



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.4

**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 9% short, 67% adequate and 21% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Dry conditions early in the week allowed for planting to progress, however, planting will slow down due to recent showers. Rice producers drilled some early rice. Farmers are preparing fields for planting soybeans and other fall crops. Sugarcane producers started plowing fields and applying herbicides for weed control.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Wet and cold weather conditions are delaying spring planting of vegetables and stressing vegetables in the fields. Producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Citrus producers are scouting for insects. Cool temperatures over the weekend caused damage to some fruit crops that were blooming. Some producers are beginning to plant tomatoes and other vegetable transplants in green houses. Crawfish harvest continued, farmers report production are doing well.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle are in good condition. Soil saturated from continuous rains combined with persistent colder spring temperatures contributing to poor growth of pasture grass. Warmer, dryer weather needed to improve pasture conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	21	NA	29	26
Corn	Planted	20	NA	20	6
Rice	Planted	5	NA	5	2

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	3	6	43	43	5
Livestock	2	7	45	43	3
Vegetables	2	12	52	31	3
Pasture	4	19	47	29	1
Winter Wheat	1	6	49	39	5



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/04/13 TO 03/10/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	76	34	55	54	0.92	1.79	10.09	10.68
Minden	76	25	53	54	0.00	4.28	10.51	11.56
Mooringsport	75	32	54	MM	0.60	2.51	9.36	9.88
Shreveport South	(77)	27	54	MM	0.00	2.66	8.67	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	77	25	54	55	0.38	2.81	9.66	10.89
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	76	(22)	52	55	0.00	5.13	14.55	12.38
Homer/Hill Farm	75	25	48	53	0.00	2.54	9.95	11.64
Farmerville	75	27	54	MM	0.02	5.61	14.10	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	76	22	51	55	0.01	5.37	14.10	12.39
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	72	26	50	53	0.00	5.84	18.18	12.97
LSU-St Joseph	76	36	55	56	0.03	8.73	16.80	13.20
Tallulah	74	35	56	55	0.00	7.85	20.42	13.00
Extreme/Average	76	26	54	56	0.01	8.73	MM.MM	12.94
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	76	30	56	57	0.02	6.58	16.98	12.17
Ashland	MM	MM	MM	54	0.00	1.79	9.00	12.28
Hodges Gardens	75	29	53	MM	0.00	4.60	14.51	12.29
Extreme/Average	76	29	55	57	0.01	5.59	15.75	11.91
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	74	25	48	57	0.00	5.87	19.70	12.79
Jonesville Locks	72	33	53	56	0.00	3.16	6.99	12.94
Eunice	73	33	56	59	0.00	4.71	26.60	12.56
Bunkie	71	35	54	58	0.00	6.97	24.20	13.12
New Roads 5 NE	77	28	56	58	0.01	5.07	26.01	13.59
Extreme/Average	77	25	54	58	0.00	5.66	24.13	12.90
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	6.88	18.41	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	6.47	25.81	13.77
LSU-Hammond	75	26	51	58	0.00	6.46	25.85	13.61
Slidell	74	35	53	59	0.00	5.97	14.36	13.38
Extreme/Average	75	26	52	59	0.00	6.22	20.11	13.48
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	74	33	57	58	0.00	6.52	17.15	12.62
Jennings	72	37	56	58	0.00	3.95	23.03	11.35
LSU-Crowley	71	32	55	59	0.00	5.11	23.75	11.77
Oberlin Fire Tow	72	34	55	60	0.00	5.31	17.40	13.06
Extreme/Average	74	32	56	59	0.00	5.22	20.33	11.40
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	74	29	53	59	0.00	5.40	21.50	12.02
LSU-Jeanerette	73	33	55	59	0.00	5.91	20.15	10.90
Morgan City	72	39	56	59	0.00	2.80	16.58	11.73
Lafayette	73	30	55	60	0.00	5.52	18.72	12.12
Extreme/Average	74	29	55	60	0.00	4.91	19.41	11.54
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Grand Isle	75	38	58	MM	0.00	3.82	10.00	11.33
Galliano	74	38	54	60	0.00	4.64	11.89	12.22
NO Audubon Park	75	42	58	62	0.00	3.20	11.03	11.88
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	6.31	25.04	12.64
Extreme/Average	75	38	57	61	0.00	3.89	10.97	12.46
<b>State Averages</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>5.38</b>	<b>17.37</b>	<b>12.20</b>

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 10, 2013

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