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## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, June 05, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.1

**Soil moisture supplies:** 8% very short, 30% short, 47% adequate and 15% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Louisiana received rain last week which helped relieve some drought stress on the crops. The rainfall for the state averaged 2 inches last week, but the state remained behind the yearly rainfall average by 6 inches. Field activities were limited last week due to wet conditions. Crop conditions improved due to the rain, but more rain was needed to continue growth. The rain helped alleviate some salt water problems in canals used for irrigating rice, but more rain was needed to replenish canals. Soybean planting resumed toward the end of the week. Sugarcane producers continued working fallow land. Sweet potato planting made good progress thanks to the improved soil moisture.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of peaches made good progress last week. Vegetable production was in full swing as producers were harvesting and selling crops.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture conditions showed improvement after the recent rains. Cattlemen were harvesting hay when weather conditions allowed.

<b>PERCENT OF PROGRESS</b>					
<b>CROP</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
<b>Corn</b>	Silked	33	12	46	48
<b>Cotton</b>	Planted	100	98	98	99
	Emerged	98	93	96	96
	Squaring	15	5	17	21
<b>Hay</b>	First Cutting	60	55	48	70
<b>Peaches</b>	Harvested	10	3	8	15
<b>Rice</b>	Planted	99	98	100	100
	Emerged	98	97	98	98
<b>Sorghum</b>	Planted	93	91	99	97
	Emerged	89	85	93	92
<b>Soybeans</b>	Planted	79	72	86	83
	Emerged	70	62	78	75
	Blooming	6	2	9	4
<b>Sweet potatoes</b>	Planted	32	28	32	50
<b>Wheat</b>	Harvested	68	59	66	79
<b>Land Preparation</b>	Spring plowing	100	99	97	99

<b>CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES</b>					
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>VERY POOR</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>Corn</b>	0	8	30	57	5
<b>Cotton</b>	0	5	28	51	16
<b>Rice</b>	0	4	45	45	6
<b>Sorghum</b>	1	6	47	46	0
<b>Soybeans</b>	3	7	45	44	1
<b>Sugarcane</b>	4	11	50	25	10
<b>Wheat</b>	0	1	38	54	7
<b>Livestock</b>	2	8	40	45	5
<b>Vegetables</b>	4	25	35	30	6
<b>Pasture</b>	9	28	36	27	0

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/30/05 TO 06/05/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City	94	63	77	77	0.41	1.47	17.11	23.94				
Minden	90	63	75	76	0.50	1.30	17.68	26.30				
Mooringsport	91	64	76	MM	0.05	0.48	14.44	21.04				
Extreme/Average	94	63	75	77	0.28	0.89	14.44	24.48				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	91	63	75	77	2.19	5.94	22.75	27.29				
Homer/Hill Farm	89	(62)	73	75	2.06	2.94	21.79	26.19				
ULM-Monroe	93	65	76	77	0.48	4.22	20.81	29.02				
Winnfield	93	64	76	76	0.51	1.46	18.00	28.17				
Extreme/Average	93	62	75	77	1.59	3.45	20.85	27.60				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	90	67	75	77	1.38	5.11	23.46	30.20				
LSU-St Joseph	93	64	77	78	1.81	3.93	21.00	29.16	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	92	67	77	77	2.83	4.61	23.57	28.51				
Tallulah	90	65	75	77	1.75	5.26	24.79	29.67				
Extreme/Average	93	64	76	77	1.94	4.73	23.12	29.27	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	92	63	76	77	2.28	4.35	17.83	26.45				
LSU-Rosepine	93	64	78	77	1.00	3.00	19.19	26.22	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	(95)	65	77	78	0.81	1.31	17.58	26.66				
Extreme/Average	95	63	77	77	1.36	2.83	17.58	26.35	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	91	67	78	78	1.23	1.40	18.03	27.86				
Brusly	92	66	77	78	1.83	2.20	16.85	27.95				
Bunkie	91	66	76	78	2.19	2.88	21.19	29.79				
LSU-Alexandria	92	63	76	78	1.53	1.63	17.94	26.81	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	92	63	77	78	1.70	2.03	18.50	28.14	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	90	68	77	78	4.33	4.45	26.25	30.27				
LSU-Baton Rouge	92	65	78	78	1.48	2.21	15.32	27.34				
LSU-Clinton	90	65	76	77	1.06	1.31	19.75	29.65				
LSU-Hammond	91	67	77	77	3.82	4.84	20.25	28.72	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	89	68	77	78	4.38	4.70	29.47	28.66				
Extreme/Average	92	65	77	78	3.01	3.50	22.21	29.70	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	92	66	78	78	0.73	2.20	17.34	26.68				
Jennings	90	67	78	78	1.17	1.53	18.01	24.96	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	90	67	78	79	1.77	4.63	21.11	25.82	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	92	66	78	79	1.22	2.79	19.56	25.24	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	91	68	77	78	3.53	5.85	19.91	26.07				
LSU-Jeanerette	89	69	78	78	3.03	3.38	19.07	24.86				
Morgan City	92	69	78	78	2.75	3.13	20.58	25.40				
Extreme/Average	92	68	78	79	3.10	4.12	19.85	25.54				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	91	70	79	78	8.33	8.71	32.52	27.09				
Houma	93	69	79	79	2.05	3.82	29.63	25.69	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	95	71	82	80	1.93	2.74	27.54	26.46				
Reserve	90	69	78	78	2.25	2.64	26.17	28.81				
Extreme/Average	95	69	80	79	4.17	4.70	28.74	26.97	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	95	62	77	78	2.04	3.19	20.77	27.11	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through June 5, 2005

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