



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 18, 2008

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 3.6

Soil moisture supplies : 1% very short, 3% short, 45%adequate and 51% surplus.

Field Crops Report

Heavy rains in the latter part of the week caused flooding of many fields. Farmers were evaluating their ability to replant many fields, including cotton, soybeans, and sorghum. There were some reports that heavy rains washed away rice levees. Where conditions permitted rice producers drained ponds, fertilized, continued weed control and sprayed for water weevils. Wheat producers delayed harvest in some areas due to rainfall which blew down wheat and flooded fields. Sugarcane producers fertilized and sprayed fields. There were a few reports of brown rust in sugarcane fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers harvested squash, beans, and greenhouse tomatoes. Some producers sprayed bell pepper fields to control insects. Crawfish farmers drained ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock producers applied limited amounts of fertilizers and herbicides to pastures, with the high cost of inputs and 2,4-D restrictions considered. Cattle producers worked calves, put bulls out with the herds and weaned fall calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	1	0	14	3
Cotton	Planted	89	78	85	86
	Emerged	80	67	64	71
Hay	First Cutting	36	33	37	36
Rice	Planted	98	96	96	96
	Emerged	94	90	89	92
Sorghum	Planted	94	91	96	87
	Emerged	91	75	91	77
Soybeans	Planted	71	64	77	63
	Emerged	62	52	64	52
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	8	0	9	10
Wheat	Turning Color	99	93	95	91
	Harvested	14	5	11	13
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	97	98	98

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	18	58	22
Cotton	0	3	34	59	4
Rice	0	4	18	72	6
Sorghum	0	1	28	63	8
Soybeans	3	8	36	49	4
Sugarcane	1	7	24	45	23
Wheat	0	8	20	54	18
Livestock	1	3	30	59	7
Vegetables	1	7	36	50	6
Pasture	1	5	34	55	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/12/08 TO 05/18/08

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	80	46	67	72	10.31	11.41	25.28	21.20
Minden	81	44	65	71	3.80	4.29	19.76	23.41
Mooringsport	80	46	67	MM	4.77	7.17	21.83	18.65
Extreme/Average	81	44	66	72	6.29	7.62	22.29	21.65
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	83	44	66	72	2.80	5.76	17.27	24.38
Homer/Hill Farm	81	47	66	70	3.05	3.76	17.13	23.44
ULM-Monroe	82	45	66	72	2.76	4.46	16.18	25.98
Columbia Lock	82	48	65	MM	3.88	5.67	19.00	26.67
Extreme/Average	83	44	66	72	3.12	4.91	16.86	24.61
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	80	50	66	72	7.11	8.73	25.13	27.19
LSU-St Joseph	83	48	68	73	1.92	3.45	20.39	26.45
LSU-Winnsboro	83	45	69	72	4.10	5.01	21.59	25.66
Tallulah	80	51	66	72	3.69	6.03	24.31	26.57
Extreme/Average	83	45	67	73	4.24	6.07	23.28	26.37
4. West-Central								
Leesville	83	(43)	68	73	2.76	4.23	19.03	23.44
LSU-Rosepine	84	48	68	73	2.15	3.82	19.23	23.17
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	73	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	84	43	68	73	2.46	4.03	19.13	23.32
5. Central								
Alexandria	84	51	68	74	2.66	3.89	22.77	24.90
Brusly	86	51	70	74	5.19	7.00	24.92	25.42
Bunkie	87	51	71	74	4.27	6.35	23.30	26.48
LSU-Alexandria	84	50	72	73	2.07	4.45	22.06	23.95
Extreme/Average	87	50	70	74	4.04	5.12	23.04	25.14
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW								
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	54	71	74	5.42	7.69	24.27	24.32
LSU-Clinton	84	50	69	73	3.11	5.62	24.13	26.76
LSU-Hammond	83	47	70	74	8.28	11.07	29.30	26.24
Slidell	85	50	70	74	4.64	7.15	28.39	25.77
Extreme/Average	85	47	70	74	5.36	8.13	25.90	26.72
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	84	51	69	74	2.05	4.37	24.15	23.51
Jennings	85	54	71	74	4.00	7.19	25.17	21.73
LSU-Crowley	85	54	73	75	4.27	6.67	23.27	22.64
Extreme/Average	85	51	69	75	2.05	M.MM	MM.MM	21.99
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	56	71	75	2.40	4.52	17.15	23.52
LSU-Jeanerette	86	56	72	74	4.32	5.42	18.26	21.56
Morgan City	86	56	72	74	0.99	4.80	15.15	22.34
Extreme/Average	86	56	72	75	2.57	4.97	17.71	22.52
9. Southeast								
Galliano	(89)	60	74	75	3.15	7.42	25.06	23.87
Houma	87	55	73	76	1.17	3.20	13.79	22.63
Terrytown 3S	88	60	74	MM	2.83	8.46	29.02	MM.MM
Reserve	87	53	71	74	1.75	4.95	20.56	25.64
Extreme/Average	89	53	73	76	2.23	6.01	22.11	24.01
State								
State Averages	89	43	69	74	3.49	5.83	21.47	24.49

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 18, 2008

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