



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 7, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.9

Soil moisture supplies: 10% very short, 45% short, 37% adequate and 8% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered, isolated showers continued across the southern half of the state last week, while the northern portions received little to no rain. Corn producers began harvesting. Rice producers began harvesting early varieties of rice, as rice and soybean producers continued applying fungicides and insecticides. Sorghum harvest was in the beginning stages. Sugarcane producers continued scouting for borers and spraying fields as planting got underway.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were working crops. Peach harvest edged closer to completion. Citrus producers continued spraying for whiteflies and aphids.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

More rain was needed even though pasture conditions continued to improve last week. Cattlemen cut hay, fertilized pastures and scouted for armyworms in addition to working livestock, weaning and marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	100	99	100	100
	Mature	87	70	89	87
	Harvested	5	0	16	22
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	94	100	100
	Open Bolls	2	0	1	6
Hay	Second Cutting	66	56	68	72
Peaches	Harvested	99	98	95	96
Rice	Headed	92	84	89	91
	Ripe	38	18	55	60
	Harvested	16	4	35	39
Sorghum	Headed	96	94	100	99
	Coloring	67	61	86	83
	Ripe	28	24	42	49
	Harvested	1	0	3	6
Soybeans	Blooming	97	91	97	95
	Setting Pods	85	80	85	84
	Turning Color	20	12	16	11
	Dropping Leaves	5	0	6	1
Sugarcane	Planted	3	0	5	4

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	4	18	30	41	7
Cotton	3	14	32	42	9
Rice	0	1	48	39	12
Sorghum	1	14	43	40	2
Soybeans	2	17	31	42	8
Sugarcane	0	13	36	44	7
Livestock	1	7	41	46	5
Vegetables	20	11	45	23	1
Pasture	4	23	43	28	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/01/05 TO 08/07/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier	(100)	71	85	83	0.94	1.88	22.56	32.46				
Minden	98	65	84	82	0.00	1.25	22.01	35.06				
Mooringsport	97	72	84	MM	0.12	2.23	19.64	28.65				
Extreme/Average	100	65	84	83	0.35	1.79	21.10	33.16				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	96	66	82	83	0.29	2.55	28.71	35.44				
Homer/Hill Farm	94	69	82	82	0.00	5.91	29.10	35.06				
ULM-Monroe	96	66	82	83	0.70	2.40	25.56	37.11				
Winnfield	96	68	83	82	0.09	2.17	28.40	37.56				
Extreme/Average	96	66	82	83	0.27	3.26	27.94	36.13				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	95	70	83	82	0.23	1.73	27.09	38.37				
LSU-St Joseph	97	68	82	83	0.27	1.20	25.64	36.81	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	96	66	82	82	0.21	2.11	29.73	36.43				
Tallulah	93	68	82	82	0.00	1.66	32.36	38.10				
Extreme/Average	97	66	82	83	0.18	1.68	28.71	37.37	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	95	67	82	82	0.22	4.09	28.22	35.64				
LSU-Rosepine	96	69	82	82	2.14	3.53	26.02	36.32	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	97	68	83	84	0.00	0.57	20.87	34.44				
Extreme/Average	97	67	82	83	0.79	2.73	20.87	35.11	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	95	71	83	84	0.11	2.84	22.74	37.10				
Brusly	94	69	81	82	0.93	5.23	28.58	39.92				
Bunkie	94	68	81	83	0.17	3.73	33.13	38.60				
LSU-Alexandria	95 (64)	81	82	1.33	4.83	25.27	35.79	MM	MM	MM		
Extreme/Average	95	64	82	83	0.64	3.80	27.05	37.67	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	93	70	81	82	0.87	3.32	32.85	41.80				
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	70	82	82	0.67	4.43	26.18	38.88				
LSU-Clinton	90	68	79	81	0.53	4.72	29.88	40.08				
LSU-Hammond	92	68	80	82	2.73	4.54	33.90	40.69	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	89	70	80	82	5.11	11.63	53.75	40.15				
Extreme/Average	94	68	80	82	1.98	5.73	35.31	41.27	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	94	71	82	83	0.30	2.95	24.04	37.47				
Jennings	94	69	81	82	2.09	5.24	29.79	36.37	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	94	70	82	82	1.34	4.16	32.47	37.20	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	94	69	82	83	1.24	4.12	31.13	37.20	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	92	71	81	82	1.52	6.44	31.72	38.61				
LSU-Jeanerette	92	71	81	82	1.58	3.30	28.01	38.54				
Morgan City	91	71	82	82	1.92	5.93	31.84	39.60				
Extreme/Average	92	71	81	83	1.67	5.22	30.52	39.09				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	92	73	81	82	4.35	8.41	53.83	41.33				
Houma	94	72	82	83	1.73	4.72	46.13	40.20	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	94	74	83	84	4.73	7.99	44.98	40.23				
Reserve	94	72	81	82	1.99	3.96	38.27	42.09				
Extreme/Average	94	72	82	83	3.20	6.27	46.08	40.34	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	100	64	82	83	1.17	3.96	30.50	37.62	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 7, 2005

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