



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 28, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.7

Soil moisture supplies: 20% very short, 56% short, 23% adequate and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana crop producers continued to battle the dry conditions. Rain was received across the state at the end of the week, which brought some relief to crops. Cotton progressed due to warmer conditions. Rice producers were pumping water with some reports of high salinity in the fields. Soybean planting resumed after receiving much needed rainfall. Sugarcane producers were busy finishing up with fertilizer and pre-emergence herbicide applications, with some reports of rust. Wheat remained substantially ahead of the average due to the dry, warm weather.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest and sell produce. Vegetable producers were also spraying to control insects and disease. Dry conditions were slowing the citrus development and causing fruit to drop.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Drought conditions continued to cause declines in pasture and cattle conditions. Cattlemen were feeding hay to supplement short pasture grazing conditions. Harvesting of hay continued ahead of normal.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	34	4	10	14
Cotton	Planted	97	93	98	97
	Emerged	93	83	92	90
	Squaring	8	0	4	5
Hay	First Cutting	71	49	53	57
Rice	Planted	99	98	98	98
	Emerged	98	95	97	97
Sorghum	Planted	96	95	91	92
	Emerged	91	82	84	85
Soybeans	Planted	87	81	71	72
	Emerged	77	66	61	60
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	22	15	26	32
Wheat	Harvested	89	40	56	48
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	97	99	98

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	5	36	58	1
Cotton	2	10	47	41	0
Rice	0	5	46	44	5
Sorghum	0	2	41	57	0
Soybeans	2	10	46	41	1
Sugarcane	2	14	40	32	12
Wheat	0	12	33	50	5
Livestock	1	9	40	46	4
Vegetables	4	17	51	26	2
Pasture	6	21	48	23	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/22/06 TO 05/28/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	93	63	81	75	0.00	1.32	18.49	22.64
Minden	91	63	79	74	0.02	1.86	23.53	24.94
Mooringsport	92	67	81	MM	0.00	1.57	20.27	19.80
Extreme/Average	93	63	80	75	0.01	1.58	20.76	23.12
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	91	60	78	75	0.00	2.17	24.57	25.95
Homer/Hill Farm	89	64	78	73	0.00	1.55	26.04	24.88
ULM-Monroe	93	62	80	75	0.00	3.36	25.15	27.62
Winnfield	91	65	79	74	0.00	1.60	21.62	26.65
Extreme/Average	93	60	78	75	0.00	2.17	24.35	26.23
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	91	64	80	75	0.00	1.55	21.75	28.83
LSU-St Joseph	(94)	66	80	76	0.48	4.10	25.41	27.97
LSU-Winnshoro	93	66	80	75	0.00	3.89	26.93	27.19
Tallulah	91	66	79	75	0.00	4.16	30.89	28.27
Extreme/Average	94	64	80	75	0.12	3.43	26.25	27.95
4. West-Central								
Leesville	93	62	79	75	0.00	0.69	19.20	25.06
LSU-Rosepine	92	(56)	77	75	0.00	1.40	21.84	24.83
Natchitoches	93	64	79	76	0.45	1.86	23.73	25.23
Extreme/Average	93	56	79	75	0.15	1.32	21.59	24.96
5. Central								
Alexandria	92	63	80	77	0.00	0.88	22.36	26.50
Brusly	90	61	78	76	0.79	1.55	14.59	26.70
Bunkie	92	61	79	77	0.00	0.70	19.94	28.27
LSU-Alexandria	93	60	79	76	0.27	2.00	17.85	25.52
Extreme/Average	93	60	79	76	0.27	1.28	18.69	26.76
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	93	62	80	76	0.00	1.58	12.60	28.82
LSU-Baton Rouge	93	67	80	76	0.17	1.31	16.33	25.87
LSU-Clinton	89	57	76	75	0.00	1.40	13.33	28.29
LSU-Hammond	92	62	78	76	0.00	0.15	12.11	27.51
Slideell	90	67	79	77	0.00	0.05	10.30	27.42
Extreme/Average	93	57	78	76	0.03	0.90	12.84	28.34
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	90	66	79	76	0.00	3.58	27.86	25.16
Jennings	88	62	77	77	0.00	1.13	15.78	23.44
LSU-Crowley	90	64	79	77	0.00	2.47	15.52	24.35
Extreme/Average	90	62	79	77	0.00	2.39	19.72	23.70
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	90	62	77	77	0.33	0.53	11.33	24.81
LSU-Jeanerette	89	63	78	77	0.04	2.08	12.76	23.18
Morgan City	91	64	79	76	0.15	2.02	9.12	23.96
Extreme/Average	91	62	78	77	0.17	1.54	11.07	24.05
9. Southeast								
Galliano	87	67	77	77	0.13	2.40	11.18	25.58
Houma	92	70	81	78	0.64	0.68	12.05	24.25
NO Audubon Park	92	70	82	79	0.00	0.40	9.55	24.98
Reserve	90	66	78	77	0.00	1.03	13.17	27.22
Extreme/Average	92	66	80	78	0.19	1.13	11.49	25.54
State								
State Averages	94	56	79	76	0.11	1.75	18.58	25.70

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 28, 2006

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