



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.7

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 3% short, 51% adequate and 44% surplus

Field Crops Report

Showers were received across the state last week. Statewide precipitation averaged 2.2 inches with the heaviest rains located in the southern part of the state. Cotton and soybean planting slowed down due to wet conditions; lagging behind the 5-year average by 52 and 15 points, respectively. Due to cool evening and overcast days, winter wheat turning color was slowed. Sugarcane producers were working land and spraying fields with herbicides. First cutting of hay continued.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable harvest continued. Fields were sprayed to control insects and diseases. Crawfish producers continued to drain their ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen are working livestock and continued to fertilize pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	96	94	96	98
Cotton	Planted	29	15	91	81
Rice	Planted	94	92	95	96
	Emerged	85	83	89	90
Sorghum	Planted	87	80	98	92
	Emerged	72	69	85	76
Soybeans	Planted	51	39	72	66
	Emerged	24	18	53	50
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	6	4	14	6
Hay	First Cutting	26	17	67	45
Winter Wheat	Headed	98	97	100	100
	Turning Color	52	33	100	92

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	5	44	46	5
Rice	0	14	36	43	7
Sorghum	0	4	43	52	1
Sugarcane	2	10	42	37	9
Livestock	1	4	39	50	6
Vegetables	1	8	42	44	5
Pasture	1	5	43	46	5
Winter Wheat	0	11	49	34	6

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 05/06/13 TO 05/12/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	86	46	67	71	0.27	2.03	15.21	20.08
Minden	84	41	65	70	0.29	2.54	20.06	22.22
Mooringsport	84	43	67	MM	0.33	1.55	16.95	17.86
Shreveport South	86	41	66	MM	0.62	1.95	16.28	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	86	41	66	70	0.38	2.02	17.76	20.53
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	84	(34)	62	70	1.22	2.83	23.04	23.12
Homer/Hill Farm	85	40	65	69	0.47	2.35	18.89	22.32
Farmerville	83	40	65	MM	0.23	2.47	22.56	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	85	34	64	71	0.64	2.55	MM.MM	23.35
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	82	42	65	70	0.90	5.12	29.48	25.86
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	72	1.53	7.75	30.45	25.19
Tallulah	83	45	67	71	1.45	5.33	31.97	25.20
Extreme/Average	83	42	66	71	1.29	5.23	MM.MM	25.11
4. West-Central								
Leesville	85	38	66	71	1.99	3.57	26.88	22.16
Ashland	83	36	65	69	1.35	2.87	18.01	22.33
Hodges Gardens	83	44	66	MM	0.81	2.73	23.57	21.91
Extreme/Average	85	36	66	71	1.38	3.15	25.23	22.01
5. Central								
Alexandria	84	46	68	72	3.64	5.26	29.05	23.70
Jonesville Locks	82	43	67	72	2.85	6.47	35.39	24.46
Eunice	83	55	70	74	3.02	6.12	39.18	22.23
Bunkie	83	47	67	73	2.91	5.07	35.30	25.08
New Roads 5 NE	85	46	68	72	1.92	3.15	39.06	24.40
Extreme/Average	85	43	68	73	2.87	5.21	35.60	23.88
6. East-Central								
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	4.32	8.52	41.86	25.05
LSU-Hammond	82	42	65	72	0.67	3.65	34.68	25.26
Slidell	81	46	66	73	3.16	7.96	30.38	24.40
Extreme/Average	82	42	66	73	1.92	5.81	32.53	25.46
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	83	45	68	72	2.28	3.97	25.01	22.27
Jennings	82	48	68	73	5.81	7.98	38.62	20.43
LSU-Crowley	81	47	66	74	2.15	5.03	39.27	21.31
Oberlin Fire Tow	82	48	66	74	1.85	5.73	28.28	24.03
Extreme/Average	83	45	67	73	3.02	5.68	35.39	20.69
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	47	66	73	4.24	7.36	32.78	22.54
LSU-Jeanerette	81	46	66	73	1.93	4.79	32.80	20.42
Morgan City	83	49	67	73	6.62	9.71	30.13	21.10
Lafayette	82	48	68	74	3.08	9.20	35.26	22.12
Extreme/Average	83	46	67	74	3.97	7.77	32.79	21.40
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	(89)	56	70	MM	2.33	5.99	21.37	20.95
Galliano	80	57	69	74	5.70	13.16	31.93	22.54
NO Audubon Park	84	51	69	75	2.77	11.38	27.29	22.36
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	3.19	9.09	37.74	24.11
Extreme/Average	89	51	69	74	3.60	10.18	21.37	22.86
State Averages	89	34	67	72	2.22	5.40	29.66	22.52

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 12, 2013

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