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LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 3, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 38% very short, 40% short and 22% adequate

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received across the state late last week, but more rain was needed to replenish soil moisture levels. Statewide, Louisiana continued to remain 7 inches below normal rainfall. Crop conditions continued to decline for all major crops. Rice producers were having difficulty maintaining water levels due to the dry, hot conditions. Field activities for rice consisted of applying herbicides and fertilizers. Soybean producers were applying herbicides and scouting fields for aerial blight. Sugarcane producers were working fallow land and scouting for borers. Sweet potato planting edged closer to completion.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of peaches continued. Citrus producers were scouting for mites and spraying where necessary. Vegetable producers were selling crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Heat was causing high stress levels for livestock. Cattlemen were cutting hay and fertilizing pastures. Pasture conditions were deteriorating due to lack of rain.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Silked	99	98	99	99
	Dough	45	16	60	65
	Mature	6	0	3	8
Cotton	Squaring	91	85	89	89
	Setting Bolls	22	11	26	40
Hay	First Cutting	95	90	74	91
	Second Cutting	6	0	0	15
Peaches	Harvested	70	56	48	55
Rice	Headed	28	22	46	51
Sorghum	Emerged	100	99	100	100
	Headed	32	7	55	59
	Turning Color	6	0	3	3
Soybeans	Planted	100	99	98	97
	Emerged	99	95	95	94
	Blooming	65	46	44	48
	Setting Pods	40	19	27	20
Sweet potatoes	Planted	99	92	73	89

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	8	12	37	33	10
Cotton	6	9	36	39	10
Rice	0	7	57	31	5
Sorghum	1	11	35	47	6
Soybeans	6	14	39	37	4
Sugarcane	0	11	29	49	11
Livestock	7	12	39	37	5
Vegetables	10	22	34	30	4
Pasture	19	22	34	24	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 06/27/05 TO 07/03/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE		
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG
1. Northwest											
LSU-Bossier City	98	71	84	82	1.31	3.37	20.63	28.41			
Minden	(100)	69	83	81	1.97	2.82	20.45	30.78			
Mooringsport	100	69	84	MM	2.05	2.88	17.32	25.64			
Extreme/Average	100	69	84	82	1.78	3.02	18.98	28.97			
2. North-Central											
LSU-Calhoun	97	66	81	82	1.26	2.63	25.38	31.37			
Homer/Hill Farm	95	66	81	80	0.50	1.48	23.27	30.69			
ULM-Monroe	99	67	82	82	0.05	1.29	22.28	33.24			
Winnfield	97	67	82	80	3.80	6.49	24.82	33.09			
Extreme/Average	99	66	82	81	1.40	2.97	23.94	31.92			
3. Northeast											
Lake Providence	94	72	83	81	0.00	1.72	25.18	34.36			
LSU-St Joseph	98	(62)	83	82	0.06	0.87	21.87	32.61	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Winnsboro	96	68	83	82	2.33	3.85	27.53	32.68			
Tallulah	95	69	82	81	1.90	3.18	27.97	33.87			
Extreme/Average	98	62	83	82	1.07	2.41	25.64	33.29			
4. West-Central											
Leesville	100	65	83	81	3.37	5.60	23.43	30.81			
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	81	0.05	1.96	21.15	30.74	MM	MM	MM
Natchitoches	98	67	83	82	0.79	2.45	20.03	30.64			
Extreme/Average	100	65	83	81	2.08	4.03	20.03	30.59			
5. Central											
Alexandria	99	67	83	82	0.63	1.55	19.58	32.33	MM	MM	MM
Brusly	95	70	83	81	0.21	5.72	22.57	33.07			
Bunkie	97	71	84	82	3.10	7.11	28.30	34.36			
LSU-Alexandria	99	65	83	82	0.62	1.81	19.75	30.81			
Extreme/Average	99	65	83	82	1.14	4.05	22.55	32.58			
6. East-Central											
Bogalusa	96	70	83	81	0.16	0.83	27.08	35.56			
LSU-Baton Rouge	97	70	84	81	0.60	6.43	21.75	32.77			
LSU-Clinton	95	68	81	80	0.47	5.19	24.94	34.20			
LSU-Hammond	95	68	82	81	0.94	4.90	25.15	33.55	MM	MM	MM
Slidell	90	70	81	82	1.60	4.00	36.30	32.73			
Extreme/Average	97	68	82	81	0.75	4.27	27.04	34.53			
7. Southwest											
De Ridder	99	69	84	82	0.88	2.43	19.77	31.79			
Jennings	95	69	83	81	0.45	5.54	23.55	30.21	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Crowley	96	71	84	82	0.79	6.32	27.44	30.86	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	99	69	84	82	0.71	4.76	25.50	30.75			
8. South-Central											
Donaldsonville	94	70	82	82	0.68	5.30	24.34	31.46			
LSU-Jeanerette	92	71	82	81	0.33	5.60	24.67	31.45			
Morgan City	93	73	83	81	0.93	5.27	25.86	30.99			
Extreme/Average	94	70	82	82	0.65	5.39	24.96	31.49			
9. Southeast											
Galliano	92	72	83	81	1.41	4.89	37.41	32.65			
Houma	93	73	83	82	1.48	9.09	39.37	31.47	MM	MM	MM
NO Audubon Park	95	73	83	83	2.23	8.05	36.55	32.50			
Reserve	92	70	82	81	0.70	5.63	32.71	35.15			
Extreme/Average	95	70	83	82	1.45	6.19	35.56	32.59			
State											
State Averages	100	62	83	82	1.19	4.18	25.27	31.95	MM	MM	MM

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 03, 2005

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