



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, April 30, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.5

Soil moisture supplies: 4% very short, 24% short, 62% adequate and 10% surplus

Field Crops Report

Measurable amounts of rain came last week which slowed down field activities, but brought relief to all crops. Rice conditions were looking good, and farmers applied fertilizer and herbicides to fields. Winter wheat progressed rapidly with turning color far above the average. The rain helped jump-start the sugarcane crop. The much needed moisture in the soil, allowed more cotton, sorghum and soybeans to be planted.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest strawberries, greenhouse tomatoes and squash. Crawfish harvesting was slowing down. Crawfish ponds were starting to shut-down due to the cost of pumping water, but the thunderstorms received last week might extend those ponds for a few days.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pastures were improving due to the rain. Hay crop conditions vastly improved due to the rainfall last week. Hay cutting progressed well above last year and the 5-year average. Cattle producers continued working cattle and marketing calves with spring calving approaching the end.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Emerged	100	98	98	98
Cotton	Planted	55	35	51	46
	Emerged	37	21	18	17
Hay	First Cutting	34	18	7	14
Rice	Planted	89	82	79	85
	Emerged	75	67	62	71
Sorghum	Planted	80	72	56	51
	Emerged	57	54	41	33
Soybeans	Planted	46	31	35	32
	Emerged	34	23	17	14
Wheat	Headed	100	99	96	96
	Turning Color	76	42	13	22
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	93	90	94	92

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	21	65	12
Rice	0	1	25	70	4
Sugarcane	3	14	49	28	6
Wheat	2	13	24	52	9
Livestock	2	10	36	47	5
Vegetables	2	12	37	47	2
Pasture	7	16	38	37	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/24/06 TO 04/30/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	85	49	68	67	0.88	3.18	17.17	18.27
Minden	86	48	66	66	2.28	4.77	21.62	20.13
Mooringsport	85	48	67	MM	1.90	2.90	18.23	16.54
Extreme/Average	86	48	67	67	1.69	3.62	19.01	18.61
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	50	66	67	1.30	2.65	22.40	21.07
Homer/Hill Farm	85	(47)	66	66	1.38	5.06	23.85	20.29
ULM-Monroe	89	50	66	67	0.87	1.82	20.93	22.41
Winnfield	88	47	66	67	0.98	2.08	20.02	21.61
Extreme/Average	89	47	66	67	1.13	2.90	21.80	21.21
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	51	67	67	0.98	1.65	20.20	23.47
LSU-St Joseph	88	48	67	68	1.96	3.27	21.31	23.00
LSU-Winnboro	87	53	69	67	2.16	3.36	22.96	22.38
Tallulah	86	52	67	67	2.00	3.00	25.66	22.90
Extreme/Average	88	48	68	68	1.78	2.82	22.53	22.86
4. West-Central								
Leesville	88	48	68	68	5.02	6.80	18.51	20.07
LSU-Rosepine	86	50	68	68	6.69	7.42	19.64	19.79
Natchitoches	89	55	70	68	3.33	3.92	21.87	19.95
Extreme/Average	89	48	69	68	5.01	6.05	20.01	19.90
5. Central								
Alexandria	86	54	69	69	5.02	6.14	21.17	21.66
Brusly	88	54	71	69	6.78	6.93	13.04	22.59
Bunkie	88	53	71	69	4.97	6.27	18.06	22.69
LSU-Alexandria	89	52	68	68	2.10	3.60	15.85	20.64
Extreme/Average	89	52	70	69	4.72	5.74	17.03	21.72
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	88	53	70	69	3.58	3.88	10.35	23.78
LSU-Baton Rouge	(90)	53	73	69	8.52	8.68	15.02	21.17
LSU-Clinton	86	50	69	68	2.88	3.09	11.65	23.34
LSU-Hammond	88	51	71	68	3.72	3.81	10.98	23.42
Slideell	85	55	73	70	2.71	3.26	10.22	22.15
Extreme/Average	90	50	71	69	4.28	4.54	11.64	23.23
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	88	49	69	69	6.10	8.00	23.59	20.33
Jennings	88	53	71	70	3.75	4.10	14.65	18.40
LSU-Crowley	89	55	72	70	4.55	4.83	13.05	19.17
Extreme/Average	89	49	71	70	4.80	5.64	17.10	18.64
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	87	55	72	70	4.32	4.38	10.80	20.82
LSU-Jeanerette	87	55	72	70	1.86	2.13	6.54	18.59
Morgan City	86	57	72	70	0.74	0.76	7.10	19.12
Extreme/Average	87	55	72	71	2.31	2.42	8.15	19.49
9. Southeast								
Galliano	86	55	73	70	3.62	3.85	8.78	20.40
Houma	88	56	74	71	4.04	4.38	11.37	19.44
NO Audubon Park	89	60	76	72	2.94	2.99	8.94	20.45
Reserve	86	54	72	70	4.31	4.61	12.14	22.59
Extreme/Average	89	54	74	71	3.73	3.96	10.31	20.94
State								
State Averages	90	47	70	69	3.45	4.37	16.49	20.78

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 30, 2006

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