



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 08, 2009

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9

Soil moisture supplies: 17% very short, 32% short, 48 % adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Dry conditions persisted across much of the state for most of the week with spotty isolated showers. Field work progressed well despite the dry conditions. Some producers planted corn and rice, but more moisture is needed to finish planting. Sugarcane producers destroyed old stubble and applied herbicides to fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Vegetable producers prepared for planting of spring crops. Citrus producers completed fertilization. Crawfish trapping was underway, but producers reported that crawfish were still small.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Calving continued last week. Pastures and hay fields were dry. Cattlemen were fertilizing and spraying pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	43	0	10	13

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	19	50	29	1
Wheat	0	8	34	58	0
Livestock	4	7	46	40	3
Vegetables	5	11	43	40	1
Pasture	6	19	43	30	2



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/02/09 TO 03/08/09**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	82	(25)	57	53	0.00	1.16	3.79	10.40
Minden	82	26	56	53	0.00	1.66	4.92	11.24
Mooringsport	80	27	57	MM	0.00	1.68	3.87	9.60
Extreme/Average	82	25	57	55	0.00	1.50	4.19	10.59
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	82	26	55	55	0.00	1.39	4.35	12.00
Homer/Hill Farm	81	25	55	52	0.00	1.28	4.37	11.32
ULM-Monroe	83	30	55	54	0.00	0.82	4.17	12.41
Colmubia Lock	83	29	55	MM	0.00	1.22	3.86	12.78
Extreme/Average	83	25	55	55	0.00	1.18	4.19	12.03
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	81	29	54	53	0.00	0.79	4.95	12.57
LSU-St Joseph	82	31	56	55	0.00	4.03	6.85	12.80
LSU-Winnsboro	81	28	56	54	0.00	1.39	4.81	12.32
Tallulah	82	30	55	54	0.00	1.96	5.95	12.58
Extreme/Average	82	28	55	55	0.00	2.04	5.64	12.54
4. West-Central								
Leesville	83	27	59	56	0.02	1.39	2.64	11.83
LSU-Rosepine	82	30	58	56	0.00	1.88	3.27	11.55
Natchitoches	(84)	32	57	55	0.00	0.92	3.86	11.45
Extreme/Average	84	27	58	56	0.01	1.40	3.26	11.57
5. Central								
Alexandria	81	28	56	57	0.05	1.86	3.70	12.41
Brusly	80	31	56	58	0.00	1.21	5.09	13.16
Bunkie	80	30	57	57	0.00	2.27	6.66	12.76
LSU-Alexandria	81	31	57	56	0.00	2.81	5.36	12.14
Extreme/Average	81	28	56	58	0.01	2.04	5.20	12.54
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	78	31	54	MM	0.00	2.24	6.63	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	80	32	56	58	0.05	0.98	5.61	12.21
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	56	M.MM	2.27	5.70	13.37
LSU-Hammond	79	28	54	58	0.00	0.77	4.13	13.21
Slidell	76	30	54	58	0.00	1.36	3.95	12.98
Extreme/Average	80	28	55	58	0.01	1.34	5.08	13.10
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	82	32	58	57	0.00	2.62	5.59	12.26
Jennings	78	31	58	58	0.00	1.40	4.33	11.06
LSU-Crowley	79	32	58	58	0.00	1.41	4.45	11.49
Extreme/Average	82	31	58	59	0.00	1.81	4.79	11.12
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	32	56	59	0.02	1.26	5.73	11.68
LSU-Jeanerette	80	32	58	58	0.00	1.53	3.87	10.63
Morgan City	77	34	55	59	0.03	2.46	4.38	11.41
Extreme/Average	83	32	57	59	0.02	1.75	4.66	11.24
9. Southeast								
Galliano	78	35	58	60	0.00	2.41	4.08	11.86
Houma	80	34	58	60	0.00	1.52	2.98	11.30
Terrytown 3S	79	35	58	MM	0.00	1.73	6.67	MM.MM
Reserve	82	34	58	59	0.00	1.24	4.19	13.17
Extreme/Average	82	34	58	60	0.00	1.73	4.48	12.10
State								
State Averages	84	25	57	57	0.00	1.67	4.67	11.92

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 08, 2009

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