



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.0

Soil moisture supplies: 25% very short, 36% short, 34% adequate, and 5% surplus.

Field Crops Report

Some areas of the state received spotty showers. Rice harvested continued but was slow due to showers. Wind has knocked rice down in some fields. Soybeans needed more rain in order to fill pods. Producers scouting soybean fields detected light insect pressure. Sugarcane producers began planting sugarcane and spraying fields for borers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest eggplant, okra and cucumbers. Fields were prepared and planted with tomatoes and bell peppers. Crawfish producers planted forage.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock and pastures benefited from showers in some areas. Cattlemen continued cutting hay but were in need of more rain.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	100	99	100	100
	Mature	93	76	78	79
	Harvested	12	2	0	6
Cotton	Squaring	98	97	100	100
	Setting Bolls	88	84	98	98
	Bolls Opening	4	0	0	1
Hay	Second Cutting	79	66	67	64
Peaches	Harvested	98	95	92	95
Rice	Headed	87	79	88	88
	Ripe	37	17	41	42
	Harvested	14	4	16	19
Sorghum	Headed	98	97	99	98
	Turning Color	88	72	72	74
	Harvested	8	0	4	5
Soybeans	Blooming	93	90	100	94
	Setting Pods	80	73	94	82

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	2	7	38	52	1
Cotton	4	16	34	49	1
Rice	0	3	20	72	5
Sorghum	2	7	42	48	1
Soybeans	4	13	35	44	4
Sugarcane	3	9	24	44	20
Livestock	3	9	38	45	5
Vegetables	8	26	45	20	1
Pasture	7	27	36	25	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/28/08 TO 08/03/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-BossierCity (105)	72	89	83		0.43	0.91	33.36	32.16
Minden	105	72	88	82	0.10	1.01	26.77	34.79
Mooringsport	104	75	90	MM	0.00	0.28	26.84	28.41
Extreme/Average	105	72	89	83	0.18	0.73	28.99	32.86
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	105	70	88	83	0.51	0.69	23.21	35.14
Homer/Hill Farm	104	70	87	82	0.00	4.05	25.56	34.79
ULM-Monroe	105	72	88	83	0.62	1.90	19.42	36.84
Columbia Lock	102	70	87	MM	0.68	3.30	25.21	38.16
Extreme/Average	105	70	87	83	0.45	2.49	23.35	35.83
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	101	70	87	83	0.44	0.72	31.12	38.08
LSU-St Joseph	102	70	86	83	0.97	1.16	26.18	36.48
LSU-Winnsboro	104	70	87	83	0.31	1.66	27.36	36.13
Tallulah	99	(68)	85	82	1.20	1.60	28.39	37.80
Extreme/Average	104	68	87	83	0.57	1.18	28.22	37.07
4. West-Central								
Leesville	104	69	87	82	0.75	1.61	24.70	35.28
LSU-Rosepine	101	69	85	82	2.98	4.31	26.06	35.92
Natchitoches	102	73	88	84	1.14	2.59	27.26	34.11
Extreme/Average	104	69	87	83	1.62	2.96	25.38	34.78
5. Central								
Alexandria	103	70	88	84	0.65	1.20	28.27	36.68
Brusly	95	71	83	82	2.54	3.51	32.70	39.32
Bunkie	102	70	87	83	1.02	1.35	28.09	38.25
LSU-Alexandria	104	70	87	82	1.31	1.91	27.07	35.40
Extreme/Average	104	70	86	83	1.38	1.99	29.03	37.28
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	97	71	83	MM	1.01	2.26	29.68	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	98	72	84	82	1.92	4.51	32.79	38.34
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	0.19	30.94	39.57
LSU-Hammond	99	72	83	82	2.63	4.97	38.29	40.03
Slidell	95	72	82	82	1.87	4.65	37.59	39.55
Extreme/Average	99	71	83	82	1.86	4.10	34.59	40.72
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	101	68	86	83	1.75	3.88	31.80	37.06
Jennings	97	70	84	82	1.49	3.79	32.77	35.92
LSU-Crowley	98	71	85	83	1.25	2.78	31.56	36.71
Extreme/Average	101	68	85	83	1.50	3.48	32.17	36.69
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	96	72	83	83	1.21	3.45	27.47	38.04
LSU-Jeanerette	97	74	84	82	0.54	3.01	27.40	37.94
Morgan City	94	69	82	82	0.74	2.83	22.86	38.88
Extreme/Average	97	69	83	83	0.83	3.10	25.91	38.49
9. Southeast								
Galliano	93	74	82	82	4.21	7.09	36.04	40.62
Houma	97	73	82	83	1.33	5.70	26.61	39.53
Terrytown 3S	99	73	85	MM	5.84	7.78	47.55	MM.MM
Reserve	97	75	83	82	0.79	3.41	31.85	41.58
Extreme/Average	99	73	83	83	3.04	6.00	35.51	39.74
State								
State Averages	105	68	85	83	1.35	3.00	29.62	37.18

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 3, 2008
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