



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 24% very short, 46% short, 29% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report

Hot dry weather depleted soil moisture and increased the need for irrigation where possible. Producers started harvesting corn this week. Some of the cotton had open bolls. Producers were in the early phase of harvesting rice, and growers with personal bins started to dry down rice. Producers continued to treat soybean fields with insecticides and fungicides. Grain sorghum producers applied insecticides to treat for armyworms, stinkbugs, and webworms. Sugarcane producers continued to scout for borers. Sugarcane growth was slowed considerably due to the lack of moisture.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest crops. Crawfish producers planted rice for forage and repaired levees in preparation for flooding this fall.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock continued to suffer 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	99	96	97	98
	Mature	76	40	55	59
	Harvested	2	0	0	1
Cotton	Squaring	97	94	100	100
	Setting Bolls	84	75	90	91
Hay	Second Cutting	66	54	61	50
Peaches	Harvested	95	89	88	90
Rice	Headed	79	64	83	81
	Ripe	17	0	15	21
	Harvested	4	0	5	8
Sorghum	Headed	97	94	97	94
	Turning Color	72	56	60	57
Soybeans	Blooming	90	78	98	88
	Setting Pods	73	53	87	74

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	3	6	35	53	3
Cotton	2	14	34	49	1
Rice	0	3	20	71	6
Sorghum	0	4	37	54	5
Soybeans	2	15	36	44	3
Sugarcane	3	13	31	35	18
Livestock	1	8	39	45	7
Vegetables	7	17	50	22	4
Pasture	5	22	43	24	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/21/08 TO 07/27/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	99	72	86	83	0.28	0.48	32.93	31.46
Minden	101	72	86	82	0.40	0.95	26.67	34.10
Mooringsport	100	73	87	MM	0.00	0.28	26.84	27.89
Extreme/Average	101	72	86	83	0.23	0.57	28.81	32.14
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	(102)	70	86	83	0.05	0.19	22.70	34.37
Homer/Hill Farm	97	69	83	82	0.64	2.87	24.21	34.08
ULM-Monroe	102	70	85	83	0.23	1.61	18.80	36.16
Colmubia Lock	100	70	85	MM	0.65	2.62	24.53	37.39
Extreme/Average	102	69	85	83	0.39	1.82	22.56	35.09
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	99	73	86	83	0.15	0.43	30.68	37.37
LSU-St Joseph	99	(65)	85	83	0.04	0.29	25.19	35.68
LSU-Winnsboro	102	70	86	83	0.00	1.35	27.05	35.43
Tallulah	99	70	84	82	0.30	0.40	27.19	37.04
Extreme/Average	102	65	85	83	0.12	0.62	27.53	36.32
4. West-Central								
Leesville	101	70	84	82	0.22	1.43	23.95	34.41
LSU-Rosepine	98	72	84	82	1.07	1.61	23.08	34.91
Natchitoches	100	74	87	84	1.00	1.45	26.12	33.34
Extreme/Average	101	70	85	83	0.76	1.52	23.52	33.94
5. Central								
Alexandria	101	73	86	84	0.04	0.88	27.62	35.70
Brusly	96	70	82	82	0.96	1.16	30.16	37.92
Bunkie	100	70	85	83	0.27	1.11	27.07	37.48
LSU-Alexandria	99	65	83	83	0.52	0.97	25.90	34.48
Extreme/Average	101	65	84	83	0.45	1.03	27.69	36.31
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	99	71	83	MM	0.97	1.12	28.24	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	97	71	83	82	2.31	4.00	30.69	37.08
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	81	0.00	3.38	30.94	38.38
LSU-Hammond	98	70	83	82	0.99	2.49	35.56	38.53
Slidell	96	73	83	82	1.95	3.76	35.72	38.09
Extreme/Average	99	70	83	82	1.56	3.25	33.13	39.39
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	99	70	84	83	0.71	3.58	30.05	36.04
Jennings	97	74	84	82	0.92	2.48	31.28	34.81
LSU-Crowley	97	74	84	82	0.44	1.60	30.32	35.51
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	83	0.69	2.04	30.80	35.49
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	95	72	83	82	0.75	2.24	26.26	36.68
LSU-Jeanerette	96	73	83	82	0.38	2.59	26.86	36.54
Morgan City	94	70	82	82	1.22	2.35	22.12	37.16
Extreme/Average	96	70	83	83	0.78	2.39	25.08	37.02
9. Southeast								
Galliano	94	74	82	82	1.44	3.29	31.83	38.91
Houma	98	72	83	83	0.95	4.51	25.28	37.87
Terrytown 3S	97	73	85	MM	1.67	3.05	41.71	MM.MM
Reserve	95	73	84	82	0.25	3.12	31.06	40.33
Extreme/Average	98	72	83	83	0.88	3.64	29.39	38.26
State								
State Averages	102	65	84	83	0.65	1.92	27.88	36.12

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 27, 2008
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