



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.1

Soil moisture supplies: 6% very short, 22% short, 68% adequate and 4% surplus

Field Crops Report

Soybean planting continued. Windy conditions slowed applications of herbicides to rice fields. Some farmers replanted due to heavy rains and seepage from Mississippi River into fields. Sugarcane producers continued to fertilize fields. The cane crop continued to make good growth, and showed few problems with rust. A few farmers continued planting of grain sorghum. Some cotton acreage was planted behind wheat.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Fruit trees were reported to be loaded with fruit. Citrus producers sprayed for insects. Vegetable producers harvested greenhouse tomatoes, squash, and cucumbers and sold their crops. Strawberry producers cleaned up their fields. Warm weather encouraged some farmers to delay rice planting and continue stocking with crawfish. Crawfish prices remained favorable, and producers did not have to pump much because rainfall has been sufficient.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Producers planted summer forages, cut ryegrass hay, and fertilized pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Planted	78	68	67	73
	Emerged	67	49	44	54
Hay	First Cutting	33	28	30	29
Rice	Planted	96	91	91	93
	Emerged	90	82	83	85
Sorghum	Planted	91	84	93	81
	Emerged	75	67	84	68
Soybeans	Planted	64	56	67	55
	Emerged	52	42	51	43
	Turning Color	93	77	82	72
	Harvested	5	0	0	2
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	97	92	97	96

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	24	55	19
Cotton	0	4	32	58	6
Rice	0	3	14	75	8
Sorghum	0	1	27	60	12
Soybeans	0	1	32	60	7
Sugarcane	1	4	26	44	25
Wheat	0	4	18	56	22
Livestock	0	4	34	57	5
Vegetables	0	8	41	46	5
Pasture	1	10	41	45	3

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/05/08 TO 05/11/08

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	93	55	72	70	0.17	1.51	14.98	20.08
Minden	92	(49)	70	69	0.08	0.99	15.96	22.22
Mooringsport	92	53	70	MM	0.68	2.93	17.06	17.86
Extreme/Average	93	49	71	70	0.31	1.81	16.00	20.53
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	92	52	70	70	0.63	3.33	14.47	23.12
Homer/Hill Farm	90	53	70	69	0.47	1.16	14.08	22.32
ULM-Monroe	92	53	71	70	0.29	1.51	12.87	24.65
Columbia Lock	91	49	68	MM	0.41	2.27	15.12	25.41
Extreme/Average	92	49	70	70	0.45	2.07	13.81	23.35
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	91	53	70	70	0.21	2.22	18.02	25.86
LSU-St Joseph	90	55	73	72	0.00	2.11	18.29	25.19
LSU-Winnisboro	(94)	53	72	71	0.06	2.53	18.41	24.47
Tallulah	90	53	70	70	0.39	3.14	20.62	25.20
Extreme/Average	94	53	71	71	0.17	2.29	18.24	25.11
4. West-Central								
Leesville	93	53	72	71	0.18	1.50	16.27	22.16
LSU-Rosepine	92	57	73	71	0.09	2.15	16.89	21.86
Natchitoches	90	54	71	71	0.42	1.02	20.55	22.14
Extreme/Average	93	53	72	71	0.23	1.83	16.58	22.01
5. Central								
Alexandria	91	57	73	72	0.00	2.16	20.11	23.70
Brusly	87	55	73	72	M.MM	1.95	19.73	24.44
Bunkie	89	56	73	72	0.01	2.75	19.03	25.08
LSU-Alexandria	92	57	74	72	0.00	3.44	19.98	22.69
Extreme/Average	92	55	73	72	0.00	2.78	19.71	23.88
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	89	55	74	MM	0.00	5.59	20.25	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	65	75	72	0.00	2.77	19.19	23.16
LSU-Clinton	86	55	73	71	0.00	2.51	21.02	25.54
LSU-Hammond	89	55	74	72	0.00	2.95	20.60	25.26
Slidell	87	57	74	72	0.01	3.16	19.95	24.40
Extreme/Average	89	55	74	72	0.00	3.46	20.27	25.46
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	91	56	74	72	0.22	3.90	22.10	22.27
Jennings	87	58	75	73	0.21	3.38	21.17	20.43
LSU-Crowley	87	58	75	73	0.05	2.60	18.93	21.31
Extreme/Average	91	56	74	73	0.16	2.99	20.05	20.69
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	86	60	74	73	0.00	2.25	14.75	22.54
LSU-Jeanerette	87	58	75	73	0.00	1.30	13.94	20.42
Morgan City	86	60	75	73	0.00	3.91	13.98	21.10
Extreme/Average	87	58	75	74	0.00	1.78	14.35	21.40
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	60	75	73	0.00	3.18	20.60	22.54
Houma	87	59	75	74	0.00	2.04	12.62	21.42
Terrytown 3S	88	61	76	MM	0.00	5.81	26.19	MM.MM
Reserve	87	60	74	73	0.00	3.20	18.57	24.51
Extreme/Average	88	59	75	74	0.00	2.62	15.60	22.86
State								
State Averages	94	49	73	72	0.14	2.50	17.49	22.86

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 11, 2008

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