



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 17, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.9

**Soil moisture supplies:** 13% very short, 28% short, 52% adequate and 7% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received across the state again last week. Field activities were limited due to the rain. Many producers spent last week getting machinery ready for harvest season. Crop conditions continued to show some improvement from last week. Rice producers reported light disease and stink bug pressure in some fields. Rice producers were also preparing for harvest. Herbicides and fungicides were applied to soybean fields. Sugarcane producers were scouting fields for borers and preparing land for planting.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were finishing up spring production. They began preparing land for summer and fall plantings. Watermelon producers have seen an average crop, but production was hindered by dry conditions during the fruit setting stage.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture conditions were improving from the recent showers. Cutting of hay was slow last week due to the showers. Cattlemen were fertilizing pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	86	73	90	90
	Mature	17	7	27	34
Cotton	Squaring	99	97	98	98
	Setting Bolls	75	49	79	79
Hay	First Cutting	99	99	83	96
	Second Cutting	28	15	21	35
Peaches	Harvested	92	84	77	76
Rice	Headed	64	47	72	73
Sorghum	Headed	66	58	90	87
	Coloring	24	16	25	35
Soybeans	Blooming	77	73	80	73
	Setting Pods	58	50	54	48
	Turning Color	1	0	0	0

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	10	12	35	35	8
Cotton	3	8	33	43	13
Rice	0	1	39	47	13
Sorghum	1	14	39	40	6
Soybeans	5	15	35	39	6
Sugarcane	0	9	40	45	6
Livestock	3	13	38	42	4
Vegetables	12	14	44	29	1
Pasture	10	20	45	24	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/11/05 TO 07/17/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City	97	69	84	83	0.23	1.59	20.91	30.22				
Minden	96	72	83	82	0.45	2.58	21.21	32.78				
Mooringsport	98	71	84	MM	0.10	2.24	17.51	27.06				
Extreme/Average	98	69	84	83	0.26	2.14	19.21	30.86				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	95	70	82	83	0.00	2.04	26.16	33.12				
Homer/Hill Farm	94	71	81	81	3.02	3.52	26.21	32.73				
ULM-Monroe	MM	MM	MM	83	0.01	0.94	23.17	34.98				
Winnfield	95	72	83	81	0.42	5.63	26.65	35.02				
Extreme/Average	95	70	82	83	1.15	3.73	26.34	33.80				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	95	72	82	82	1.11	1.29	26.47	36.12				
LSU-St Joseph	98	72	83	83	0.73	3.36	25.17	34.36	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	96	73	83	82	1.70	4.12	29.32	34.30				
Tallulah	95	72	83	82	0.80	6.12	32.19	35.72				
Extreme/Average	98	72	83	83	1.09	3.72	28.29	35.05	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	95	66	81	82	0.89	5.06	25.02	32.90				
LSU-Rosepine	95	69	82	81	0.91	2.30	23.40	33.12	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	(99)	69	83	83	0.57	2.02	20.87	32.20				
Extreme/Average	99	66	82	82	0.79	3.13	20.87	32.53	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	97	70	82	83	0.97	1.92	20.87	34.26				
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	1.13	23.07	35.73				
Bunkie	95	72	82	83	2.40	6.60	31.80	36.17				
LSU-Alexandria	98	(62)	80	82	1.62	2.93	22.06	32.91	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	98	62	81	83	1.66	3.82	24.91	34.69	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	93	72	81	82	2.06	4.67	31.59	38.19				
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	73	83	82	2.21	3.30	23.96	35.20				
LSU-Clinton	93	71	81	81	1.36	3.24	26.52	36.51				
LSU-Hammond	93	72	81	82	0.95	5.85	30.38	36.27	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	92	73	81	82	2.16	10.16	44.28	35.66				
Extreme/Average	96	71	81	82	1.75	5.44	31.35	37.24	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	95	70	81	82	0.65	2.87	21.74	34.26				
Jennings	94	68	80	82	2.48	4.76	27.03	32.87	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	94	72	81	82	0.83	2.49	29.14	33.51	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	95	68	81	83	1.32	3.37	28.09	33.46	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	94	73	82	82	1.25	2.87	26.53	34.40				
LSU-Jeanerette	94	72	81	81	0.67	1.04	25.38	34.37				
Morgan City	90	74	82	81	0.88	1.86	26.79	34.41				
Extreme/Average	94	72	82	83	0.93	1.92	26.23	34.60				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	92	74	83	82	1.58	11.00	47.00	36.10				
Houma	95	74	84	82	1.28	4.91	42.69	35.05	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	95	75	84	83	1.21	5.33	38.20	35.72				
Reserve	94	73	83	82	0.72	3.02	35.03	38.17				
Extreme/Average	95	73	84	83	1.20	6.31	41.57	35.78	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	99	62	82	83	1.21	3.89	27.99	34.33	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 17, 2005

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