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## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, July 31, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.8

**Soil moisture supplies:** 9% very short, 36% short, 51% adequate and 4% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Isolated showers were received across the state last week. Soil moisture showed some improvement from last week, but the previous dry conditions have caused damage to most crops. Corn producers continued preparing for harvest, which should begin within the next few weeks. Rice producers began harvesting early varieties of rice in the southern portion of the state, with reports of average yields. Rice and soybean producers were applying fungicides and insecticides to some fields. Sugarcane producers continued preparing land for planting, scouting for borers and spraying fields as needed.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of peaches edged closer to completion. Citrus producers were spraying for whiteflies and aphids. Vegetable producers were working crops.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were cutting hay, fertilizing pastures and scouting for armyworms. They were also working livestock, weaning and marketing calves. Pasture conditions improved last week, but more rain was needed.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	99	94	100	98
	Mature	70	49	76	72
Cotton	Setting Bolls	94	84	98	98
Hay	Second Cutting	56	35	50	58
Peaches	Harvested	98	94	90	91
Rice	Headed	84	80	84	86
	Ripe	18	4	39	47
	Harvested	4	0	18	25
Sorghum	Headed	94	77	98	97
	Coloring	61	26	66	69
	Ripe	24	0	14	30
Soybeans	Blooming	91	85	94	88
	Setting Pods	80	74	69	72
	Turning Color	12	6	6	4

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	5	17	30	42	6
Cotton	2	10	32	49	7
Rice	0	1	40	44	15
Sorghum	0	12	36	49	3
Soybeans	2	17	29	46	6
Sugarcane	0	13	39	43	5
Livestock	1	10	43	42	4
Vegetables	14	15	44	26	1
Pasture	7	22	46	24	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/24/05 TO 07/31/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE		
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG
<b>1. Northwest</b>											
LSU-Bossier City	98	64	83	83	0.00	0.99	21.62	31.76			
Minden	99	64	82	82	0.53	1.41	22.01	34.41			
Mooringsport	97	68	83	MM	1.91	2.20	19.52	28.10			
Extreme/Average	99	64	83	83	0.81	1.53	20.57	32.46			
<b>2. North-Central</b>											
LSU-Calhoun	98	66	82	83	0.20	3.04	28.42	34.70			
Homer/Hill Farm	96	64	82	82	2.20	5.91	29.10	34.40			
ULM-Monroe	(101)	65	83	84	0.30	2.58	24.86	36.46			
Winnfield	95	66	82	82	0.01	3.49	28.31	36.72			
Extreme/Average	101	64	82	83	0.68	3.76	27.67	35.42			
<b>3. Northeast</b>											
Lake Providence	97	69	83	83	0.07	1.68	26.86	37.68			
LSU-St Joseph	100	(60)	83	83	0.00	3.50	25.37	36.04	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Winnsboro	99	72	85	83	0.20	1.99	29.52	35.73			
Tallulah	96	73	83	82	0.06	5.08	32.36	37.37			
Extreme/Average	100	60	83	83	0.08	3.06	28.53	36.65	MM	MM	MM
<b>4. West-Central</b>											
Leesville	95	68	82	82	1.15	4.57	28.00	34.80			
LSU-Rosepine	97	67	83	82	0.08	2.53	23.88	35.36	MM	MM	MM
Natchitoches	97	64	84	84	0.00	1.23	20.87	33.67			
Extreme/Average	97	64	83	83	0.41	2.78	20.87	34.30	MM	MM	MM
<b>5. Central</b>											
Alexandria	97	73	85	84	0.05	3.05	22.63	36.12			
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	82	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM			
Bunkie	96	70	83	83	0.06	4.66	32.96	37.81			
LSU-Alexandria	98	67	82	82	0.20	4.19	23.94	34.88	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	98	67	83	83	0.10	3.97	26.51	36.73	MM	MM	MM
<b>6. East-Central</b>											
Bogalusa	98	73	84	82	0.23	4.90	31.98	40.66			
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	73	85	82	0.51	3.76	25.51	37.62			
LSU-Clinton	95	72	83	81	0.41	4.40	29.35	38.89			
LSU-Hammond	99	71	84	82	0.86	5.75	31.24	39.16	MM	MM	MM
Slidell	95	73	83	82	3.48	12.85	48.64	38.73			
Extreme/Average	99	71	84	82	1.10	6.33	33.34	39.96	MM	MM	MM
<b>7. Southwest</b>											
De Ridder	94	70	83	83	0.00	3.54	23.74	36.49			
Jennings	95	70	83	82	0.14	4.15	27.70	35.30	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Crowley	94	71	84	83	0.71	3.72	31.16	36.03	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	95	70	84	83	0.28	3.80	29.43	36.01	MM	MM	MM
<b>8. South-Central</b>											
Donaldsonville	95	74	84	82	2.89	5.86	30.20	37.28			
LSU-Jeanerette	96	72	83	82	0.99	1.76	26.43	37.14			
Morgan City	94	71	83	82	2.45	4.06	29.92	37.91			
Extreme/Average	96	71	83	83	2.11	3.89	28.85	37.65			
<b>9. Southeast</b>											
Galliano	94	75	84	82	1.62	12.07	49.48	39.66			
Houma	97	74	86	83	1.23	4.37	44.39	38.60	MM	MM	MM
NO Audubon Park	100	76	87	84	1.60	3.88	40.25	38.78			
Reserve	97	75	85	82	0.00	3.57	36.28	40.88			
Extreme/Average	100	74	85	83	1.07	7.82	42.88	38.90	MM	MM	MM
<b>State</b>											
State Averages	101	60	83	83	0.65	4.27	29.32	36.58	MM	MM	MM

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 31, 2005

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