



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 3.4

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 4% short, 45% adequate and 49% surplus

Field Crops Report

Cool wet and windy weather continued to delay crop development and planting progress. Rice planting continued, but the windy conditions were causing problems for producers. Field plowing and preparation work for soybean and cotton has been delayed due to wet field condition. Due to cool evening and overcast days, winter wheat turning color was slowed. Sugarcane producers were fertilizing fields and plowing out old stubble.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry harvest continued. Vegetable producers sold some produce and worked other crops. Crawfish producers continued to drain their ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen 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	94	93	94	96
Cotton	Planted	15	6	79	68
Rice	Planted	92	89	93	92
	Emerged	83	77	84	83
Sorghum	Planted	80	77	92	85
	Emerged	69	57	73	61
Soybeans	Planted	39	26	59	54
	Emerged	18	NA	31	25
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	4	1	7	2
Hay	First Cutting	17	10	55	37
Winter Wheat	Headed	97	94	100	100
	Turning Color	33	9	98	73

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	3	45	46	6
Rice	0	16	38	41	5
Sorghum	0	3	34	62	1
Sugarcane	4	11	43	35	7
Livestock	1	4	43	45	7
Vegetables	2	10	46	38	4
Pasture	2	7	45	42	4
Winter Wheat	0	15	52	29	4

Alert! The window to respond to the Census of Agriculture is almost closed!

There are only a few weeks left to complete and return the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Because time is running out, NASS may contact you or farmers in your area by phone or in person to collect information for the Census. *Help ensure you and your industry has the most complete set of agricultural statistics available for your country and county.* For more information or for help filling out your Census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (888) 424-7828.

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/29/13 TO 05/05/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	41	65	69	0.13	3.05	14.94	19.02
Minden	85	37	62	68	0.63	4.89	19.77	21.03
Mooringsport	84	40	64	MM	0.15	2.92	16.62	17.09
Shreveport South	(86)	38	63	MM	0.27	3.07	15.66	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	86	37	64	69	0.30	3.48	16.75	19.41
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	85	34	62	68	0.72	4.51	21.82	21.91
Homer/Hill Farm	84	(33)	60	67	0.45	4.13	18.42	21.14
Farmerville	84	39	61	MM	0.58	5.13	22.33	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	85	33	61	69	0.58	4.59	22.33	22.09
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	83	41	62	68	1.72	5.82	28.58	24.47
LSU-St Joseph	85	50	70	70	2.68	6.93	27.69	23.90
LSU-Winnisboro	84	47	69	69	2.99	7.35	28.85	23.28
Tallulah	82	45	66	69	2.28	6.14	30.52	23.85
Extreme/Average	85	41	67	69	2.42	6.56	28.85	23.81
4. West-Central								
Leesville	84	34	63	69	0.13	5.47	24.89	20.91
Ashland	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	5.04	16.66	21.08
Hodges Gardens	84	40	64	MM	0.23	5.36	22.76	20.70
Extreme/Average	84	34	64	69	0.12	5.29	23.83	20.75
5. Central								
Alexandria	86	40	66	70	0.29	3.45	25.41	22.51
Jonesville Locks	82	45	67	70	1.76	4.10	30.41	23.20
Eunice	84	MM	MM	72	1.27	4.93	36.16	20.86
Bunkie	84	39	66	71	0.48	3.66	32.39	23.68
New Roads 5 NE	83	42	67	71	0.65	7.79	37.14	23.14
Extreme/Average	86	39	67	71	0.89	4.79	32.78	22.62
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.41	6.05	29.18	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.80	7.54	37.54	23.86
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	70	0.50	4.76	33.16	24.22
Slidell	80	41	67	71	3.31	9.69	27.22	23.06
Extreme/Average	80	41	67	71	3.31	9.69	27.22	24.18
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	84	45	69	71	0.08	3.77	22.73	21.10
Jennings	82	44	65	71	1.13	3.95	32.81	19.21
LSU-Crowley	82	48	69	72	0.65	8.06	37.12	20.03
Oberlin Fire Tow	83	45	67	72	1.07	5.35	26.43	22.55
Extreme/Average	84	44	68	72	0.73	5.28	32.12	19.46
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	81	41	65	71	1.83	4.79	28.54	21.56
LSU-Jeanerette	83	53	70	71	0.89	6.05	30.87	19.34
Morgan City	83	44	65	71	1.18	4.49	23.51	19.92
Lafayette	82	43	67	72	1.82	8.81	32.18	21.01
Extreme/Average	83	41	67	72	1.43	6.04	29.71	20.28
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	82	51	72	MM	1.41	5.56	19.04	20.26
Galliano	78	46	67	72	4.06	8.06	26.23	21.26
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	73	4.35	11.32	24.52	21.25
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	3.10	6.97	34.55	23.06
Extreme/Average	82	46	70	73	3.27	8.31	22.64	21.74
State Averages	86	33	66	70	1.45	5.99	26.88	21.64

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 05, 2013

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