



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 23, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.3

Soil moisture supplies: 30% very short, 22% short, 41% adequate and 7% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received again across the state, limiting field activities. The state suffered through extremely hot temperatures last week, and this brought stress to most of the crops. Rice producers began to harvest when weather permitted. Soybean condition continued to decline, with reports of scalding in the lower end of fields. Disease pressure in rice and soybean fields increased. Sugarcane was looking much better with the past rains, and producers were spraying for borers and preparing land for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were beginning to plant summer and fall vegetables. Crawfish producers were planting forage in ponds. The citrus crop continued to respond well to the recent rains.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture and livestock conditions showed improvement due to the showers which brought fresh growth. Cutting of hay progressed significantly due to the recent moisture received.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	95	92	93	94
	Mature	52	23	44	47
Cotton	Squaring	99	99	100	99
	Setting Bolls	83	75	83	88
Hay	Second Cutting	57	48	34	41
Peaches	Harvested	80	70	94	85
Rice	Headed	76	72	78	79
	Ripe	13	0	3	20
	Harvested	3	0	0	7
Sorghum	Headed	92	90	75	90
	Turning Color	59	34	26	44
Soybeans	Blooming	90	89	84	79
	Setting Pods	78	71	72	62
	Turning Color	14	7	5	2

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	6	18	40	34	2
Cotton	4	11	34	46	5
Rice	0	5	46	41	8
Sorghum	1	9	28	52	10
Soybeans	9	19	39	33	0
Sugarcane	7	16	32	34	11
Livestock	1	14	44	38	3
Vegetables	10	37	39	13	1
Pasture	8	32	37	21	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/17/06 TO 07/23/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-BossierCity (105)	71	87	83		0.70	0.79	20.89	30.91
Minden	104	69	86	82	1.17	1.62	27.54	33.53
Mooringsport	103	71	88	MM	0.15	2.12	25.02	27.54
Extreme/Average	105	69	87	83	0.67	1.51	24.48	31.58
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	103	66	85	83	0.00	0.90	28.06	33.82
Homer/Hill Farm	102	(65)	85	82	0.00	1.64	29.90	33.50
ULM-Monroe	103	68	86	83	0.01	1.04	29.29	35.64
Winnfield	100	67	85	82	6.19	7.46	31.37	35.76
Extreme/Average	103	65	85	83	1.55	2.76	29.66	34.52
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	102	70	86	82	0.00	0.59	24.30	36.82
LSU-St Joseph	100	68	85	83	1.60	4.41	31.15	35.08
LSU-Winnsboro	102	67	85	82	1.58	2.96	31.87	34.93
Tallulah	101	70	86	82	0.00	3.13	33.20	36.45
Extreme/Average	102	67	85	83	0.80	2.77	30.13	35.77
4. West-Central								
Leesville	101	68	84	82	0.39	2.03	25.67	33.74
LSU-Rosepine	95	69	82	82	0.67	3.51	30.01	34.12
Natchitoches	100	71	87	84	0.42	1.83	35.06	32.80
Extreme/Average	101	68	86	83	0.41	1.93	30.37	33.31
5. Central								
Alexandria	101	68	85	83	2.10	3.90	29.24	35.04
Brusly	94	70	82	82	0.75	7.27	23.81	36.92
Bunkie	99	71	85	83	0.65	4.42	27.40	36.89
LSU-Alexandria	100	67	84	82	1.97	3.61	26.28	33.78
Extreme/Average	101	67	84	83	1.37	4.80	26.68	35.59
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	100	72	85	82	1.19	3.50	18.35	39.27
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	71	84	82	0.44	3.48	21.83	36.22
LSU-Clinton	94	68	82	81	1.28	6.97	24.31	37.53
LSU-Hammond	97	71	84	82	0.82	6.49	19.16	37.48
Slidell	94	70	83	82	2.33	4.81	16.41	36.99
Extreme/Average	100	68	84	82	1.21	5.05	19.13	38.44
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	98	71	85	83	0.25	5.45	38.63	35.26
Jennings	94	72	83	82	1.88	4.35	24.63	33.95
LSU-Crowley	96	72	84	82	1.72	5.42	23.59	34.61
Extreme/Average	98	71	84	83	1.28	5.07	28.95	34.59
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	94	71	83	82	1.39	4.61	16.71	35.66
LSU-Jeanerette	95	72	83	82	0.45	11.98	26.86	35.57
Morgan City	95	73	84	82	0.08	4.26	15.18	35.91
Extreme/Average	95	71	83	83	0.64	6.95	19.58	35.92
9. Southeast								
Galliano	94	73	83	82	0.76	6.89	21.74	37.66
Houma	97	75	86	83	0.17	4.77	18.25	36.61
NO Audubon Park	97	77	87	83	3.79	7.46	17.68	37.05
Reserve	95	72	84	82	0.82	4.29	18.35	39.38
Extreme/Average	97	72	85	83	1.39	5.85	19.01	37.16
State								
State Averages	105	65	85	83	1.13	4.21	25.57	35.32

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 23, 2006

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