



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 2.9

Soil moisture supplies: 1% very short, 1% short, 40% adequate and 58% surplus

Field Crops Report

Rain fell across most of Louisiana improving moisture conditions throughout the state but delaying planting of corn, soybeans, and rice. Early planted rice began to emerge, and producers began switching from drill planting to water seeding. Sugarcane producers applied herbicides. The wheat crop showed improvement.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable, fruit, and citrus producers continued with preparation of spring and summer crops. Crawfish producers reported an improved catch, and remained busy last week due to the impact of storms on traps.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pastures and hay fields showed improvement due to recent rainfall.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	76	58	81	68
	Emerged	27	0	12	21
Rice	Planted	26	11	31	26
Sorghum	Planted	2	0	4	7
Winter Wheat	Headed	33	15	18	27
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	73	63	50	45

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	3	18	32	42	5
Wheat	0	3	28	64	5
Livestock	2	7	38	49	4
Vegetables	2	9	44	43	2
Pasture	2	11	41	41	5



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/23/09 TO 03/29/09**

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	79	37	61	59	3.00	6.34	10.13	13.40
Minden	79	(34)	59	59	3.11	7.11	11.98	14.60
Mooringsport	78	36	59	MM	2.64	5.91	9.78	12.39
Extreme/Average	79	34	60	60	2.92	6.45	10.63	13.72
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	79	36	60	60	3.06	7.11	11.46	15.93
Homer/Hill Farm	79	34	58	58	2.72	6.50	10.87	14.87
ULM-Monroe	79	40	61	60	2.47	6.32	10.49	16.60
Columbia Lock	78	39	60	MM	3.88	7.44	11.30	16.83
Extreme/Average	79	34	60	60	3.03	6.84	11.03	15.81
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	78	39	61	58	2.80	6.20	11.15	16.89
LSU-St Joseph	80	40	63	61	3.41	7.09	13.94	17.15
LSU-Winnboro	78	40	63	60	3.41	6.51	11.32	16.37
Tallulah	79	40	62	60	5.35	9.68	15.63	16.98
Extreme/Average	80	39	62	60	3.74	7.37	13.01	16.78
4. West-Central								
Leesville	81	36	62	61	3.66	8.38	11.00	15.32
LSU-Rosepine	80	36	62	61	3.14	8.76	12.03	15.21
Natchitoches	82	39	61	60	4.01	9.29	13.15	15.11
Extreme/Average	82	36	62	61	3.84	8.84	12.08	15.08
5. Central								
Alexandria	78	41	62	62	4.57	8.56	12.21	16.36
Brusly	(83)	45	66	62	4.30	8.38	13.47	16.57
Bunkie	80	41	64	62	5.20	8.13	14.79	16.71
LSU-Alexandria	78	41	63	61	3.79	6.93	12.29	15.82
Extreme/Average	83	41	64	62	4.47	8.00	13.19	16.32
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	75	43	64	MM	6.23	9.50	16.13	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	81	44	66	62	3.82	8.12	13.68	15.57
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	61	M.MM	M.MM	5.88	17.10
LSU-Hammond	80	45	65	62	3.55	5.66	9.79	17.39
Slidell	80	47	64	63	5.41	7.84	11.79	17.04
Extreme/Average	81	43	65	63	4.75	7.78	12.85	17.24
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	82	39	64	62	3.30	6.91	12.50	15.89
Jennings	81	45	66	63	3.59	7.59	11.93	14.15
LSU-Crowley	81	45	66	63	3.85	7.99	12.44	14.51
Extreme/Average	82	39	65	64	3.58	7.50	12.29	14.15
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	45	68	63	3.53	5.90	11.61	15.28
LSU-Jeanerette	81	46	68	63	5.91	9.34	13.21	13.59
Morgan City	79	48	68	63	4.75	5.46	9.81	14.62
Extreme/Average	83	45	68	64	4.73	6.90	11.54	14.41
9. Southeast								
Galliano	80	49	69	64	0.90	2.37	6.51	15.64
Houma	79	49	68	65	4.86	5.47	8.45	14.67
Terrytown 3S	80	49	69	MM	7.36	9.12	15.79	MM.MM
Reserve	77	46	65	63	3.91	5.89	10.08	17.11
Extreme/Average	80	46	68	65	4.26	5.71	10.21	15.86
State								
State Averages	83	34	64	62	3.93	7.27	11.93	15.55

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 29, 2009

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