



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.8

**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 7% short, 75% adequate and 15% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Planting of field crops continued to progress. Rice desiccated by windy weather. Rice producers began application of herbicides. Sugarcane producers fertilized fields, and rust was reported in sugarcane.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers harvested strawberries and greenhouse tomatoes, and continued to spray for insects and diseases in fields. Crawfish producers continued with catches.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to cut hay and fertilize pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Corn	Emerged	99	98	100	100
Cotton	Planted	58	35	65	56
Hay	First Cutting	21	10	27	20
Rice	Planted	87	79	90	88
	Emerged	71	59	80	76
Sorghum	Planted	52	28	83	76
Soybeans	Planted	42	34	55	48
Winter Wheat	Turning Color	58	13	73	52
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	97	94	92	94

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	1	4	35	55	5
Sugarcane	2	9	38	44	7
Wheat	1	4	31	60	4
Livestock	1	4	29	59	7
Vegetables	1	7	39	50	3
Pasture	1	4	34	56	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/27/09 TO 05/03/09

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	85	62	74	68	5.05	7.43	18.36	18.72
Minden	85	62	74	67	2.26	4.72	17.96	20.67
Mooringsport	84	61	73	MM	2.98	5.76	16.26	16.87
Extreme/Average	85	61	74	68	3.43	5.97	17.53	19.09
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	86	60	75	68	2.69	5.07	17.12	21.57
Homer/Hill Farm	86	61	73	66	3.61	5.81	17.90	20.80
ULM-Monroe	87	60	76	68	2.62	5.19	16.26	22.95
Columbia Lock	88	60	75	MM	1.18	3.89	15.98	23.76
Extreme/Average	88	60	75	68	2.53	4.99	16.82	21.73
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	87	61	74	68	1.75	3.10	14.79	24.07
LSU-St Joseph	87	63	76	69	0.19	2.88	17.14	23.54
LSU-Winnaboro	86	62	75	68	0.82	2.97	14.78	22.92
Tallulah	84	60	74	68	1.20	2.97	19.20	23.47
Extreme/Average	87	60	75	69	0.99	2.98	16.48	23.43
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	85	60	74	69	0.92	5.96	17.72	20.57
LSU-Rosepine	85	62	75	69	0.88	5.96	17.13	20.28
Natchitoches	89	65	76	69	0.82	5.22	18.79	20.47
Extreme/Average (89)	60	75	69	0.87	5.71	17.88	20.41	
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	86	(57)	74	70	0.53	6.20	17.72	22.17
Brusly	86	61	75	70	0.26	3.10	17.05	23.08
Bunkie	86	64	76	70	0.50	6.43	21.37	23.28
LSU-Alexandria	86	64	76	69	0.33	5.81	18.37	21.13
Extreme/Average	86	57	75	70	0.41	5.39	18.93	22.26
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	84	60	73	MM	0.05	2.31	18.90	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	86	61	75	70	0.08	3.00	17.10	21.68
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	69	0.00	2.65	16.00	23.91
LSU-Hammond	84	58	73	69	0.35	2.82	12.77	23.90
Slidell	MM	MM	MM	70	0.00	0.97	13.81	22.69
Extreme/Average	86	58	74	70	0.16	2.71	16.26	23.80
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
DeRidder	86	63	76	70	1.51	6.14	18.97	20.78
Jennings	84	65	76	70	1.25	6.05	18.59	18.88
LSU-Crowley	86	60	75	71	3.07	11.10	24.14	19.68
Extreme/Average	86	60	76	71	1.94	7.76	20.57	19.12
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	86	62	74	71	0.92	3.20	15.45	21.27
LSU-Jeanerette	85	64	75	71	1.16	4.23	17.77	19.04
Morgan City	81	64	73	71	0.05	2.16	12.13	19.60
Extreme/Average	86	62	74	71	0.71	3.20	15.12	19.97
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	83	67	76	71	0.04	1.44	7.41	20.91
Houma	85	63	76	72	0.03	0.90	9.46	19.92
Terrytown 3S	85	62	75	MM	0.00	0.59	16.48	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	71	M.MM	M.MM	10.08	23.07
Extreme/Average	85	62	75	72	0.02	0.98	11.12	21.42
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	89	57	75	70	1.20	4.57	16.96	21.29

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 3, 2009

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