



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 22, 2009

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 3.9

Soil moisture supplies: 3% very short, 10% short, 70% adequate and 17% surplus

Field Crops Report

Producers continued to plant corn and rice. Soybean producers prepared fields for planting. Sugarcane producers sprayed herbicides.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers planted beans, cucumbers and bell peppers. Strawberry producers continued to harvest strawberries. Citrus producers sprayed for disease and insects. Crawfish producers increased harvesting activities and crawfish were larger.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to be busy with calving. Winter pastures showed good growth. Cattlemen sprayed pastures and hay fields for weed control.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	58	10	37	42
Rice	Planted	11	4	4	8
Winter Wheat	Headed	15	0	0	9
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	63	45	28	33

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	3	14	38	38	7
Wheat	0	2	31	64	3
Livestock	2	8	41	45	4
Vegetables	1	7	47	44	1
Pasture	2	15	44	36	3



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/16/09 TO 03/22/09

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	57	0.01	3.34	7.12	12.36
Minden	79	41	57	57	0.00	4.00	8.87	13.48
Mooringsport	77	45	59	MM	0.01	3.27	7.14	11.48
Extreme/Average	79	41	58	58	0.01	3.64	8.01	12.67
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	78	39	56	58	0.21	4.27	8.60	14.66
Homer/Hill Farm	79	37	55	56	0.01	3.86	8.16	13.68
ULM-Monroe	77	40	56	58	0.00	3.94	8.01	15.21
Columbia Lock	78	43	57	MM	0.08	3.78	7.42	15.44
Extreme/Average	79	37	56	58	0.08	3.96	8.05	14.55
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	78	43	58	57	0.03	3.48	8.35	15.42
LSU-St Joseph	80	46	60	59	0.33	3.71	10.55	15.72
LSU-Winnnsboro	MM	MM	MM	58	0.10	3.35	7.91	14.98
Tallulah	79	46	60	58	0.05	4.58	10.28	15.52
Extreme/Average	80	43	59	59	0.14	3.92	9.73	15.38
4. West-Central								
Leesville	80	39	59	60	0.18	4.72	7.34	14.20
LSU-Rosepine	78	(30)	50	60	0.60	4.96	8.23	14.05
Natchitoches	84	49	61	59	0.11	5.29	9.14	13.94
Extreme/Average	(84)	30	60	59	0.15	5.01	8.24	13.95
5. Central								
Alexandria	80	47	61	60	0.69	3.99	7.64	15.07
Brusly	79	48	62	61	2.01	4.08	9.17	15.40
Bunkie	79	48	61	61	0.93	2.93	9.59	15.38
LSU-Alexandria	79	47	59	60	0.41	3.14	8.50	14.64
Extreme/Average	80	47	62	61	1.21	3.67	8.80	15.06
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	77	47	62	MM	1.00	2.88	9.45	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	79	49	63	61	1.80	4.28	9.84	14.45
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	60	M.MM	0.00	5.88	15.83
LSU-Hammond	78	48	62	61	2.10	3.71	7.84	16.01
Slidell	MM	MM	MM	61	0.26	2.43	6.38	15.75
Extreme/Average	79	47	62	61	1.63	3.62	9.04	15.88
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	80	46	62	61	0.52	3.61	9.20	14.74
Jennings	79	49	63	61	1.56	4.00	8.34	13.15
LSU-Crowley	79	50	64	62	1.81	4.16	8.59	13.53
Extreme/Average	80	46	63	62	1.30	3.92	8.71	13.17
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	79	49	64	62	0.68	2.40	8.08	14.06
LSU-Jeanerette	79	51	64	62	1.56	3.46	7.33	12.58
Morgan City	78	52	64	62	0.22	0.71	5.06	13.57
Extreme/Average	79	49	64	63	0.82	2.19	6.82	13.34
9. Southeast								
Galliano	76	50	65	63	0.89	1.47	5.61	14.42
Houma	78	52	65	63	0.44	0.65	3.59	13.55
Terrytown 3S	79	54	66	MM	0.53	1.94	8.43	MM.MM
Reserve	78	52	64	62	0.64	1.98	6.17	15.83
Extreme/Average	79	50	66	63	0.49	1.30	6.01	14.62
State								
State Averages	84	30	61	61	0.73	3.46	8.20	14.35

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 22, 2009

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