



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 15, 2009

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.7

Soil moisture supplies: 7% very short, 16% short, 58% adequate and 19% surplus

Field Crops Report

Rain fell across most of the state last week which improved planting conditions. Producers continued to plant corn and rice. Soybean producers prepared fields for planting. Sugarcane producers continued destroying old stubble and applying herbicides.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Vegetable producers prepared for planting of summer crops. Citrus producers completed fertilization. Crawfish trapping was underway, and producers reported that crawfish size was increasing.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Calving continued last week. Pastures and hay fields improved due to rainfall. Cattlemen continued fertilizing and spraying pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	45	43	18	21
Corn	Planted	10	0	3	16
Rice	Planted	4	0	2	2

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	5	18	52	23	2
Wheat	0	2	30	66	2
Livestock	5	13	45	36	1
Vegetables	3	17	38	40	2
Pasture	8	21	43	27	1



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/09/09 TO 03/15/09

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	37	55	55	3.32	3.48	7.11	11.38
Minden	83	36	56	55	4.00	4.37	8.92	12.36
Mooringsport	81	(35)	53	MM	3.26	3.64	7.13	10.57
Extreme/Average	84	35	55	56	3.53	3.83	7.72	11.64
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	84	37	54	56	4.04	4.22	8.39	13.33
Homer/Hill Farm	83	35	53	54	3.78	4.21	8.15	12.49
ULM-Monroe	84	38	55	56	3.84	4.12	8.01	13.81
Columbia Lock	83	38	57	MM	3.48	3.97	7.34	14.11
Extreme/Average	84	35	55	57	3.79	4.13	7.97	13.29
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	84	38	56	55	3.37	3.80	8.32	13.97
LSU-St Joseph	83	43	59	57	3.37	3.55	10.22	14.25
LSU-Winnsboro	83	40	58	56	3.00	3.43	7.81	13.65
Tallulah	83	40	57	56	4.28	4.74	10.23	14.05
Extreme/Average	84	38	58	57	3.51	3.88	9.15	13.94
4. West-Central								
Leesville	84	39	58	58	4.52	4.61	7.16	13.02
LSU-Rosepine	83	38	59	58	4.36	4.40	7.63	12.81
Natchitoches	(85)	40	60	57	5.17	5.44	9.03	12.71
Extreme/Average	85	38	59	58	4.68	4.82	7.94	12.76
5. Central								
Alexandria	83	41	59	59	3.25	3.70	6.95	13.74
Brusly	83	50	65	59	2.07	2.14	7.16	14.28
Bunkie	83	43	62	59	2.00	2.23	8.66	14.05
LSU-Alexandria	84	41	59	58	2.73	2.91	8.09	13.40
Extreme/Average	84	41	61	59	2.51	2.75	7.72	13.80
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	82	51	67	MM	1.82	2.41	8.45	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	83	51	66	60	2.43	2.56	8.04	13.33
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	58	M.MM	0.28	5.88	14.57
LSU-Hammond	82	54	67	59	1.61	1.79	5.74	14.61
Slidell	82	53	69	60	2.17	2.53	6.12	14.38
Extreme/Average	83	51	67	60	2.01	2.32	7.09	14.48
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	82	41	60	59	3.09	3.38	8.68	13.52
Jennings	83	45	63	60	2.44	2.80	6.78	12.10
LSU-Crowley	82	46	63	60	2.33	2.62	6.78	12.48
Extreme/Average	83	41	62	61	2.62	2.93	7.41	12.13
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	85	53	69	60	1.67	1.94	7.40	12.87
LSU-Jeanerette	82	51	67	60	1.90	2.25	5.77	11.60
Morgan City	80	55	67	60	0.46	0.88	4.84	12.52
Extreme/Average	85	51	67	61	1.34	1.69	6.00	12.29
9. Southeast								
Galliano	80	55	69	62	0.58	0.59	4.72	13.15
Houma	82	56	69	62	0.17	0.21	3.15	12.43
Terrytown 3S	83	61	71	MM	1.23	1.41	7.90	MM.MM
Reserve	83	56	69	61	1.34	1.56	5.53	14.50
Extreme/Average	83	55	69	62	0.83	0.94	5.33	13.36
State								
State Averages	85	35	62	59	2.69	2.96	7.36	13.13

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 15, 2009

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