



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 2, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.7

Soil moisture supplies: 40% very short, 51% short and 9% adequate

Field Crops Report

Very few showers were received throughout the state last week. Most producers were dealing with very dry conditions. Some crops were beginning to show signs of stress, and growth was below average for many crops. Rice producers in the southern area of the state were beginning to drain fields for harvest. Soybean planting was completed, but reports indicate producers did not plant all of the acreage they anticipated because of the dry conditions. Red-banded stinkbugs were reported in some soybean fields. Sorghum was looking good considering the dry conditions. Sugarcane producers were spraying for borers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were harvesting field tomatoes, eggplants, bell peppers and cucumbers. Producers continued spraying tomato fields for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dry conditions continued to cause trouble for cattlemen. Heat was causing high stress levels for livestock. Pasture conditions were deteriorating due to very little or no rain. Cattlemen completed first cutting of hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	100	99	99	98
	Dough	65	46	41	57
	Mature	4	0	5	4
Cotton	Squaring	95	87	90	88
	Setting Bolls	46	26	20	33
Hay	First Cutting	100	99	94	91
	Second Cutting	19	9	5	11
Peaches	Harvested	45	35	68	55
Rice	Headed	34	18	27	44
Sorghum	Headed	72	42	28	51
	Turning Color	15	0	5	3
Soybeans	Planted	100	99	100	97
	Emerged	99	99	98	94
	Blooming	70	51	62	50
	Setting Pods	50	32	37	21
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	100	96	98	88

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	2	15	44	39	0
Cotton	2	9	43	44	2
Rice	0	2	40	53	5
Sorghum	1	9	35	49	6
Soybeans	8	24	45	23	0
Sugarcane	17	22	35	17	9
Livestock	2	13	54	29	2
Vegetables	10	28	44	18	0
Pasture	19	31	45	5	0

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 06/26/06 TO 07/02/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	96	60	80	82	0.00	1.54	20.10	28.27
Minden	97	59	78	81	0.08	2.09	26.00	30.63
Mooringsport	96	61	80	MM	0.00	2.56	22.90	25.51
Extreme/Average	97	59	79	81	0.03	2.06	23.00	28.82
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	95	57	79	81	0.00	1.92	27.16	31.24
Homer/Hill Farm	94	58	77	80	0.08	0.97	28.34	30.54
ULM-Monroe	95	59	79	82	0.00	1.26	28.25	33.11
Winnfield	96	57	78	80	0.05	2.07	23.96	32.94
Extreme/Average	96	57	78	81	0.03	1.56	26.93	31.78
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	96	64	79	81	0.06	1.91	23.77	34.23
LSU-St Joseph	95	(56)	79	82	0.00	0.35	26.74	32.49
LSU-Winnsboro	98	58	79	81	0.00	0.30	28.91	32.55
Tallulah	93	58	78	81	1.75	2.54	31.82	33.73
Extreme/Average	98	56	79	82	0.45	1.28	27.81	33.16
4. West-Central								
Leesville	95	57	77	81	0.00	2.24	23.64	30.66
LSU-Rosepine	94	60	78	81	0.00	4.03	27.19	30.57
Natchitoches	97	62	79	82	0.04	2.58	32.41	30.52
Extreme/Average	97	57	78	81	0.01	2.95	27.75	30.45
5. Central								
Alexandria	96	64	81	82	0.00	2.03	25.49	32.19
Brusly	95	61	78	81	0.00	0.71	16.54	32.88
Bunkie	96	63	80	82	0.00	0.61	21.98	34.22
LSU-Alexandria	95	65	80	82	0.00	3.33	22.67	30.66
Extreme/Average	96	61	80	82	0.00	1.12	21.34	32.42
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	(99)	67	82	81	0.20	0.75	15.05	35.37
LSU-Baton Rouge	97	64	82	81	0.00	1.73	18.35	32.59
LSU-Clinton	93	64	79	80	0.00	2.35	17.34	34.04
LSU-Hammond	97	65	82	81	0.00	0.51	12.65	33.36
Slidell	95	67	82	81	0.31	0.86	11.63	32.54
Extreme/Average	99	64	82	81	0.13	0.96	14.42	34.34
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	92	65	80	82	1.50	5.45	35.37	31.61
Jennings	93	65	80	81	0.26	4.62	20.54	30.02
LSU-Crowley	94	64	80	82	0.21	2.53	18.38	30.68
Extreme/Average	94	64	80	82	0.66	4.20	24.76	30.55
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	95	66	81	82	0.02	0.31	12.12	31.25
LSU-Jeanerette	94	65	80	81	0.00	2.63	14.84	31.23
Morgan City	94	72	84	81	0.62	1.76	11.00	30.76
Extreme/Average	95	65	82	82	0.21	1.57	12.65	31.27
9. Southeast								
Galliano	94	70	83	81	1.67	4.74	16.52	32.42
Houma	95	72	84	82	0.00	1.20	13.48	31.23
NO Audubon Park	97	74	86	83	0.94	1.52	11.01	32.27
Reserve	95	69	83	81	0.00	0.69	14.06	34.92
Extreme/Average	97	69	84	82	0.65	2.04	13.77	32.37
State								
State Averages	99	56	80	82	0.26	2.03	21.51	31.77

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 2, 2006

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