



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.5

**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 4% short, 79% adequate and 14% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Farmers continued to make repairs to equipment while waiting for fields to dry out early in the week. Planting of field crops resumed by mid-week. Windy and wet conditions slowed rice producers application of herbicides. Sugarcane producers fertilized fields.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to plant crops and scout for presence of disease and insects on vegetable crops. Strawberry producers continued to harvest strawberries. Crawfish producers reported good catches.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Rain helped establishment of summer perennial grasses. Cattlemen fertilized pastures and hay fields.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Corn	Planted	100	99	100	100
	Emerged	98	85	99	98
Cotton	Planted	35	7	45	36
Hay	First Cutting	10	5	21	14
Rice	Planted	79	65	85	81
	Emerged	59	35	68	65
Sorghum	Planted	28	17	72	67
Soybeans	Planted	34	17	46	34
Winter Wheat	Headed	100	97	99	97
	Turning Color	13	0	40	28
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	94	91	89	89

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	4	39	55	2
Sugarcane	2	14	34	41	9
Wheat	0	2	25	66	7
Livestock	2	5	32	56	5
Vegetables	1	7	40	49	3
Pasture	1	7	34	54	4

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/20/09 TO 04/26/09

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	89	53	72	66	0.01	3.18	13.31	17.65
Minden	88	49	69	65	0.00	3.72	15.70	19.43
Mooringsport	(91)	53	72	MM	0.00	3.50	13.28	16.06
Extreme/Average	91	49	71	66	0.00	3.47	14.10	17.97
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	90	51	70	66	0.01	2.97	14.43	20.43
Homer/Hill Farm	87	49	70	64	0.22	3.42	14.29	19.63
ULM-Monroe	90	54	71	66	0.00	3.15	13.64	21.69
Columbia Lock	89	52	70	MM	0.00	3.50	14.80	22.43
Extreme/Average	90	49	70	66	0.06	3.26	14.29	20.53
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	89	51	69	66	0.00	1.89	13.04	22.67
LSU-St Joseph	87	53	71	67	0.01	3.01	16.95	22.28
LSU-Winnsboro	85	52	70	66	0.00	2.63	13.96	21.66
Tallulah	88	51	70	66	0.00	2.32	18.00	22.16
Extreme/Average	89	51	70	67	0.00	2.46	15.49	22.12
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	85	47	70	67	0.00	5.80	16.80	19.43
LSU-Rosepine	89	50	71	67	0.00	5.43	16.26	19.18
Natchitoches	91	56	73	67	0.00	5.43	17.97	19.30
Extreme/Average	91	47	71	67	0.00	5.55	17.01	19.26
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	88	(43)	69	68	0.00	5.67	17.19	21.01
Brusly	87	54	72	68	0.00	3.32	16.79	21.89
Bunkie	85	53	72	68	0.00	6.08	20.87	21.93
LSU-Alexandria	88	54	72	67	0.00	5.75	18.04	20.01
Extreme/Average	88	43	71	68	0.00	5.21	18.57	21.04
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	85	48	70	MM	0.04	2.76	18.85	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	84	52	71	68	0.01	3.34	17.02	20.49
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	67	M.MM	0.00	12.71	22.58
LSU-Hammond	86	47	69	67	0.34	2.63	12.42	22.75
Slidell	MM	MM	MM	68	0.00	2.02	13.81	21.47
Extreme/Average	86	47	70	68	0.13	2.91	16.10	22.51
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
DeRidder	88	52	72	68	0.02	4.96	17.46	19.75
Jennings	83	55	72	69	0.00	5.41	17.34	17.81
LSU-Crowley	82	56	71	69	0.01	8.63	21.07	18.52
Extreme/Average	88	52	72	69	0.01	6.33	18.62	18.02
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	86	54	70	69	0.00	2.92	14.53	20.19
LSU-Jeanerette	87	55	71	69	0.02	3.41	16.62	17.98
Morgan City	83	51	69	69	0.00	2.27	12.08	18.52
Extreme/Average	87	51	70	70	0.01	2.87	14.41	18.87
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	83	51	72	69	0.00	1.45	7.37	19.77
Houma	83	53	71	70	0.00	1.01	9.43	18.83
Terrytown 3S	87	55	72	MM	0.00	0.69	16.48	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	69	M.MM	0.00	10.08	21.95
Extreme/Average	87	51	72	70	0.00	1.05	11.09	20.31
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	91	43	71	68	0.02	3.84	15.76	20.11

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 26, 2009

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