



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 30, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.0

Soil moisture supplies: 10% very short, 23% short, 56% adequate and 11% surplus

Field Crops Report

Daily scattered showers were received again across the state. Soil moisture was slowly being replenished and all crops were showing improvement. Rice producers were harvesting slowly due to the weather, and the rain has started to lodge the crop. Soybean producers were spraying fungicides due to concerns for aerial blight, *Cecospora*, and Asian rust disease. Sugarcane was making good growth with the past rains, and producers were spraying for borers and preparing land for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were preparing land for fall crops. Producers were harvesting and spraying field tomatoes and eggplants. Crawfish producers were planting rice for food in ponds. Harvesting of peaches edged closer to completion.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture and livestock conditions showed improvement due to the showers which cooled temperatures and brought fresh growth. Cutting of hay continued as the weather permitted.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	100	95	98	98
	Mature	84	52	67	67
Cotton	Squaring	100	99	100	100
	Setting Bolls	98	83	93	96
Hay	Second Cutting	67	57	53	53
Peaches	Harvested	92	80	97	91
Rice	Headed	89	76	83	84
	Ripe	36	13	16	36
	Harvested	10	3	3	17
Sorghum	Headed	96	92	92	96
	Turning Color	77	59	56	64
	Ripe	28	0	21	25
Soybeans	Blooming	94	90	90	87
	Setting Pods	86	78	79	71
	Turning Color	31	14	11	6

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	3	12	41	41	3
Cotton	2	8	30	59	1
Rice	0	3	40	49	8
Sorghum	1	8	28	60	3
Soybeans	7	18	37	35	3
Sugarcane	7	13	33	32	15
Livestock	1	10	51	36	2
Vegetables	10	22	48	19	1
Pasture	7	20	42	29	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/24/06 TO 07/30/06

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM				
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	94	67	82	83	3.72	4.51	24.61	31.66
Minden	94	66	81	82	2.01	3.55	29.55	34.31
Mooringsport	95	70	83	MM	3.15	5.27	28.17	28.03
Extreme/Average	95	66	82	83	2.96	4.44	27.44	32.36
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	95	61	81	83	0.02	0.92	28.08	34.59
Homer/Hill Farm	94	(60)	80	82	0.00	1.56	29.90	34.30
ULM-Monroe	(102)	62	82	84	0.49	1.53	29.69	36.36
Winnfield	93	65	80	82	1.07	8.48	32.44	36.60
Extreme/Average	102	60	81	83	0.40	3.12	30.03	35.31
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	96	66	81	83	0.73	1.26	25.03	37.58
LSU-St Joseph	95	66	80	83	0.21	4.62	31.36	35.92
LSU-Winnsboro	93	66	82	83	0.50	3.46	32.37	35.63
Tallulah	95	65	82	82	0.69	2.07	33.89	37.26
Extreme/Average	96	65	81	83	0.53	2.85	30.66	36.54
4. West-Central								
Leesville	95	66	80	82	1.42	3.45	27.09	34.67
LSU-Rosepine	95	68	80	82	1.89	5.59	32.09	35.21
Natchitoches	96	67	81	84	1.05	3.15	36.42	33.56
Extreme/Average	96	66	80	83	1.45	4.06	31.87	34.18
5. Central								
Alexandria	93	71	81	84	2.92	6.82	32.16	35.98
Brusly	95	71	81	82	0.16	7.43	23.97	38.32
Bunkie	92	70	80	83	0.85	5.27	28.25	37.70
LSU-Alexandria	94	66	79	83	1.17	4.78	27.45	34.75
Extreme/Average	95	66	80	83	1.28	6.08	27.96	36.59
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	96	72	82	82	0.04	3.34	18.39	40.49
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	67	81	82	1.06	4.54	22.89	37.44
LSU-Clinton	92	69	80	81	0.35	7.32	24.66	38.72
LSU-Hammond	95	67	80	82	0.07	6.56	19.23	38.95
Slidell	92	70	81	82	0.59	5.09	17.00	38.52
Extreme/Average	96	67	81	82	0.42	5.37	19.71	39.77
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	93	71	81	83	2.65	6.60	41.28	36.34
Jennings	91	65	79	82	3.69	7.78	28.32	35.14
LSU-Crowley	89	72	80	83	1.42	6.84	25.01	35.86
Extreme/Average	93	65	80	83	3.17	7.19	34.80	35.84
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	71	80	82	1.04	5.63	17.75	37.08
LSU-Jeanerette	92	71	81	82	4.24	15.23	31.10	36.94
Morgan City	93	72	81	82	2.71	6.35	17.89	37.66
Extreme/Average	93	71	81	83	2.66	9.07	22.25	37.44
9. Southeast								
Galliano	91	72	81	82	3.71	8.93	25.45	39.41
Houma	96	73	83	83	1.32	6.09	19.57	38.36
NO Audubon Park	95	73	83	84	2.31	8.98	19.99	38.57
Reserve	93	71	81	82	1.48	5.77	20.94	40.70
Extreme/Average	96	71	82	83	2.21	7.44	21.49	38.69
State								
State Averages	102	60	81	83	1.67	5.60	27.71	36.43

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 30, 2006

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