



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.5

**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 4% short, 60% adequate and 33% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Cool wet weather continued to delay crop development and planting progress. Spring plowing reached 93%, same as the 5-year average. Rice producers continued planting while applying herbicides and fertilizers. Soybean and grain sorghum producers continued planting. Cotton planting remained slow due to wet conditions with only 6% planted, 40 points behind the 5-year average. Sweet potato planting got underway. Due to cool evenings and overcast days, winter wheat turning color was slowed, reaching only 9% lagging 74 points from the previous year. Sugarcane producers are working land and spraying fields with herbicides. Due to wet, cool conditions, first cutting of hay harvest is only 10% complete, compared to 38% last year and 25% percent for the 5-year average.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry harvest continued. Vegetable producers continued planting and working crops. Citrus producers sprayed trees for insects and scab control. Crawfish producers have begun to drain their ponds.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen producers are working cattle. Cattlemen continued to cut ryegrass hay and fertilized pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	93	89	90	93
Corn	Emerged	100	98	100	99
Cotton	Planted	6	NA	46	46
Rice	Planted	89	86	90	88
	Emerged	77	70	78	72
Sorghum	Planted	77	71	72	72
	Emerged	57	56	62	50
Soybeans	Planted	26	20	41	42
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	1	NA	3	1
Hay	First Cutting	10	5	38	25
Winter Wheat	Headed	94	91	100	98
	Turning Color	9	5	83	45

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	43	48	8
Rice	0	21	34	40	5
Sorghum	0	3	31	65	1
Sugarcane	4	11	44	35	6
Livestock	1	3	41	48	7
Vegetables	2	9	45	40	4
Pasture	2	7	46	42	3
Winter Wheat	0	12	50	33	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/22/13 TO 04/28/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	83	44	63	67	0.62	3.22	14.81	17.97
Minden	80	44	62	66	0.17	5.68	19.14	19.79
Mooringsport	82	42	61	MM	0.09	3.99	16.47	16.30
Shreveport South	82	44	62	MM	0.10	4.24	15.39	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	83	42	62	67	0.25	4.28	16.45	18.29
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	82	40	59	66	0.18	5.48	21.10	20.75
Homer/Hill Farm	81	<b>(37)</b>	59	65	0.24	4.76	17.97	19.97
Farmerville	79	41	62	MM	0.14	5.53	21.43	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	82	37	60	67	0.19	5.26	21.43	20.87
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	81	44	62	66	0.95	5.38	26.86	23.07
LSU-St Joseph	85	48	62	68	1.41	5.74	24.99	22.64
Tallulah	81	45	63	67	1.05	4.82	28.24	22.52
Extreme/Average	85	44	62	67	1.14	5.10	MM.MM	22.48
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	84	42	64	67	1.00	7.13	24.76	19.75
Ashland	78	42	60	65	0.00	6.12	16.01	19.91
Hodges Gardens	82	44	63	MM	0.66	6.90	22.53	19.56
Extreme/Average	84	42	62	67	0.55	7.02	23.65	19.58
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	85	48	64	68	0.50	5.03	25.12	21.33
Jonesville Locks	81	51	66	68	0.00	2.99	28.65	21.97
Eunice	84	49	66	70	1.45	6.38	34.89	19.64
Bunkie	83	49	65	69	0.84	5.61	31.91	22.31
New Roads 5 NE	<b>(86)</b>	50	68	69	0.41	9.79	36.49	21.88
Extreme/Average	86	48	66	69	0.64	6.70	32.10	21.38
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.61	8.23	28.77	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.94	8.95	36.74	22.60
LSU-Hammond	83	45	65	68	0.33	5.84	32.35	23.09
Slidell	79	51	67	69	0.53	9.30	23.91	21.81
Extreme/Average	83	45	66	69	0.43	7.57	28.13	22.87
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	83	47	64	69	1.06	4.95	22.65	20.03
Jennings	82	49	67	69	0.85	6.09	31.68	18.10
LSU-Crowley	81	52	67	70	2.07	11.12	36.47	18.84
Oberlin Fire Tow	82	44	62	70	2.44	6.44	25.36	21.21
Extreme/Average	83	44	65	70	1.61	7.15	31.17	18.32
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	83	50	67	70	0.23	4.77	26.71	20.51
LSU-Jeanerette	81	48	67	69	1.42	7.77	29.98	18.29
Morgan City	80	52	68	69	1.40	5.48	22.33	18.82
Lafayette	81	49	68	70	1.85	9.20	30.36	19.87
Extreme/Average	83	48	67	70	1.23	6.81	28.35	19.19
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Grand Isle	79	59	70	MM	1.20	7.40	17.63	19.46
Galliano	79	53	68	70	1.80	9.92	22.17	20.08
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	71	1.03	9.14	20.17	20.13
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.90	5.95	31.45	21.91
Extreme/Average	79	53	69	71	1.50	8.66	19.90	20.62
<b>State Averages</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>25.85</b>	<b>20.24</b>

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 28, 2013

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