

LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 22, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9

Soil moisture supplies: 50% very short, 34% short and 16% adequate

Field Crops Report

Louisiana crop producers continued to struggle with the extremely dry conditions. Crop conditions continued to decline due to lack of moisture. Many producers were waiting for moisture before completing sorghum and soybean planting. Rice producers continued pumping water and applying top dress to fields. Rice producers were still battling salt problems. Sugarcane producers were working the crop and spraying herbicides. Sweet potato planting progressed to 17 percent, compared to 5 percent last week. Wheat harvesting made excellent progress with the dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Dry conditions continued to hinder the citrus crop, causing fruit to drop. Vegetable producers were irrigating tomato and bell peppers and continued spraying to control insects and diseases. Harvesting of greenhouse tomatoes began, and producers were selling produce.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen and hay producers continued harvesting hay. Cattlemen were also fertilizing pastures. Pasture conditions continued to decline as little to no rain was received last week.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Planted	97	92	88	92
	Emerged	88	72	81	81
Hay	First Cutting	42	30	20	46
Rice	Planted	98	96	97	98
	Emerged	96	89	95	94
Sorghum	Planted	89	86	89	86
	Emerged	80	70	85	77
Soybeans	Planted	65	59	62	63
	Emerged	55	47	53	51
Sweet potatoes	Planted	17	5	12	24
Wheat	Turning Color	98	81	94	96
	Harvested	37	4	6	28
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	99	96	97

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	5	21	39	35	0
Cotton	5	15	43	34	3
Rice	0	3	53	37	7
Sorghum	2	16	53	29	0
Soybean	4	28	40	28	0
Sugarcane	3	11	56	27	3
Wheat	0	7	41	49	3
Livestock	3	9	55	31	2
Vegetables	4	25	46	20	5
Pasture	11	33	43	13	0

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	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	92	59	74	74	0.00	0.41	15.64	21.68				
Minden	93	56	73	72	0.00	1.18	16.76	23.92				
Mooringsport	93	58	75	MM	0.00	0.41	14.06	19.01				
Extreme/Average	93	56	74	73	0.00	0.67	14.85	22.13				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	93	(49)	74	73	0.00	2.27	17.45	24.92				
Homer/Hill Farm	90	50	71	71	0.00	1.06	19.19	23.92				
ULM-Monroe	92	51	73	73	0.65	2.82	17.42	26.54				
Winnfield	91	49	73	73	0.00	1.03	16.73	25.57				
Extreme/Average	93	49	73	73	0.16	1.80	17.70	25.15				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	93	55	73	73	0.00	2.52	18.61	27.75				
LSU-St Joseph	95	55	76	75	0.00	2.00	17.78	26.97	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	95	50	74	74	0.00	2.01	19.12	26.17				
Tallulah	91	54	73	73	0.00	3.21	20.01	27.14				
Extreme/Average	95	50	74	74	0.00	2.41	18.97	26.91	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	95	50	72	74	0.00	1.34	14.65	23.98				
LSU-Rosepine	89	55	72	74	0.00	2.02	18.19	23.74	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	92	55	74	74	0.00	1.42	16.47	24.09				
Extreme/Average	95	50	73	74	0.00	1.38	16.47	23.88	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	93	57	75	75	0.00	0.20	16.72	25.44				
Brusly	93	60	75	75	0.10	1.91	15.00	25.84				
Bunkie	93	56	76	75	0.00	0.29	18.60	27.08				
LSU-Alexandria	94	51	74	75	0.00	0.13	16.37	24.49	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	94	51	75	75	0.03	0.63	16.67	25.68	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	91	58	75	74	0.00	3.88	21.87	27.74				
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	61	77	75	0.01	1.44	13.18	24.83				
LSU-Clinton	89	56	74	74	0.00	1.05	18.64	27.27				
LSU-Hammond	93	58	75	75	0.00	2.14	16.43	26.66	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	89	60	76	75	0.01	3.43	25.06	26.34				
Extreme/Average	94	56	75	75	0.00	2.39	19.04	27.26	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	95	58	75	75	0.00	1.47	16.61	24.05				
Jennings	(96)	60	76	75	0.00	0.97	16.84	22.30	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	95	60	76	76	0.00	2.78	16.78	23.21	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	96	58	76	76	0.00	1.74	16.81	22.56	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	92	62	76	76	1.71	3.40	15.98	23.94				
LSU-Jeanerette	93	60	76	75	0.00	1.43	16.03	22.07				
Morgan City	91	65	77	75	0.00	1.84	17.83	22.88				
Extreme/Average	93	60	76	76	0.57	2.22	16.61	23.02				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	91	64	77	76	0.33	1.17	24.16	24.44				
Houma	93	63	78	77	1.29	2.18	27.48	23.17	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	94	66	79	77	0.47	3.01	25.43	23.96				
Reserve	95	63	76	75	0.20	4.00	23.92	26.15				
Extreme/Average	95	63	77	77	0.57	2.59	25.25	24.52	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	96	49	75	75	0.14	1.72	18.20	24.63	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 22, 2005

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