



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.3

**Soil moisture supplies:** 20% very short, 45% short, 34% adequate, and 1% surplus.

### Field Crops Report

Hot dry weather depleted soil moisture. Rice producers continued to drain fields in preparation for harvest. Insecticides were applied to rice fields with stinkbug infestations. Soybean producers treated fields with insecticides and fungicides. Dry weather caused slow growth in sugarcane.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers harvested eggplant, okra, watermelon, and tomatoes. Eggplant and tomato fields were sprayed to control insects. Producers prepared strawberry fields.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock suffered from heat stress caused by the high temperatures. Cattlemen continued cutting hay but were in need of more rain. Pasture and hay growth was slowed by the hot, dry weather.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	96	87	92	91
	Mature	40	24	36	34
Cotton	Squaring	94	88	99	99
	Setting Bolls	75	59	78	80
Hay	First Cutting	100	99	100	97
	Second Cutting	54	44	48	39
Peaches	Harvested	89	84	79	82
Rice	Headed	64	53	76	73
Sorghum	Headed	94	90	95	89
	Turning Color	56	31	40	38
Soybeans	Blooming	78	71	94	83
	Setting Pods	53	48	80	65
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	100	99	100	99

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	3	10	40	45	2
Cotton	2	14	38	44	2
Rice	0	4	26	61	9
Sorghum	0	6	43	46	5
Soybeans	2	14	38	42	4
Sugarcane	2	9	26	46	17
Livestock	1	8	40	45	6
Vegetables	4	14	49	30	3
Pasture	5	18	51	23	3

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/14/08 TO 07/20/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			AIR NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	98	64	82	83	0.20	1.68	32.65	30.69
Minden	97	66	82	82	0.22	1.33	26.27	33.29
Mooringsport	99	66	83	MM	0.28	1.93	26.84	27.38
Extreme/Average	99	64	82	83	0.23	1.65	28.59	31.34
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	99	(62)	82	83	0.12	1.75	22.65	33.60
Homer/Hill Farm	97	68	82	81	1.33	3.85	24.74	33.25
ULM-Monroe	98	62	81	83	1.15	1.79	18.93	35.42
Columbia Lock	97	64	82	MM	1.66	2.67	23.88	36.62
Extreme/Average	99	62	82	83	1.07	2.52	22.55	34.28
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	95	68	82	82	0.00	1.12	30.53	36.60
LSU-St Joseph	97	63	81	83	0.13	1.69	25.15	34.84
LSU-Winnsboro	97	64	83	82	0.69	1.15	26.39	34.73
Tallulah	96	64	81	82	0.00	1.23	26.92	36.21
Extreme/Average	97	63	82	83	0.23	1.17	27.95	35.53
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	(100)	63	82	82	0.05	2.45	23.73	33.46
LSU-Rosepine	99	68	84	82	0.00	1.19	22.01	33.80
Natchitoches	97	69	83	83	0.45	0.57	25.12	32.60
Extreme/Average	100	63	83	82	0.17	1.40	23.62	33.05
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	99	69	85	83	0.01	2.57	27.58	34.78
Brusly	95	67	81	81	0.01	1.00	29.20	36.52
Bunkie	99	69	84	83	0.00	1.46	26.80	36.65
LSU-Alexandria	100	67	85	82	0.12	2.91	25.38	33.50
Extreme/Average	100	67	84	83	0.04	1.99	27.24	35.29
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	97	63	83	MM	0.03	2.36	27.70	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	67	82	82	0.06	2.59	28.38	35.88
LSU-Clinton	93	66	81	81	0.06	4.15	30.94	37.19
LSU-Hammond	96	64	82	82	0.09	2.67	34.57	37.07
Slidell	96	69	83	82	0.64	2.11	33.77	36.55
Extreme/Average	97	63	82	82	0.18	2.43	31.11	38.04
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	97	71	83	82	0.32	3.96	29.34	34.94
Jennings	96	70	83	82	0.96	2.53	30.36	33.59
LSU-Crowley	96	70	83	82	0.03	3.98	29.92	34.25
Extreme/Average	97	70	83	83	0.44	3.49	29.87	34.22
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	93	70	82	82	0.95	1.77	25.51	35.24
LSU-Jeanerette	94	70	83	82	0.82	5.71	26.48	35.17
Morgan City	93	72	83	82	0.03	2.55	20.90	35.41
Extreme/Average	94	70	82	83	0.60	3.34	26.00	35.48
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	95	73	84	82	1.39	2.47	30.39	37.14
Houma	96	71	83	83	1.90	7.10	24.33	36.09
Terrytown 3S	99	74	86	MM	0.07	2.34	40.04	MM.MM
Reserve	96	72	83	82	2.10	4.06	30.81	38.98
Extreme/Average	99	71	84	83	1.37	3.99	31.39	36.70
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	100	62	83	83	0.50	2.54	27.79	34.99

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 20, 2008  
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