



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 16, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.9

Soil moisture supplies: 16% very short, 35% short, 46% adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Sporadic scattered showers brought moisture, but the high temperatures quickly dried the soil up which continued to hurt crops and livestock. Rice was heading and pollinating, and there were some reports of rice disease. Rice producers were cutting off water and draining fields in preparation for harvest. The past rain helped soybean growth; the later planted beans were looking good. Sugarcane was looking much better with significant growth the past few weeks. Sugarcane producers were still battling heavier than normal borer problems.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were finishing up with spring planted produce. Producers were preparing ground for summer and fall plantings. The citrus crop was responding well to the recent rains.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture and livestock conditions showed improvement due to the showers received. Cutting of hay progressed considerably due to the recent moisture received.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	92	82	84	87
	Mature	23	14	16	26
Cotton	Squaring	99	98	99	98
	Setting Bolls	75	72	71	74
Hay	Second Cutting	48	35	26	29
Peaches	Harvested	70	61	91	76
Rice	Headed	72	49	62	70
Sorghum	Headed	90	86	65	83
	Turning Color	34	31	23	29
Soybeans	Blooming	89	87	76	72
	Setting Pods	71	68	57	48
	Turning Color	7	5	1	0

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	6	15	41	38	0
Cotton	5	12	38	45	0
Rice	0	5	39	49	7
Sorghum	3	11	34	51	1
Soybeans	5	16	41	38	0
Sugarcane	5	14	37	35	9
Livestock	1	13	39	45	2
Vegetables	10	28	46	15	1
Pasture	7	23	47	22	1

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	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	99	74	86	83	0.00	0.61	20.19	30.10
Minden	(102)	73	86	82	0.02	0.76	26.37	32.65
Mooringsport	101	75	87	MM	0.30	2.12	24.87	26.98
Extreme/Average	102	73	87	83	0.11	1.16	23.81	30.73
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	97	(68)	83	83	0.15	2.67	28.06	33.00
Homer/Hill Farm	101	72	85	81	0.00	1.79	29.90	32.59
ULM-Monroe	101	71	85	83	0.13	1.95	29.28	34.86
Winnfield	97	72	83	81	0.54	2.18	25.18	34.89
Extreme/Average	101	68	84	82	0.21	2.15	28.11	33.67
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	100	73	85	82	0.00	2.44	24.30	36.00
LSU-St Joseph	100	70	84	83	0.45	3.12	29.55	34.24
LSU-Winnsboro	98	71	83	82	0.00	1.68	30.29	34.19
Tallulah	99	70	84	82	0.69	3.82	33.20	35.59
Extreme/Average	100	70	84	83	0.29	2.77	29.34	34.93
4. West-Central								
Leesville	98	69	83	82	0.08	2.69	25.28	32.76
LSU-Rosepine	97	70	82	81	0.09	4.88	29.34	32.95
Natchitoches	99	70	84	83	0.03	2.96	34.64	32.09
Extreme/Average	99	69	83	82	0.07	3.51	29.75	32.40
5. Central								
Alexandria	98	73	85	83	0.18	3.00	27.14	34.13
Brusly	94	71	82	81	1.75	6.96	23.06	35.54
Bunkie	95	72	83	83	0.52	5.03	26.75	36.05
LSU-Alexandria	98	68	84	82	0.37	3.85	24.31	32.76
Extreme/Average	98	68	83	83	0.71	4.71	25.32	34.54
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	98	70	83	82	0.05	2.31	17.16	38.01
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	72	83	82	0.66	3.85	21.39	35.03
LSU-Clinton	94	70	81	81	2.88	8.04	23.03	36.34
LSU-Hammond	96	70	82	82	1.93	6.20	18.34	36.07
Slidell	92	71	82	82	0.00	2.80	13.80	35.44
Extreme/Average	98	70	82	82	1.10	3.79	17.67	37.04
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	94	73	84	82	0.20	7.80	38.38	34.09
Jennings	92	73	82	82	1.30	3.64	22.75	32.68
LSU-Crowley	95	73	83	82	1.79	4.43	21.87	33.32
Extreme/Average	95	73	83	83	1.10	5.29	27.67	33.27
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	71	82	82	1.47	3.51	15.32	34.19
LSU-Jeanerette	93	72	82	81	4.45	11.74	26.41	34.17
Morgan City	94	73	83	81	1.87	5.50	15.10	34.16
Extreme/Average	94	71	82	83	2.60	6.92	18.94	34.38
9. Southeast								
Galliano	91	72	81	82	2.33	6.80	20.98	35.84
Houma	93	74	84	82	1.32	5.90	18.28	34.79
NO Audubon Park	93	75	84	83	2.10	4.22	13.89	35.49
Reserve	93	72	82	82	0.69	3.60	17.53	37.96
Extreme/Average	93	72	83	83	1.61	5.13	17.67	35.55
State								
State Averages	102	68	83	83	0.86	4.03	24.41	34.16

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 16, 2006

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