



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 06, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.8

Soil moisture supplies: 24% very short, 26% short, 49% adequate and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report

Most of the state received rain last week with a state average rainfall of 0.7 inches. Corn and sorghum producers began to harvest. Sorghum was being sprayed for webworms and corn earworms. Rice was still in the early stages of harvesting with a lot of reports of cecospora. Sugarcane producers began planting and were spraying for borers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were working crops. Peach harvest edged closer to completion. Crawfish producers were preparing ponds and planting rice.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture and livestock conditions remained stable, but hot humid conditions continued to be stressful. A lot of hay was baled last week due to previous rains and dry weather.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	96	84	85	85
	Harvested	9	0	4	12
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	98	98	99
	Bolls Opening	3	0	2	4
Hay	Second Cutting	73	67	65	68
Peaches	Harvested	99	92	99	96
Rice	Headed	93	89	91	90
	Ripe	52	36	35	53
	Harvested	22	10	14	31
Sorghum	Headed	98	96	96	98
	Turning Color	88	77	66	78
	Ripe	41	28	21	40
	Harvested	11	0	1	4
Soybeans	Blooming	98	94	96	94
	Setting Pods	91	86	84	83
	Turning Color	43	31	19	13
	Dropping Leaves	10	0	4	2
Sugar Cane	Planted	1	0	3	3

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	4	11	43	40	2
Cotton	3	10	31	51	5
Rice	0	2	60	34	4
Sorghum	1	8	25	58	8
Soybeans	4	16	40	38	2
Sugarcane	4	15	41	30	10
Livestock	1	7	50	37	5
Vegetables	12	38	37	12	1
Pasture	8	35	29	27	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/31/06 TO 08/06/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	98	72	85	83	0.02	4.44	24.63	32.36
Minden	99	72	85	82	0.00	3.20	29.55	34.97
Mooringsport	97	74	85	MM	0.00	3.60	28.17	28.57
Extreme/Average	99	72	85	83	0.01	3.75	27.45	33.06
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	101	70	85	83	0.00	0.17	28.08	35.34
Homer/Hill Farm	98	72	84	82	0.07	1.49	31.39	34.97
ULM-Monroe	101	70	86	83	0.02	0.65	29.71	37.02
Winnfield	96	69	83	82	0.28	8.08	32.72	37.44
Extreme/Average	101	69	84	83	0.09	2.60	30.48	36.03
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence (102)	73	87	83	83	0.42	1.15	25.45	38.28
LSU-St Joseph	100	(66)	84	83	0.95	3.21	32.31	36.70
LSU-Winnsboro	98	69	84	82	0.13	2.21	32.50	36.33
Tallulah	99	71	85	82	0.90	2.28	34.79	38.00
Extreme/Average	102	66	85	83	0.60	2.21	31.26	37.27
4. West-Central								
Leesville	98	68	83	82	0.63	2.52	27.72	35.52
LSU-Rosepine	95	69	82	82	0.88	3.72	32.97	36.19
Natchitoches	100	74	86	84	0.35	2.16	36.77	34.33
Extreme/Average	100	68	84	83	0.62	2.80	32.49	35.00
5. Central								
Alexandria	99	73	85	84	0.69	5.89	32.85	36.96
Brusly	95	71	83	82	1.76	4.42	25.73	39.72
Bunkie	98	71	84	83	0.10	2.12	28.35	38.48
LSU-Alexandria	98	67	84	82	0.81	4.32	28.26	35.66
Extreme/Average	99	67	83	83	0.89	3.62	27.45	37.54
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	96	72	84	82	1.69	2.97	20.08	41.64
LSU-Baton Rouge	97	72	85	82	0.57	2.73	23.46	38.70
LSU-Clinton	92	69	81	81	2.22	6.73	26.88	39.91
LSU-Hammond	97	72	84	82	1.85	5.78	22.19	40.47
Slidell	95	71	82	82	1.45	4.37	18.45	39.95
Extreme/Average	97	69	83	82	1.56	4.52	21.37	41.09
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	95	71	84	83	0.73	3.83	42.01	37.34
Jennings	94	72	83	82	0.26	7.13	28.58	36.22
LSU-Crowley	95	74	84	83	0.12	5.09	25.17	37.04
Extreme/Average	95	71	83	83	0.50	5.48	35.30	37.03
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	94	71	83	82	0.59	4.49	18.34	38.42
LSU-Jeanerette	93	73	83	82	0.14	9.28	31.24	38.34
Morgan City	96	73	84	82	0.49	5.15	18.38	39.36
Extreme/Average	96	71	83	83	0.41	6.31	22.65	38.89
9. Southeast								
Galliano	94	73	83	82	3.35	10.15	28.80	41.10
Houma	96	74	87	83	0.41	3.02	19.98	39.98
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	84	0.93	9.13	20.92	40.03
Reserve	96	74	84	82	0.48	3.47	21.42	41.92
Extreme/Average	96	73	85	83	1.29	6.44	22.78	40.14
State								
State Averages	102	66	84	83	0.70	4.24	28.24	37.47

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 6, 2006

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