



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 7, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 3.3

**Soil moisture supplies:** 0% very short, 6% short, 61% adequate and 33% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Scattered showers moved across the state last week which brought support to crop development but hindered field activities. Rice conditions were looking good, and farmers applied fertilizer and herbicides to fields. Wheat was ahead of schedule with 91 percent turning color and harvesting about to start. Reports of cotton, sorghum and soybeans all looked very good due to the added moisture in the soil. Sugarcane continued to look better, and farmers were working the fields.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest strawberries, greenhouse tomatoes and squash. Crawfish harvesting was slowing down. Crawfish farmers started to pull out traps and drain ponds. Citrus producers reported some fruit drop and stated that flowering has been erratic.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Rain threats kept hay from being cut. Much-needed moisture improved pasture growth and conditions. Cattle producers continued working cattle and marketing calves with spring calving approaching the end.

<b>PERCENT OF PROGRESS</b>					
<b>CROP</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
<b>Cotton</b>	Planted	64	55	71	72
	Emerged	54	37	43	44
<b>Hay</b>	First Cutting	39	34	15	25
<b>Rice</b>	Planted	92	89	90	91
	Emerged	81	75	78	81
<b>Sorghum</b>	Planted	83	80	75	68
	Emerged	70	57	62	52
<b>Soybeans</b>	Planted	62	46	46	43
	Emerged	54	34	33	30
<b>Wheat</b>	Turning Color	91	76	45	55
<b>Land Preparation</b>	Spring plowing	95	93	97	94

<b>CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES</b>					
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>VERY POOR</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>Corn</b>	0	0	25	68	7
<b>Rice</b>	0	1	49	48	2
<b>Sorghum</b>	0	0	43	55	2
<b>Sugarcane</b>	4	12	40	24	20
<b>Wheat</b>	0	5	22	64	9
<b>Livestock</b>	1	5	36	51	7
<b>Vegetables</b>	1	7	38	45	9
<b>Pasture</b>	2	12	38	41	7

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/01/06 TO 05/07/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	87	59	73	69	1.20	4.29	18.37	19.32
Minden	86	53	71	68	1.79	6.22	23.41	21.37
Mooringsport	86	58	72	MM	1.57	4.07	19.80	17.31
Extreme/Average	87	53	72	69	1.52	4.86	20.53	19.73
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	86	52	70	69	2.17	4.21	24.57	22.25
Homer/Hill Farm	86	54	70	68	1.40	5.60	25.25	21.48
ULM-Monroe	87	(48)	70	69	2.20	3.66	23.13	23.70
Winnfield	87	52	72	69	1.32	2.99	21.34	22.87
Extreme/Average	87	48	70	69	1.77	4.12	23.57	22.45
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	85	58	71	69	1.31	2.56	21.51	24.87
LSU-St Joseph	88	55	72	70	2.82	5.94	24.13	24.27
LSU-Winnshoro	87	56	73	69	3.66	6.98	26.70	23.62
Tallulah	86	58	71	69	2.68	5.48	27.71	24.23
Extreme/Average	88	55	72	70	2.62	5.24	25.01	24.19
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	88	51	74	70	0.51	7.10	19.02	21.26
LSU-Rosepine	88	52	74	70	1.25	8.66	20.89	20.96
Natchitoches	89	56	74	70	0.92	4.65	22.79	21.19
Extreme/Average	89	51	74	70	0.89	6.80	20.90	21.11
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	88	54	74	71	0.88	7.02	22.05	22.85
Brusly	86	56	73	71	0.15	7.08	13.19	23.70
Bunkie	86	58	75	71	0.70	6.97	18.76	24.08
LSU-Alexandria	89	60	74	70	0.82	4.32	16.67	21.81
Extreme/Average	89	54	74	71	0.64	6.35	17.67	22.98
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	88	55	74	71	0.18	4.06	10.53	25.04
LSU-Baton Rouge	88	57	74	71	0.52	9.20	15.54	22.36
LSU-Clinton	85	53	71	70	1.40	4.49	13.05	24.64
LSU-Hammond	87	56	73	71	0.00	4.76	11.96	24.52
Slideell	88	57	74	71	0.04	3.30	10.26	23.44
Extreme/Average	88	53	73	71	0.54	5.26	12.11	24.56
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	87	53	74	71	3.18	11.03	26.77	21.42
Jennings	85	58	74	72	0.96	4.91	15.61	19.55
LSU-Crowley	86	62	76	72	0.46	5.19	13.51	20.39
Extreme/Average	87	53	74	72	2.07	7.97	21.19	19.80
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	85	59	74	72	0.20	4.58	11.00	21.84
LSU-Jeanerette	(91)	64	76	72	1.83	3.96	8.37	19.64
Morgan City	86	61	74	72	1.87	2.63	8.97	20.25
Extreme/Average	91	59	75	73	1.30	3.72	9.45	20.60
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	83	59	74	72	1.57	5.27	10.35	21.62
Houma	87	64	77	73	0.26	4.63	11.63	20.57
NO Audubon Park	89	62	77	74	0.21	3.20	9.15	21.57
Reserve	87	61	75	72	1.03	5.64	13.17	23.71
Extreme/Average	89	59	76	73	0.77	4.69	11.08	22.06
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	91	48	73	71	1.33	5.63	18.12	21.99

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 7, 2006

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