



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.9

Soil moisture supplies: 5% very short, 7% short, 68% adequate and 20% surplus

Field Crops Report

Farmers began harvesting wheat. Cropland fields near the Mississippi River have developed seep water behind the levy due to heavy rains. Rains have delayed additional planting in the fields especially planting of late rice. Rice producers continued applications of herbicides and fertilized fields. Sugarcane producers fertilized fields and began to lay-by cane. Producers continued to report rust in sugarcane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers harvested strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. Crawfish producers slowed production and began to drain ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to cut hay and wean calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Planted	86	80	87	87
	Emerged	74	34	78	73
Hay	First Cutting	32	30	36	34
Rice	Planted	95	92	98	96
	Emerged	87	83	93	91
Sorghum	Planted	93	77	94	90
	Emerged	60	48	89	82
Soybeans	Planted	72	58	70	68
	Emerged	58	42	61	57
Winter Wheat	Turning Color	96	83	98	93
	Harvested	7	0	13	13
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	99	98	99	98

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	7	28	58	7
Rice	0	4	37	53	6
Sorghum	0	1	26	48	25
Sugarcane	0	6	35	49	10
Wheat	0	2	29	67	2
Livestock	1	4	28	58	9
Vegetables	1	6	36	51	6
Pasture	2	6	29	56	7

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/11/09 TO 05/17/09

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	88	53	74	72	0.59	6.94	20.24	20.88
Minden	88	60	73	71	1.79	7.35	23.05	23.07
Mooringsport	88	52	71	MM	0.91	5.53	18.81	18.41
Extreme/Average	88	52	72	72	1.10	6.61	20.70	21.33
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	72	M.MM	4.59	19.01	24.02
Homer/Hill Farm	(93)	(51)	74	70	2.02	7.12	21.19	23.12
ULM-Monroe	88	54	73	72	2.19	7.85	21.49	25.60
Columbia Lock	89	61	75	MM	0.59	4.37	19.17	26.31
Extreme/Average	93	51	73	72	2.11	7.49	21.34	24.25
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	55	72	72	4.14	10.24	23.28	26.81
LSU-St Joseph	89	59	76	73	0.85	2.22	19.16	26.09
LSU-Winnsboro	88	54	72	72	1.00	5.34	19.30	25.32
Tallulah	88	55	74	72	3.82	9.93	27.93	26.19
Extreme/Average	89	54	73	73	2.45	6.93	22.42	26.01
4. West-Central								
Leesville	89	62	76	73	0.33	2.45	19.25	23.06
LSU-Rosepine	89	63	77	73	1.21	5.21	21.39	22.79
Natchitoches	92	57	77	73	1.50	2.32	20.29	23.11
Extreme/Average	92	57	77	72	1.01	3.33	20.31	22.94
5. Central								
Alexandria	89	64	78	74	0.31	1.84	19.03	24.55
Brusly	88	66	77	74	2.09	4.13	20.92	25.14
Bunkie	89	65	78	74	0.60	4.89	25.76	26.08
LSU-Alexandria	89	62	77	73	0.66	2.16	20.20	23.59
Extreme/Average	89	62	78	74	0.92	3.26	22.29	24.78
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	91	65	77	MM	1.23	2.13	20.92	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	89	67	78	74	0.39	3.50	20.51	23.98
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	72	M.MM	0.00	16.00	26.42
LSU-Hammond	90	65	77	73	0.68	2.13	14.21	25.96
Slidell	MM	MM	MM	74	1.65	1.65	15.46	25.39
Extreme/Average	91	65	78	74	0.77	2.59	18.55	26.36
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	89	62	77	74	1.07	4.63	22.07	23.15
Jennings	MM	MM	MM	74	0.03	1.37	18.71	21.35
LSU-Crowley	89	68	79	75	0.51	2.87	23.93	22.26
Extreme/Average	89	62	78	75	0.79	3.75	23.00	21.61
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	67	78	74	1.05	5.92	20.45	23.24
LSU-Jeanerette	90	67	79	74	2.00	3.32	19.92	21.22
Morgan City	87	70	79	74	0.21	2.63	14.71	21.98
Extreme/Average	90	67	78	75	1.09	3.96	18.36	22.20
9. Southeast								
Galliano	87	69	78	75	2.39	3.67	11.04	23.49
Houma	89	68	79	76	1.13	1.73	11.16	22.27
Terrytown 3S	92	70	81	MM	0.48	0.66	17.14	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	74	M.MM	M.MM	10.08	25.31
Extreme/Average	92	68	79	76	1.33	2.02	13.11	23.67
State								
State Averages	93	51	76	74	1.26	4.30	20.16	23.74

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 17, 2009

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