.41 |
| <b>2. North-Central</b> |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| LSU-Calhoun             | MM          | MM   | MM  | 68  | 0.02          | 0.47  | 11.55  | 21.91 |
| Homer/Hill Farm         | 82          | (41) | 60  | 67  | 0.05          | 0.85  | 13.50  | 21.14 |
| ULM-Monroe              | 86          | 45   | 66  | 68  | 0.79          | 1.26  | 12.60  | 23.32 |
| Columbia Lock           | 84          | 48   | 66  | MM  | 1.06          | 1.96  | 14.71  | 24.14 |
| Extreme/Average         | 86          | 41   | 66  | 68  | 0.79          | 1.26  | 12.60  | 22.09 |
| <b>3. Northeast</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Lake Providence         | 81          | 47   | 65  | 68  | 1.01          | 2.12  | 17.81  | 24.47 |
| LSU-St Joseph           | 86          | 48   | 68  | 70  | 1.19          | 2.31  | 18.47  | 23.90 |
| LSU-Winnsboro           | MM          | MM   | MM  | 69  | 0.01          | 1.81  | 17.48  | 23.28 |
| Tallulah                | 81          | 49   | 64  | 68  | 0.05          | 2.16  | 19.54  | 23.85 |
| Extreme/Average         | 86          | 47   | MM  | 69  | M.MM          | M.MM  | MM.MM  | 23.81 |
| <b>4. West-Central</b>  |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Leesville               | (87)        | 44   | 67  | 69  | 0.97          | 1.38  | 16.09  | 20.91 |
| LSU-Rosepine            | 85          | 45   | 63  | 69  | 1.25          | 2.27  | 16.97  | 20.62 |
| Natchitoches            | MM          | MM   | MM  | 69  | 0.00          | 0.29  | 19.82  | 20.83 |
| Extreme/Average         | 87          | 44   | 65  | 69  | 1.11          | 1.83  | 16.53  | 20.75 |
| <b>5. Central</b>       |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Alexandria              | 85          | 50   | 68  | 70  | 0.45          | 2.19  | 20.11  | 22.51 |
| Brusly                  | 84          | 45   | 67  | 70  | 1.61          | 2.30  | 19.73  | 23.40 |
| Bunkie                  | 84          | 49   | 69  | 70  | 0.92          | 2.74  | 19.02  | 23.68 |
| LSU-Alexandria          | 86          | 49   | 68  | 70  | 0.39          | 3.41  | 19.74  | 21.47 |
| Extreme/Average         | 86          | 45   | 68  | 70  | 0.59          | 2.78  | 19.62  | 22.62 |
| <b>6. East-Central</b>  |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Franklinton 5SW         | MM          | MM   | MM  | MM  | 0.49          | 1.48  | 14.60  | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge         | MM          | MM   | MM  | 70  | 0.96          | 1.13  | 15.56  | 22.02 |
| LSU-Clinton             | MM          | MM   | MM  | 69  | 0.85          | 0.85  | 17.47  | 24.28 |
| LSU-Hammond             | MM          | MM   | MM  | 70  | 0.06          | 0.96  | 18.49  | 24.22 |
| Slidell                 | 81          | 48   | 69  | 71  | 1.84          | 3.80  | 19.94  | 23.06 |
| Extreme/Average         | 81          | 48   | MM  | 70  | M.MM          | M.MM  | MM.MM  | 24.18 |
| <b>7. Southwest</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| De Ridder               | 86          | 47   | 68  | 70  | 0.10          | 3.75  | 21.88  | 21.10 |
| Jennings                | 84          | 50   | 70  | 71  | 0.56          | 3.21  | 20.96  | 19.21 |
| LSU-Crowley             | 82          | 51   | 69  | 71  | 0.06          | 1.78  | 18.10  | 20.03 |
| Extreme/Average         | 86          | 47   | 70  | 71  | 0.56          | 3.21  | 20.96  | 19.46 |
| <b>8. South-Central</b> |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Donaldsonville          | 83          | 50   | 69  | 71  | 1.46          | 2.34  | 14.75  | 21.56 |
| LSU-Jeanerette          | 84          | 48   | 69  | 71  | 0.82          | 1.38  | 13.93  | 19.34 |
| Morgan City             | MM          | MM   | MM  | 71  | 0.00          | 2.77  | 12.72  | 19.92 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84          | 48   | 69  | 72  | 1.14          | 2.34  | 14.75  | 20.28 |
| <b>9. Southeast</b>     |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| Galliano                | 82          | 50   | 70  | 72  | 0.06          | 3.18  | 20.60  | 21.26 |
| Houma                   | MM          | MM   | MM  | 72  | 0.03          | 0.77  | 9.73   | 20.24 |
| Terrytown 3S            | 84          | 54   | 72  | MM  | 1.68          | 6.20  | 26.19  | MM.MM |
| Reserve                 | 84          | 53   | 70  | 71  | 2.16          | 3.32  | 18.57  | 23.39 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84          | 50   | 70  | 72  | 2.16          | 3.32  | 18.57  | 21.74 |
| <b>State</b>            |             |      |     |     |               |       |        |       |
| State Averages          | 87          | 41   | 68  | 70  | 0.93          | 2.42  | 17.44  | 21.06 |

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 4, 2008

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