

LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, June 12, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.3

Soil moisture supplies: 6% very short, 23% short, 52% adequate and 19% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received across the state last week. Field activities were limited due to wet conditions, but the rain continued to improve crop conditions and growth. Although rice producers were relieved to get the rain, they were beginning to see an increase in diseases and insects. Top-dressing and fungicides were being applied to rice fields. Wet conditions continued to slow soybean planting, and this could affect the acres producers are ultimately able to plant to soybeans for 2005. Sugarcane has shown a dramatic growth improvement with all the rain. Sweet potato planting continued to make good progress with adequate soil moisture.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Peach harvest continued to make good progress last week. Vegetable producers were beginning to see disease problems in some crops while harvesting and selling crops continued.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture conditions saw additional improvement from the recent rains, but some pastures were too short for grazing. Some cattlemen were supplemental feeding due to shortness of pastures. Hay harvest continued as weather conditions allowed.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	62	33	83	76
Cotton	Emerged	100	98	99	99
	Squaring	40	15	44	41
Hay	First Cutting	70	60	57	76
Peaches	Harvested	22	10	16	23
Rice	Planted	100	99	100	100
	Emerged	99	98	100	100
	Headed	1	0	4	10
Sorghum	Planted	98	93	100	99
	Emerged	96	89	97	96
Soybeans	Planted	85	79	94	89
	Emerged	78	70	88	81
	Blooming	15	6	19	15
Sweet potatoes	Planted	57	32	51	64
Wheat	Harvested	97	68	89	93

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	32	50	16
Cotton	0	3	27	47	23
Rice	0	2	40	45	13
Sorghum	0	5	36	59	0
Soybeans	2	8	39	46	5
Sugarcane	2	10	48	33	7
Livestock	1	7	36	54	2
Vegetables	4	15	40	38	3
Pasture	6	16	39	38	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 06/06/05 TO 06/12/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE		
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG
1. Northwest											
LSU-Bossier City	92	68	80	78	0.78	2.25	17.89	25.13			
Minden	93	67	80	77	0.65	1.57	18.33	27.47			
Mooringsport	93	68	81	MM	0.05	0.43	14.49	22.26			
Extreme/Average	93	67	80	78	0.49	1.00	14.49	25.67			
2. North-Central											
LSU-Calhoun	92	64	79	78	0.82	6.12	23.57	28.40			
Homer/Hill Farm	92	65	78	76	0.21	2.81	22.00	27.35			
ULM-Monroe	94	(62)	80	78	0.99	5.03	21.80	30.17			
Winnfield	92	65	79	77	1.39	2.66	19.39	29.50			
Extreme/Average	94	62	79	78	0.85	3.86	21.65	28.75			
3. Northeast											
Lake Providence	91	68	80	78	1.03	5.88	24.49	31.32			
LSU-St Joseph	(95)	64	80	79	0.39	3.61	21.39	30.09	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Winnsboro	94	66	80	79	0.98	5.48	24.66	29.63			
Tallulah	91	66	79	78	0.59	5.37	25.38	30.81			
Extreme/Average	95	64	80	79	0.75	5.09	23.81	30.35	MM	MM	MM
4. West-Central											
Leesville	92	65	78	78	2.10	5.28	19.93	27.59			
LSU-Rosepine	92	68	80	78	1.51	2.51	20.70	27.35	MM	MM	MM
Natchitoches	92	66	79	79	1.12	2.23	18.70	27.80			
Extreme/Average	92	65	79	78	1.58	3.76	18.70	27.48	MM	MM	MM
5. Central											
Alexandria	91	69	81	80	0.49	1.80	18.52	29.05			
Brusly	91	67	80	79	1.82	3.77	18.67	29.15			
Bunkie	92	68	80	79	2.10	4.69	23.29	31.05			
LSU-Alexandria	94	64	79	79	1.08	2.65	19.02	27.86	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	94	64	80	79	1.37	3.23	19.88	29.28	MM	MM	MM
6. East-Central											
Bogalusa	92	68	79	79	0.43	4.81	26.68	31.57			
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	68	80	79	2.27	4.42	17.59	28.70			
LSU-Clinton	89	65	77	78	0.31	1.42	20.06	30.82			
LSU-Hammond	90	68	79	79	1.79	5.61	22.04	29.84	MM	MM	MM
Slidell	89	67	78	79	1.62	6.04	31.09	29.60			
Extreme/Average	92	65	79	79	1.28	4.46	23.49	30.88	MM	MM	MM
7. Southwest											
De Ridder	92	68	80	79	0.35	1.08	17.69	28.01			
Jennings	90	68	80	79	3.44	4.61	21.45	26.29	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Crowley	91	70	81	80	4.57	8.90	25.68	27.08	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	92	68	80	80	2.79	4.86	23.57	26.57	MM	MM	MM
8. South-Central											
Donaldsonville	91	70	80	80	1.67	7.31	21.58	27.30			
LSU-Jeanerette	90	68	80	79	2.51	5.55	21.58	26.49			
Morgan City	92	68	81	79	2.27	5.03	22.86	26.68			
Extreme/Average	92	68	80	80	2.15	5.96	22.01	26.95			
9. Southeast											
Galliano	91	70	81	80	2.54	11.23	35.06	28.36			
Houma	92	70	82	80	4.06	8.15	34.34	26.99	MM	MM	MM
NO Audubon Park	92	70	81	81	4.40	6.98	31.94	27.87			
Reserve	91	69	80	79	2.59	5.04	28.76	30.33			
Extreme/Average	92	69	81	80	3.18	7.75	31.92	28.28	MM	MM	MM
State											
State Averages	95	62	80	79	1.69	4.49	22.57	28.32	MM	MM	MM

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through June 12, 2005

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