



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, June 18, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.8

Soil moisture supplies: 41% very short, 44% short, and 15% adequate

Field Crops Report

Much needed scattered showers were received across the state. State average rainfall for the past week came in at .67 inches, 8.4 inches below normal for the year. Drought conditions were still hurting producers with 85 percent of soil moisture reports below average. Rice began to head and producers were applying fungicides and pumping water into fields. Soybeans were starting to mature early and the condition continued to drop.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were spraying insecticides and harvesting greenhouse and field tomatoes, bell peppers, and eggplants. Fruit continued to drop due to much needed moisture.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Drought conditions continued to cause declines in pasture and cattle conditions. Cattlemen were starting to supplement feed due to shortness of pastures. First cutting of hay continued, reaching 91 percent last week.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	97	89	87	89
	Dough	25	0	5	19
Cotton	Emerged	100	99	100	100
	Squaring	59	27	62	61
	Setting Bolls	8	0	1	3
Hay	First Cutting	91	80	80	82
Peaches	Harvested	24	17	33	30
Rice	Headed	16	0	4	13
Sorghum	Planted	100	99	99	99
	Emerged	99	96	98	98
	Headed	19	0	2	12
Soybeans	Planted	96	95	94	91
	Emerged	94	92	84	85
	Blooming	37	17	26	26
	Setting Pods	19	0	5	2
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	77	62	72	74
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	100	99	100	100

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	13	35	47	5
Cotton	0	7	27	63	3
Rice	0	0	48	48	4
Sorghum	0	12	33	49	6
Soybeans	9	15	35	41	0
Sugarcane	18	30	38	12	2
Livestock	3	14	43	36	4
Vegetables	7	22	39	30	2
Pasture	15	25	48	11	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 06/12/06 TO 06/18/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	96	61	80	80	0.00	0.78	19.27	26.11
Minden	95	63	79	79	0.30	2.10	25.61	28.43
Mooringsport	95	63	80	MM	0.73	2.48	22.75	23.33
Extreme/Average	96	61	79	79	0.52	2.29	24.18	26.64
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	96	61	79	79	0.03	0.82	25.39	29.30
Homer/Hill Farm	95	59	80	78	0.12	2.07	28.11	28.31
ULM-Monroe	97	65	81	80	0.31	2.17	27.33	31.11
Winnfield	95	60	79	78	0.33	1.38	23.00	30.59
Extreme/Average	97	59	80	79	0.20	1.61	25.96	29.71
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	96	66	81	79	0.00	0.11	21.86	32.23
LSU-St Joseph	97	65	82	80	0.04	1.80	26.73	30.81
LSU-Winnshoro	96	65	81	80	0.00	0.77	27.70	30.57
Tallulah	93	66	79	79	0.10	0.45	31.34	31.73
Extreme/Average	97	65	81	80	0.04	0.78	26.91	31.24
4. West-Central								
Leesville	94	(57)	78	79	0.70	3.39	22.59	28.55
LSU-Rosepine	93	63	79	79	0.71	3.73	25.57	28.31
Natchitoches	95	67	81	80	0.90	7.71	30.82	28.69
Extreme/Average	95	57	79	79	0.80	5.55	26.71	28.40
5. Central								
Alexandria	98	68	83	81	0.53	1.53	23.89	30.03
Brusly	96	63	81	80	0.27	2.30	16.10	30.23
Bunkie	97	65	82	80	0.35	1.78	21.72	32.07
LSU-Alexandria	98	60	81	80	1.08	2.73	20.31	28.70
Extreme/Average	98	60	81	80	0.56	2.09	20.51	30.24
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	98	70	83	80	0.55	1.55	14.85	32.71
LSU-Baton Rouge (100)	66	83	80	80	0.92	1.38	17.54	29.90
LSU-Clinton	95	63	80	79	0.00	1.66	14.99	31.78
LSU-Hammond	99	67	83	79	0.00	0.03	12.14	30.86
Slideell	93	70	82	80	0.10	0.23	11.00	30.38
Extreme/Average	100	63	82	80	0.39	1.21	14.46	31.90
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	95	66	81	80	1.00	3.41	31.27	29.09
Jennings	97	67	80	80	2.70	3.34	19.12	27.37
LSU-Crowley	98	68	83	81	0.02	0.93	16.45	28.16
Extreme/Average	98	66	80	81	1.85	3.38	25.20	27.75
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	96	66	82	80	0.00	0.81	11.81	28.43
LSU-Jeanerette	95	65	80	80	0.07	1.56	14.28	27.93
Morgan City	98	73	83	80	0.36	0.51	9.48	27.82
Extreme/Average	98	65	83	81	0.18	0.66	10.65	28.21
9. Southeast								
Galliano	95	71	83	80	2.25	3.13	14.18	29.50
Houma	97	72	85	81	0.10	0.97	12.38	28.16
NO Audubon Park	97	74	85	82	0.16	0.20	9.67	29.14
Reserve	97	68	83	80	0.56	0.76	13.93	31.70
Extreme/Average	97	68	84	81	0.77	1.27	12.54	29.44
State								
State Averages	100	57	81	80	0.67	2.11	20.96	29.36

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through June 18, 2006

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