



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 29, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.1

Soil moisture supplies: 38% very short, 32% short, 22% adequate and 8% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana producers continued battling with the dry conditions early in the week. Rain was received at the end of the week in the northern part of the state, bringing some relief to crops. Planting of sorghum and soybeans was expected to resume in a big way next week after the rain. Rice producers were running wells non-stop to irrigate fields. Water weevils were found in some rice fields. Sugarcane producers were working fallow land. Sweet potato planting continued but was slow due to the dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Fruit and vegetable producers continued struggling with the dry conditions. Harvesting of peaches began. Vegetable producers were harvesting crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were beginning to irrigate pastures as the drought situation became more critical. Due to the poor pasture conditions, cattlemen were feeding hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	12	0	22	24
Cotton	Planted	98	97	96	97
	Emerged	93	88	92	91
	Squaring	5	0	2	7
Hay	First Cutting	55	42	41	61
Peaches	Harvested	3	0	4	7
Rice	Planted	99	98	98	99
	Emerged	97	96	96	97
Sorghum	Planted	91	89	95	93
	Emerged	85	80	89	86
Soybeans	Planted	72	65	80	76
	Emerged	62	55	68	64
	Blooming	2	0	2	0
Sweet potatoes	Planted	28	17	24	39
Wheat	Turning Color	100	98	99	99
	Harvested	59	37	46	57
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	99	96	98

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	6	16	33	45	0
Cotton	4	10	40	43	3
Rice	0	4	50	41	5
Sorghum	1	17	46	36	0
Soybeans	6	18	42	34	0
Sugarcane	6	14	55	20	5
Wheat	0	1	40	53	6
Livestock	3	9	48	35	5
Vegetables	6	27	39	22	6
Pasture	11	29	37	23	0

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/23/05 TO 05/29/05

	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	96	60	78	75	1.06	1.11	16.70	22.80				
Minden	94	59	77	74	0.42	0.86	17.18	25.11				
Mooringsport	95	61	77	MM	0.33	0.48	14.39	19.94				
Extreme/Average	96	59	77	75	0.60	0.82	15.55	23.29				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	93	59	75	75	3.11	3.80	20.56	26.12				
Homer/Hill Farm	92	57	75	73	0.54	0.88	19.73	25.04				
ULM-Monroe	96	58	77	75	2.91	3.75	20.33	27.80				
Winnfield	93	57	77	74	0.76	0.95	17.49	26.84				
Extreme/Average	96	57	76	75	1.83	2.35	19.53	26.41				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	94	60	76	75	3.47	3.73	22.08	29.01				
LSU-St Joseph	97	60	78	76	1.41	2.12	19.19	28.13	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	96	58	77	75	1.62	1.78	20.74	27.36				
Tallulah	93	58	76	75	3.03	3.51	23.04	28.45				
Extreme/Average	97	58	77	76	2.38	2.47	20.99	28.12	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	97	(55)	78	75	0.90	2.11	15.55	25.24				
LSU-Rosepine	97	59	79	75	0.00	2.00	18.19	25.01	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	95	61	78	76	0.30	0.50	16.77	25.42				
Extreme/Average	97	55	78	75	0.60	1.31	16.77	25.14	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	97	59	78	77	0.08	0.20	16.80	26.67				
Brusly	94	63	79	76	0.02	0.37	15.02	26.85				
Bunkie	97	64	81	77	0.40	0.69	19.00	28.46				
LSU-Alexandria	(98)	58	78	76	0.04	0.11	16.41	25.69	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	98	58	79	77	0.14	0.34	16.81	26.94	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	96	61	78	76	0.05	0.12	21.92	29.00				
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	63	81	77	0.66	0.73	13.84	26.05				
LSU-Clinton	92	63	78	75	0.05	0.25	18.69	28.46				
LSU-Hammond	95	59	79	76	0.00	1.02	16.43	27.66	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	91	62	79	77	0.03	0.32	25.09	27.59				
Extreme/Average	96	59	79	76	0.16	0.49	19.19	28.51	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	94	63	79	77	0.00	1.47	16.61	25.35				
Jennings	94	68	81	77	0.00	0.36	16.84	23.63	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	97	69	82	78	2.56	2.86	19.34	24.54	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	97	63	80	77	0.85	1.56	18.09	23.89	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	93	67	80	77	0.40	2.32	16.38	24.96				
LSU-Jeanerette	92	67	79	77	0.01	0.35	16.04	23.38				
Morgan City	93	69	80	77	0.00	0.38	17.83	24.14				
Extreme/Average	93	67	80	78	0.14	1.02	16.75	24.23				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	93	67	80	77	0.03	0.38	24.19	25.77				
Houma	94	70	81	78	0.10	1.77	27.58	24.43	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	95	70	82	79	0.18	0.81	25.61	25.16				
Reserve	94	68	81	77	0.00	0.39	23.92	27.41				
Extreme/Average	95	67	81	78	0.08	0.84	25.33	25.71	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	98	55	79	76	0.74	1.22	18.96	25.88	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 29, 2005

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