



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 24, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.9

Soil moisture supplies: 15% very short, 26% short, 51% adequate and 8% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received again last week across the state, limiting field activities. Crop conditions continued to decline as more rain was needed to replenish soil moisture. Producers were beginning to find some insect and disease problems in crops. Corn and rice producers continued preparing for harvest season, which should be underway in a couple of weeks for some areas. Scouting for borers and preparing land for planting were the main activities for sugarcane producers last week.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of peaches was limited last week due to the showers. Vegetable producers were planting summer tomatoes and other vegetables.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were cutting hay as weather permitted, and first cutting of hay was completed. Cattlemen were also fertilizing pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	94	86	99	96
	Mature	49	17	51	56
Cotton	Squaring	100	99	99	99
	Setting Bolls	84	75	90	92
Hay	First Cutting	100	99	91	98
	Second Cutting	35	28	33	47
Peaches	Harvested	94	92	85	86
Rice	Headed	80	64	77	81
	Ripe	4	0	23	30
Sorghum	Headed	77	66	94	93
	Coloring	26	24	39	54
Soybeans	Blooming	85	77	88	81
	Setting Pods	74	58	60	62
	Turning Color	6	1	2	1

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	16	11	32	35	6
Cotton	4	12	27	45	12
Rice	0	3	34	50	13
Sorghum	2	16	41	41	0
Soybeans	6	11	35	43	5
Sugarcane	0	7	34	53	6
Livestock	1	11	46	38	4
Vegetables	19	18	44	18	1
Pasture	10	20	42	25	3

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/18/05 TO 07/24/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	98	72	85	83	0.71	2.30	21.62	31.02				
Minden	97	73	84	82	0.27	2.85	21.48	33.65				
Mooringsport	96	75	86	MM	0.10	2.34	17.61	27.61				
Extreme/Average	98	72	85	83	0.36	2.50	19.62	31.70				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	96	70	83	83	2.06	4.10	28.22	33.93				
Homer/Hill Farm	96	72	83	82	0.69	4.21	26.90	33.62				
ULM-Monroe	97	71	84	83	1.39	2.33	24.56	35.75				
Winnfield	95	71	83	82	1.65	7.28	28.30	35.88				
Extreme/Average	97	70	83	83	1.45	4.48	27.00	34.64				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	95	73	84	83	0.32	1.61	26.79	36.93				
LSU-St Joseph	(99)	71	85	83	0.20	3.56	25.37	35.20	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	98	73	85	83	0.00	4.12	29.32	35.03				
Tallulah	95	72	83	82	0.80	6.92	32.99	36.57				
Extreme/Average	99	71	84	83	0.33	4.05	28.62	35.88	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	94	71	81	82	1.83	6.79	26.85	33.88				
LSU-Rosepine	95	72	83	82	0.40	2.70	23.80	34.28	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	96	72	84	84	0.00	2.02	20.87	32.90				
Extreme/Average	96	71	83	83	0.74	3.84	20.87	33.44	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	96	70	84	83	1.71	3.63	22.58	35.17				
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	82	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM				
Bunkie	96	73	84	83	1.10	7.70	32.90	37.01				
LSU-Alexandria	97	(65)	82	82	1.68	4.61	23.74	33.92	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	97	65	84	83	1.50	5.31	26.41	35.74	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	95	73	83	82	0.16	4.83	31.75	39.45				
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	73	84	82	1.04	3.85	25.00	36.39				
LSU-Clinton	94	71	82	81	2.42	4.46	28.94	37.70				
LSU-Hammond	96	73	83	82	0.00	5.83	30.38	37.69	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	92	72	83	82	0.88	10.97	45.16	37.21				
Extreme/Average	96	71	83	82	0.90	5.99	32.25	38.63	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	93	72	83	83	2.00	4.42	23.74	35.42				
Jennings	94	72	83	82	0.53	4.46	27.56	34.13	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	94	73	84	82	1.31	3.80	30.45	34.79	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	94	72	83	83	1.28	4.23	29.01	34.77	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	95	74	84	82	0.78	3.65	27.31	35.87				
LSU-Jeanerette	94	73	84	82	0.06	1.10	25.44	35.77				
Morgan City	94	74	83	82	0.68	2.54	27.47	36.16				
Extreme/Average	95	73	84	83	0.51	2.43	26.74	36.14				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	93	74	84	82	0.86	11.86	47.86	37.91				
Houma	96	75	85	83	0.47	5.27	43.16	36.87	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	98	77	87	83	0.45	4.54	38.65	37.27				
Reserve	94	74	85	82	1.25	4.27	36.28	39.57				
Extreme/Average	98	74	85	83	0.76	7.13	42.43	37.38	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	99	65	84	83	0.97	4.67	28.77	35.49	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 24, 2005

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