



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 21, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.6

Soil moisture supplies: 5% very short, 32% short, 59% adequate and 4% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana crop producers continued to struggle with cool and dry conditions. Cotton progress slowed down due to cool conditions. Rice producers were pumping water and applying herbicides, fertilizer, and insecticides. Soybean farmers had favorable conditions for planting, which put it ahead of last year and the average. Sugarcane producers were busy finishing up with fertilizer and pre-emergence herbicide applications. Wheat remained ahead of schedule due to the dry weather and had finished turning color.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest strawberries, greenhouse tomatoes and squash. Vegetable producers were also irrigating and spraying to control insects and disease. Cool temperatures were slowing the citrus development and causing fruit to drop.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were cutting and baling hay and fertilizing pastures. Lack of moisture continued to cause declines in pasture and cattle conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	4	0	0	2
Cotton	Planted	93	78	96	92
	Emerged	83	66	86	80
Hay	First Cutting	49	48	40	43
Rice	Planted	98	94	98	97
	Emerged	95	90	95	94
Sorghum	Planted	95	87	89	86
	Emerged	82	77	79	76
Soybeans	Planted	81	67	64	60
	Emerged	66	60	54	49
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	15	4	15	20
Wheat	Turning Color	100	99	96	94
	Harvested	40	16	32	21
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	97	96	99	98

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	3	19	64	14
Cotton	0	12	34	52	2
Rice	0	5	40	48	7
Sorghum	0	0	32	63	5
Soybeans	0	1	39	58	2
Sugarcane	1	12	42	32	13
Wheat	0	13	29	52	6
Livestock	1	7	33	52	7
Vegetables	1	8	36	53	2
Pasture	3	14	36	44	3

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/15/06 TO 05/21/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	93	51	70	73	0.12	2.20	18.49	21.52
Minden		91	50	68	72	0.00	4.17	23.51
Mooringsport		93	53	72	MM	0.00	3.94	20.27
Extreme/Average		93	50	70	73	0.04	3.44	20.76
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun		87	48	67	73	0.00	3.47	24.57
Homer/Hill Farm		90	53	69	71	0.05	3.57	26.04
ULM-Monroe		92	49	69	73	0.00	5.09	25.15
Winnfield		90	49	69	72	0.26	2.58	21.62
Extreme/Average		92	48	69	73	0.08	3.68	24.35
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence		92	52	70	73	0.09	2.53	21.75
LSU-St Joseph		92	50	71	74	0.21	5.58	24.93
LSU-Winnboro		91	52	70	73	0.17	6.13	26.93
Tallulah		90	51	69	73	0.15	6.16	30.89
Extreme/Average		92	50	70	74	0.16	5.10	26.13
4. West-Central								
Leesville		92	(46)	68	74	0.18	5.71	19.20
LSU-Rosepine		92	49	68	74	0.14	8.09	21.04
Natchitoches		91	46	67	74	0.13	4.74	23.28
Extreme/Average		92	46	68	73	0.15	6.18	21.17
5. Central								
Alexandria		90	54	70	75	0.00	5.90	22.05
Brusly		88	49	69	75	0.00	7.54	13.80
Bunkie		89	53	71	75	0.00	5.67	18.76
LSU-Alexandria		90	48	69	74	0.10	3.83	17.58
Extreme/Average		90	48	70	75	0.03	5.74	18.05
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa		90	52	70	74	0.00	5.67	12.60
LSU-Baton Rouge		90	52	71	75	0.00	9.66	16.16
LSU-Clinton		86	49	69	73	0.00	4.28	13.33
LSU-Hammond		90	48	70	74	0.00	4.85	12.11
Slideell		87	51	72	75	0.00	2.79	10.30
Extreme/Average		90	48	70	75	0.00	5.45	12.79
7. Southwest								
De Ridder		89	53	70	75	0.35	9.68	27.17
Jennings		86	55	70	75	0.14	4.88	15.78
LSU-Crowley		87	55	70	76	0.09	7.02	15.52
Extreme/Average		89	53	70	76	0.25	7.28	21.48
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville		87	51	70	75	0.00	4.52	11.00
LSU-Jeanerette		88	53	71	75	0.15	3.90	8.58
Morgan City		84	58	71	75	0.00	2.61	8.97
Extreme/Average		88	51	71	76	0.05	3.68	9.52
9. Southeast								
Galliano		86	55	73	76	0.00	5.89	11.05
Houma		88	57	73	76	0.00	4.08	11.41
NO Audubon Park		90	60	76	77	0.00	3.55	9.55
Reserve		89	54	71	75	0.00	5.34	13.17
Extreme/Average		90	54	73	76	0.00	4.72	11.30
State								
State Averages		93	46	70	75	0.09	5.21	18.57

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 21, 2006

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