



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.2

**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 14% short, 73% adequate and 10% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Dry weather across the state allowed producers to make excellent progress with field activities. Spring plowing progressed well. Corn planting continued with good progress, some parishes had to replant due to birds eating seeds after planting. Rice planting continues, but the cooler temperatures have delayed rice growth. Winter wheat was damaged due to cooler temperatures, causing a 62% decrease in heading compared to the same time last year and 18% below the 5-year average. Sugarcane producers are working land and spraying fields with herbicides.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry harvest continued, producers are spraying fields to control insects and diseases. Vegetable producers continued planting tomatoes, bell peppers, squash, egg plants and cucumbers. Cold temperatures have slowed crop growth. Citrus producers are checking trees for insects. Crawfish production continued, but hindered by cooler temperatures.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen cut ryegrass for hay. Farmer started fertilizing pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	73	62	57	64
Corn	Planted	95	86	78	84
	Emerged	49	20	42	29
Sorghum	Planted	36	1	31	21
Soybeans	Planted	5	NA	6	2
Rice	Planted	61	53	35	38
	Emerged	7	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat	Headed	22	14	84	40

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	7	8	41	36	8
Livestock	2	5	44	45	4
Vegetables	2	13	51	31	3
Pasture	3	9	52	34	2
Winter Wheat	1	3	46	45	5



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/25/13 TO 03/31/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	78	29	53	59	1.22	2.42	11.59	13.70
Minden	77	27	51	59	0.91	2.95	13.46	14.93
Mooringsport	76	30	52	MM	1.25	3.72	12.48	12.66
Shreveport South	77	28	53	MM	1.29	2.51	11.18	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	78	27	52	60	1.17	2.90	12.18	14.02
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	76	24	50	60	0.36	1.07	15.62	16.28
Homer/Hill Farm	77	23	50	58	1.03	4.08	14.03	15.21
Farmerville	72	29	49	MM	0.12	1.82	15.90	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	77	23	49	60	0.24	1.45	15.90	16.16
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	75	31	50	59	0.88	2.65	20.83	17.31
LSU-St Joseph	78	29	52	61	0.10	2.48	19.25	17.55
Tallulah	77	29	49	60	0.80	2.60	23.02	17.38
Extreme/Average	78	29	50	61	0.59	2.48	MM.MM	17.18
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	78	26	55	62	0.15	0.67	17.63	15.63
Ashland	75	(22)	48	59	0.14	0.14	9.14	15.73
Hodges Gardens	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	0.75	15.26	15.55
Extreme/Average	78	22	52	61	0.15	0.67	17.63	15.40
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	(80)	30	55	62	0.02	0.39	20.09	16.72
Jonesville Locks	76	31	54	61	0.00	2.77	25.66	17.15
Eunice	77	32	54	64	0.00	1.91	28.51	15.85
Bunkie	78	31	52	63	0.00	2.10	26.30	17.09
New Roads 5 NE	77	33	55	63	0.51	0.70	26.70	17.00
Extreme/Average	80	30	54	63	0.11	1.57	25.40	16.67
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	1.96	27.77	17.35
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	62	0.00	0.66	26.51	17.79
Slidell	74	33	53	63	0.00	0.25	14.61	17.39
Extreme/Average	74	33	53	63	0.00	0.46	20.56	17.62
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	78	31	54	63	0.00	0.55	17.70	16.20
Jennings	75	34	55	63	0.00	2.56	25.59	14.43
LSU-Crowley	MM	MM	MM	64	0.00	1.60	25.35	14.79
Oberlin Fire Tow	76	31	53	64	0.00	1.52	18.92	16.79
Extreme/Average	78	31	54	64	0.00	1.89	23.29	14.43
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	75	32	53	64	0.00	0.44	21.94	15.64
LSU-Jeanerette	74	36	53	63	0.00	2.06	22.21	13.89
Morgan City	75	39	55	64	0.00	0.27	16.85	14.90
Lafayette	75	35	54	64	0.00	2.44	21.16	15.15
Extreme/Average	75	32	54	64	0.00	1.30	22.08	14.73
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Grand Isle	75	43	57	MM	0.00	0.23	10.23	15.11
Galliano	74	38	54	65	0.00	0.36	12.25	15.97
NO Audubon Park	78	40	55	66	0.00	0.00	11.03	15.46
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	0.46	25.50	16.51
Extreme/Average	78	38	55	65	0.00	0.30	11.24	16.20
<b>State Averages</b>								
	<b>80</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>19.05</b>	<b>15.75</b>

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 31, 2013

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