



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 14, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 12% short, 63% adequate and 23% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers and cooler temperatures moved across the state last week which helped crop conditions but slowed down some field activities. Soybean and sorghum planting resumed in full swing. Rice conditions were looking good, and farmers applied fertilizer and herbicides and sprayed for water weevils. Wheat was ahead of schedule with harvesting already at 16 percent with good yields being reported. Sugarcane continued to look better, and farmers were spraying herbicides and working fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest strawberries, greenhouse tomatoes and squash. Some of the tomato crop was showing tomato spotted wilt virus. Cool temperatures were slowing the vegetable and citrus development but keeping insects at a minimum.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were cutting hay and fertilizing pastures. Rain continued to improve pasture growth and conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Planted	78	64	89	84
	Emerged	66	54	68	68
Hay	First Cutting	48	39	28	35
Rice	Planted	94	92	95	95
	Emerged	90	81	88	89
Sorghum	Planted	87	83	85	79
	Emerged	77	70	69	66
Soybeans	Planted	67	62	57	53
	Emerged	60	54	45	42
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	4	0	5	10
Wheat	Turning Color	99	91	77	81
	Harvested	16	0	3	7
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	96	95	99	97

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	15	68	16
Cotton	0	11	31	54	4
Rice	0	0	28	67	5
Sorghum	0	0	35	61	4
Soybeans	0	1	27	69	3
Sugarcane	3	13	44	34	6
Wheat	0	12	24	56	8
Livestock	1	7	33	53	6
Vegetables	1	11	39	48	1
Pasture	2	13	30	50	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/08/06 TO 05/14/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	89	51	71	71	0.00	4.29	18.37	20.40
Minden	87	47	68	70	0.05	6.27	23.46	22.56
Mooringsport	(90)	52	71	MM	0.00	4.07	19.80	18.08
Extreme/Average	90	47	70	71	0.02	4.88	20.54	20.85
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	47	65	71	0.00	4.21	24.57	23.48
Homer/Hill Farm	88	50	68	69	0.00	5.70	25.35	22.64
ULM-Monroe	88	48	69	71	1.16	4.82	24.29	25.03
Winnfield	88	45	69	71	0.02	3.01	21.36	24.13
Extreme/Average	88	45	68	71	0.30	4.44	23.89	23.71
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	52	69	71	0.15	2.71	21.66	26.24
LSU-St Joseph	90	49	71	72	0.59	6.53	24.72	25.55
LSU-Winnshoro	89	53	72	71	0.06	7.04	26.76	24.81
Tallulah	87	52	69	71	1.33	6.81	29.04	25.60
Extreme/Average	90	49	70	72	0.53	5.77	25.55	25.47
4. West-Central								
Leesville	90	(44)	71	72	0.00	7.10	19.02	22.52
LSU-Rosepine	89	46	72	72	0.01	8.67	20.90	22.22
Natchitoches	89	44	71	72	0.36	5.01	23.15	22.52
Extreme/Average	90	44	71	72	0.12	6.93	21.02	22.37
5. Central								
Alexandria	90	52	73	73	0.00	7.02	22.05	24.04
Brusly	89	50	72	73	0.61	7.69	13.80	24.72
Bunkie	88	53	73	73	0.00	6.97	18.76	25.48
LSU-Alexandria	90	48	71	72	0.81	5.13	17.48	23.05
Extreme/Average	90	48	73	73	0.36	6.70	18.02	24.24
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	89	53	71	72	1.40	5.46	11.93	26.30
LSU-Baton Rouge	88	51	73	73	0.62	9.82	16.16	23.48
LSU-Clinton	87	49	71	72	0.00	4.49	13.05	25.90
LSU-Hammond	90	49	74	73	0.15	4.91	12.11	25.54
Slideell	87	52	74	73	0.01	3.31	10.27	24.80
Extreme/Average	90	49	73	73	0.20	5.63	12.85	25.82
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	89	50	73	73	0.05	11.08	26.82	22.61
Jennings	85	52	72	74	0.03	4.94	15.64	20.79
LSU-Crowley	86	52	73	74	0.02	7.11	15.43	21.69
Extreme/Average	89	50	72	74	0.03	7.71	19.30	21.05
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	53	73	74	0.00	4.58	11.00	22.82
LSU-Jeanerette	88	52	74	73	0.06	4.02	8.43	20.74
Morgan City	86	58	75	73	0.00	2.63	8.97	21.44
Extreme/Average	88	52	74	74	0.02	3.74	9.47	21.72
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	57	75	74	0.70	5.97	11.05	22.92
Houma	87	56	75	75	0.00	4.41	11.41	21.76
NO Audubon Park	89	61	77	76	0.19	3.39	9.34	22.68
Reserve	88	55	75	73	0.00	5.64	13.17	24.83
Extreme/Average	89	55	76	75	0.22	4.85	11.24	23.18
State								
State Averages	90	44	72	73	0.21	5.80	18.08	23.21

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 14, 2006

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