



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.3

Soil moisture supplies : 2% very short, 5% short, 62% adequate and 31% surplus.

Field Crops Report

The majority of the wheat harvest was delayed by rain. Some farmers who harvested prior to the rain had good to excellent yields. Rice producers tried to get out herbicides. Soybeans were hindered by wet weather. There were some reports of rust in sugarcane. Some farmers replanted cotton.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Warmer weather increased insect pressure on garden crops. Producers harvested strawberries, squash, sweet corn, cucumbers, and greenhouse tomatoes. Tomato and bell pepper fields were sprayed to control insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Many producers cut hay. Pastures showed improvement with the additional rainfall. Cattlemen continued to work calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	7	1	41	16
Cotton	Planted	93	89	92	94
	Emerged	88	80	79	84
Hay	First Cutting	46	36	48	47
Rice	Planted	98	98	99	98
	Emerged	96	94	95	96
Sorghum	Planted	96	94	98	92
	Emerged	93	91	96	85
Soybeans	Planted	82	71	84	71
	Emerged	75	62	75	60
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	10	8	19	18
Wheat	Turning Color	100	99	97	98
	Harvested	36	14	34	37
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	99	99	98

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	12	63	24
Cotton	0	3	29	64	4
Rice	0	3	17	69	11
Sorghum	0	1	21	63	15
Soybeans	2	7	28	59	4
Sugarcane	0	4	20	56	20
Wheat	0	2	19	57	22
Livestock	0	3	27	62	8
Vegetables	1	7	33	52	7
Pasture	1	5	31	56	7

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/19/08 TO 05/25/08**

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	93	58	77	74	0.00	10.86	25.22	22.32
Minden	91	55	76	73	0.00	4.08	19.76	24.60
Mooringsport	93	58	77	MM	0.00	6.63	21.83	19.52
Extreme/Average	93	55	76	74	0.00	M.MM	MM.MM	22.78
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	74	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM
Homer/Hill Farm	91	51	75	72	0.13	3.80	17.25	24.56
ULM-Monroe	93	58	77	74	0.71	5.08	16.89	27.26
Colmubia Lock	92	(47)	75	MM	0.10	5.45	19.10	27.93
Extreme/Average	93	47	75	74	0.31	5.08	16.89	25.87
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	92	61	76	74	0.48	8.81	25.61	28.47
LSU-St Joseph	92	49	72	75	0.69	3.80	21.08	27.65
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	74	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM
Tallulah	90	59	75	74	0.78	3.52	23.01	27.90
Extreme/Average	92	49	76	75	0.63	M.MM	MM.MM	27.61
4. West-Central								
Leesville	93	65	78	74	0.43	4.34	19.46	24.70
LSU-Rosepine	92	59	79	75	0.43	3.63	19.35	24.47
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	0.00	20.71	24.85
Extreme/Average	93	59	79	74	0.43	3.99	19.41	24.60
5. Central								
Alexandria	(94)	60	78	76	0.17	3.28	22.94	26.16
Brusly	92	60	79	75	0.81	7.61	25.73	26.40
Bunkie	91	64	79	76	0.06	5.26	23.36	27.88
LSU-Alexandria	93	55	76	75	0.04	2.50	22.10	25.18
Extreme/Average	94	55	79	76	0.35	5.38	23.15	26.40
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	89	61	77	MM	0.55	7.88	24.33	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	MM	MM	MM	76	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM
LSU-Clinton	90	59	78	74	0.69	5.96	24.82	27.95
LSU-Hammond	89	61	77	75	0.78	11.66	30.10	27.22
Slidell	87	65	78	76	2.56	9.05	30.95	27.07
Extreme/Average	90	59	77	76	1.15	8.50	26.42	27.98
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	92	62	79	76	0.00	2.37	24.15	24.78
Jennings	89	63	79	76	0.35	5.12	25.52	23.06
LSU-Crowley	89	66	80	77	0.54	5.77	23.81	23.97
Extreme/Average	92	62	79	76	0.30	5.45	24.67	23.32
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	90	61	78	76	2.95	6.81	20.10	24.51
LSU-Jeanerette	89	65	79	76	0.71	5.17	18.29	22.80
Morgan City	88	61	76	76	0.85	3.28	16.00	23.60
Extreme/Average	90	61	77	77	1.50	5.99	19.20	23.70
9. Southeast								
Galliano	87	69	78	76	0.39	4.91	25.45	25.20
Houma	89	64	78	77	1.86	4.28	15.65	23.89
Terrytown 3S	91	66	79	MM	1.96	6.47	30.98	MM.MM
Reserve	91	65	78	76	2.00	5.91	22.56	26.86
Extreme/Average	91	64	78	77	1.55	5.39	23.66	25.20
State								
State Averages	94	47	78	75	0.66	5.66	22.28	25.34

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 25, 2008

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