



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 24, 2009

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.3

Soil moisture supplies: 4% very short, 13% short, 68% adequate and 15% surplus

Field Crops Report

Farmers continued to harvest wheat. Early rice was at or near the green ring stage. Water weevil problems were reported in some of the rice fields. Rice producers fertilized fields and continued to apply herbicides. Soybean producers continued to plant. Sugarcane producers continued to fertilize fields and to lay-by cane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers harvested strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. Bell pepper fields were fertigated. Crawfish production continues to slow as producers drain ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay baling was slowed by the rain.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Planted	95	86	92	93
	Emerged	84	74	87	85
Hay	First Cutting	58	32	45	44
Rice	Planted	98	95	98	98
	Emerged	94	87	96	96
Sorghum	Planted	98	93	96	94
	Emerged	64	60	93	88
Soybeans	Planted	79	72	80	76
	Emerged	64	58	73	66
Winter Wheat	Turning Color	98	96	100	98
	Harvested	33	7	33	36
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	100	99	99	99

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	6	20	65	9
Cotton	0	2	26	66	6
Rice	0	5	32	55	8
Sorghum	0	1	28	51	20
Sugarcane	1	10	33	48	8
Wheat	0	1	27	69	3
Livestock	1	4	28	59	8
Vegetables	2	9	36	47	6
Pasture	2	7	32	53	6

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/18/09 TO 05/24/09

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	85	49	69	74	0.85	7.78	21.09	22.00
Minden	83	49	68	73	0.56	7.91	23.61	24.26
Mooringsport	84	49	68	MM	0.51	6.04	19.32	19.26
Extreme/Average	85	49	68	74	0.64	7.24	21.34	22.45
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	84	48	69	74	0.72	6.42	20.85	25.27
Homer/Hill Farm	85	49	68	72	0.18	7.08	21.37	24.24
ULM-Monroe	83	51	69	74	0.93	8.78	22.42	26.90
Columbia Lock	81	48	67	MM	0.35	5.41	20.21	27.57
Extreme/Average	85	48	68	74	0.55	6.92	21.21	25.51
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	82	54	69	74	1.12	11.36	24.40	28.11
LSU-St Joseph	84	52	70	75	0.51	2.72	19.67	27.31
LSU-Winnboro	83	51	69	74	0.66	5.93	21.74	26.51
Tallulah	82	50	69	74	0.55	10.48	28.48	27.52
Extreme/Average	84	50	69	74	0.71	7.62	23.57	27.27
4. West-Central								
Leesville	84	(46)	67	74	0.71	2.28	19.08	24.34
LSU-Rosepine	85	52	71	74	0.76	5.97	22.15	24.11
Natchitoches	84	52	70	75	0.95	3.14	21.11	24.47
Extreme/Average	85	46	69	74	0.81	4.56	21.63	24.24
5. Central								
Alexandria	86	53	71	76	0.44	2.28	19.47	25.80
Brusly	83	52	70	75	0.04	4.17	20.96	26.12
Bunkie	84	52	70	76	0.27	5.16	26.03	27.48
LSU-Alexandria	85	52	71	75	0.54	2.70	20.74	24.84
Extreme/Average	86	52	70	76	0.32	3.58	22.58	26.04
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	83	51	69	MM	1.02	3.15	21.94	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	53	71	76	0.14	3.63	20.65	25.17
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	74	M.MM	0.00	16.00	27.61
LSU-Hammond	85	51	70	75	0.25	2.04	14.46	26.94
Slidell	Mm	MM	MM	76	0.29	1.94	15.75	26.71
Extreme/Average	85	51	70	75	0.47	2.94	19.02	27.62
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	84	52	69	75	0.14	4.75	22.21	24.41
Jennings	85	53	70	76	0.00	0.42	17.76	22.68
LSU-Crowley	85	55	71	76	0.01	2.87	23.94	23.59
Extreme/Average	85	52	70	76	0.05	3.81	23.08	22.94
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	(87)	54	71	76	0.00	5.92	20.45	24.22
LSU-Jeanerette	84	55	72	76	0.27	3.57	20.19	22.43
Morgan City	83	58	72	76	0.02	2.65	14.73	23.24
Extreme/Average	87	54	72	77	0.10	4.05	18.46	23.36
9. Southeast								
Galliano	82	59	72	76	3.16	6.83	14.20	24.82
Houma	85	56	72	77	0.02	1.75	11.18	23.53
Terrytown 3S	85	58	73	MM	3.20	3.86	20.34	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	76	M.MM	M.MM	10.08	26.50
Extreme/Average	85	56	73	77	2.13	4.15	15.24	24.86
State								
State Averages	87	46	70	75	0.64	4.82	20.80	24.99

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 24, 2009

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