



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.2

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 24% short, 67% adequate and 7% surplus

Field Crops Report

Rainfall was received in some areas of the state, while other areas remained dry. Corn conditions were generally good, but some producers had to irrigate due to dry conditions. Rice producers were top dressing and spraying herbicides. Wheat producers were harvesting wheat with average yields reported. Soybean conditions were good and planting was progressing ahead of the 5 year average. Sugarcane farmers were fertilizing and laying by their crop.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were selling tomatoes, corn, beans, cucumbers and potatoes. Crawfish producers were still reporting good catches, but many producers were draining their ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay producers continued the first cutting. Producers were reporting good yields of ryegrass hay. Pasture conditions were generally good, although some pasture was in need of rainfall. Cattlemen were fertilizing pastures. Cool conditions and the recent rainfall helped livestock growing conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	20	0	3	2
Cotton	Planted	89	76	91	89
	Emerged	69	52	81	77
Hay	First Cutting	39	33	49	40
Rice	Planted	98	92	97	97
	Emerged	90	85	94	93
Sorghum	Planted	97	94	94	85
	Emerged	93	86	81	75
Soybeans	Planted	80	70	79	58
	Emerged	68	55	65	48
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	11	5	13	15
Wheat	Turning Color	96	91	100	93
	Harvested	16	0	37	20
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	98	97	97	99

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	23	58	17
Cotton	0	1	28	70	1
Rice	0	5	48	42	5
Sorghum	0	1	13	56	30
Soybeans	0	2	26	66	6
Sugarcane	0	5	34	44	17
Wheat	0	1	21	68	10
Livestock	0	3	24	66	7
Vegetables	1	9	29	56	5
Pasture	0	4	27	64	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/14/07 TO 05/20/07**

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	90	53	70	73	1.59	4.52	16.72	21.36
Minden	90	51	69	72	0.86	4.06	18.34	23.58
Mooringsport	89	53	69	MM	0.55	3.04	19.84	18.77
Extreme/Average	90	51	70	73	1.00	3.87	18.30	21.81
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	90	45	68	73	0.27	3.38	16.86	24.56
Homer/Hill Farm	90	50	70	71	0.66	6.03	21.97	23.60
ULM-Monroe	91	46	68	73	0.13	2.05	13.90	26.17
Winnfield	MM	MM	MM	72	M.MM	M.MM	6.37	25.21
Extreme/Average	91	45	69	73	0.35	3.82	17.58	24.79
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	89	54	70	72	0.45	3.93	16.10	27.38
LSU-St Joseph	92	(44)	69	74	0.05	2.21	16.26	26.63
LSU-Winnboro	90	46	69	73	1.18	5.08	18.81	25.83
Tallulah	89	50	69	73	0.30	2.54	13.52	26.76
Extreme/Average	92	44	69	73	0.50	3.74	17.06	26.55
4. West-Central								
Leesville	91	45	68	73	0.11	3.83	16.82	23.62
LSU-Rosepine	89	46	68	73	0.34	3.02	19.23	23.36
Natchitoches	90	44	68	74	0.69	4.73	16.27	23.71
Extreme/Average	91	44	68	73	0.38	3.43	18.03	23.51
5. Central								
Alexandria	93	55	72	75	0.91	3.72	19.63	25.08
Brusly	91	51	71	74	0.38	7.27	21.35	25.56
Bunkie	91	51	71	75	1.11	2.46	17.40	26.68
LSU-Alexandria	93	53	72	74	0.76	3.57	17.03	24.13
Extreme/Average	93	51	72	75	0.79	4.26	18.59	25.32
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	91	50	72	74	1.61	4.69	16.57	27.38
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	53	72	75	1.93	6.97	20.22	24.49
LSU-Clinton	87	52	70	73	0.09	3.69	16.47	26.93
LSU-Hammond	91	54	73	74	2.13	6.33	18.07	26.38
Slidell	90	53	72	75	0.70	4.12	17.49	25.96
Extreme/Average	91	50	72	74	1.29	5.28	18.59	26.90
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	91	53	72	74	0.00	3.24	20.32	23.69
Jennings	90	54	73	75	0.02	3.06	18.91	21.92
LSU-Crowley	93	54	73	76	0.16	3.54	19.29	22.83
Extreme/Average	93	53	72	75	0.06	3.28	19.51	22.18
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	91	55	73	75	1.69	5.30	17.86	23.66
LSU-Jeanerette	90	52	74	75	0.34	3.12	17.23	21.73
Morgan City	89	61	75	75	0.57	2.61	14.52	22.52
Extreme/Average	91	52	74	76	0.87	3.68	16.54	22.68
9. Southeast								
Galliano	90	58	74	75	1.87	4.56	14.50	24.06
Houma	92	55	74	76	0.41	2.58	15.08	22.81
NO Audubon Park	(94)	61	76	77	0.52	6.68	15.15	23.64
Reserve	92	58	74	75	0.74	6.54	22.03	25.81
Extreme/Average	94	55	75	76	0.93	4.61	14.91	24.18
State								
State Averages	94	44	71	74	0.65	4.02	17.79	24.27

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 20, 2007

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