



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 13% very short, 38% short, 46% adequate, and 3% surplus.

Field Crops Report

Rain needed throughout areas of the state as soil moisture was mostly short. Rice producers have started to drain fields in preparation for harvest. Rice has headed out and producers scouted fields for stinkbugs. Sheath blight was detected in some rice fields, and farmers applied fungicides to susceptible varieties. Soybean producers applied fungicides to fields. Sugarcane producers prepared land and sprayed for borers. Planting of sweet potatoes was near completion.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable crop conditions have stabilized in spite of the dry conditions. Vegetable producers harvested eggplant, tomatoes, squash, and okra. Tomato fields were sprayed to control insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture and hay field conditions were declining due to the dry conditions. Cattlemen continued cutting hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	87	80	87	84
	Mature	24	2	25	16
Cotton	Squaring	88	82	98	96
	Setting Bolls	59	42	65	63
Hay	First Cutting	99	95	99	95
	Second Cutting	44	36	40	27
Peaches	Harvested	84	73	70	73
Rice	Headed	53	39	58	60
Sorghum	Headed	90	86	91	81
	Turning Color	31	20	23	21
Soybeans	Emerged	100	99	100	99
	Blooming	71	59	89	77
	Setting Pods	48	35	74	55
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	99	98	100	97

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	3	6	28	56	7
Cotton	1	6	37	51	5
Rice	0	2	13	75	10
Sorghum	0	1	43	49	7
Soybeans	1	8	35	48	8
Sugarcane	1	7	30	42	20
Livestock	1	7	32	53	7
Vegetables	4	13	39	41	3
Pasture	5	15	42	31	7

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/07/08 TO 07/13/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City (100)	73	86	83		0.00	2.34	32.42	29.86
Minden	98	72	85	82	0.29	0.96	25.90	32.38
Mooringsport	98	72	84	MM	0.00	1.72	26.56	26.80
Extreme/Average	100	72	85	82	0.10	1.67	28.29	30.47
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	98	71	85	83	0.01	2.12	22.53	32.76
Homer/Hill Farm	96	69	82	81	1.10	2.95	22.82	32.31
ULM-Monroe	97	71	85	83	0.00	0.38	17.52	34.62
Colmubia Lock	97	71	84	MM	0.31	1.96	22.22	35.78
Extreme/Average	98	69	84	82	0.36	1.85	21.27	33.41
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	97	73	84	82	0.13	3.01	30.53	35.76
LSU-St Joseph	97	72	85	83	0.00	2.07	25.00	33.98
LSU-Winnsboro	100	71	85	82	0.00	0.47	25.60	33.97
Tallulah	96	72	83	82	0.23	2.05	27.02	35.33
Extreme/Average	100	71	84	83	0.09	1.90	27.04	34.69
4. West-Central								
Leesville	98	(67)	83	81	0.59	2.44	23.68	32.46
LSU-Rosepine	97	71	83	81	0.26	1.52	22.01	32.61
Natchitoches	99	75	87	83	0.13	0.69	24.39	31.87
Extreme/Average	99	67	84	82	0.33	1.98	22.85	32.13
5. Central								
Alexandria	98	73	85	83	0.50	3.61	27.57	33.87
Brusly	93	70	82	81	0.00	1.87	29.19	35.16
Bunkie	95	72	83	82	0.06	2.91	26.80	35.81
LSU-Alexandria	96	72	84	82	0.07	2.90	25.26	32.46
Extreme/Average	98	70	83	83	0.16	2.82	27.21	34.24
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	96	69	82	MM	0.25	3.32	27.67	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	71	83	82	0.11	2.86	28.38	34.69
LSU-Clinton	93	70	82	81	0.13	4.23	30.88	36.00
LSU-Hammond	95	68	82	82	1.16	3.89	34.37	35.67
Slidell	94	71	83	82	0.19	1.93	33.13	35.00
Extreme/Average	96	68	82	82	0.37	3.00	30.89	36.64
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	95	72	84	82	1.10	3.79	29.02	33.75
Jennings	93	73	83	82	0.42	3.58	29.40	32.30
LSU-Crowley	92	72	83	82	0.84	4.29	29.62	32.94
Extreme/Average	95	72	83	82	0.79	3.89	29.35	32.89
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	72	82	82	0.54	3.13	24.56	33.77
LSU-Jeanerette	93	72	83	81	1.30	6.32	25.69	33.77
Morgan City	90	70	81	81	0.84	3.80	20.87	33.66
Extreme/Average	93	70	82	82	0.89	4.42	25.13	33.94
9. Southeast								
Galliano	94	74	83	82	0.05	2.44	29.69	35.34
Houma	93	72	82	82	1.52	5.92	22.43	34.27
Terrytown 3S	97	75	85	MM	0.20	7.56	39.97	MM.MM
Reserve	94	73	83	82	0.27	3.05	28.71	37.54
Extreme/Average	97	72	84	83	0.51	4.74	30.20	35.09
State								
State Averages	100	67	84	82	0.40	3.00	27.14	33.82

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 13, 2008

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