



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.5

Soil moisture supplies: 22 % very short, 29% short, 39 % adequate, and 10% surplus.

Field Crops Report

Moisture levels in the state were mixed; some areas of the state were too dry while other areas were wet. Rice harvest continued despite showers, with good yields reported in most cases. Soybeans needed more rain in order to fill pods. Producers scouting soybean fields detected light insect pressure. Sugarcane producers began planting but were delayed slightly due to showers in some areas.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest summer crops. Crawfish producers planted forage.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The hot weather placed stress on both livestock and pastures. Pastures in some areas of the state needed rain desperately. Some livestock producers have started to feed hay.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2007 | 5 YR AVG |
| Corn | Mature | 98 | 93 | 95 | 92 |
| | Harvested | 34 | 12 | 14 | 17 |
| Cotton | Squaring | 100 | 98 | 100 | 100 |
| | Setting Bolls | 92 | 88 | 100 | 100 |
| | Bolls Opening | 16 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| Hay | Second Cutting | 81 | 79 | 79 | 74 |
| Peaches | Harvested | 99 | 98 | 97 | 98 |
| Rice | Headed | 94 | 87 | 96 | 94 |
| | Ripe | 57 | 37 | 60 | 60 |
| | Harvested | 24 | 14 | 31 | 35 |
| Sorghum | Headed | 99 | 98 | 100 | 99 |
| | Turning Color | 95 | 88 | 84 | 85 |
| | Harvested | 28 | 8 | 24 | 15 |
| Soybeans | Blooming | 97 | 93 | 100 | 97 |
| | Setting Pods | 87 | 80 | 97 | 88 |
| | Turning Color | 22 | 0 | 31 | 30 |
| | Dropping Leaves | 17 | 0 | 11 | 12 |
| Sugarcane | Planted | 5 | 0 | 6 | 6 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Corn | 3 | 8 | 37 | 48 | 4 |
| Cotton | 5 | 15 | 35 | 44 | 1 |
| Rice | 0 | 3 | 20 | 66 | 11 |
| Sorghum | 2 | 6 | 36 | 53 | 3 |
| Soybeans | 3 | 13 | 35 | 45 | 4 |
| Sugarcane | 3 | 12 | 34 | 40 | 11 |
| Livestock | 4 | 15 | 40 | 38 | 3 |
| Vegetables | 16 | 23 | 39 | 21 | 1 |
| Pasture | 11 | 28 | 35 | 23 | 3 |

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/04/08 TO 08/10/08

| | TEMPERATURE | | | | PRECIPITATION | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| | MAX | MIN | AVG | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | AIR NORM |
| 1. Northwest | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Bossier City | 103 | 72 | 86 | 83 | 0.15 | 1.06 | 33.51 | 32.86 |
| Minden | 103 | 70 | 86 | 82 | 0.55 | 1.27 | 27.32 | 35.39 |
| Mooringsport | (105) | 74 | 86 | MM | 0.41 | 0.69 | 27.25 | 28.97 |
| Extreme/Average | 105 | 70 | 86 | 83 | 0.37 | 1.01 | 29.36 | 33.53 |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Calhoun | 100 | 65 | 85 | 83 | 0.00 | 0.68 | 23.21 | 35.84 |
| Homer/Hill Farm | 103 | 68 | 85 | 82 | 0.13 | 2.28 | 25.69 | 35.42 |
| ULM-Monroe | 101 | 66 | 85 | 83 | 0.08 | 1.98 | 19.50 | 37.47 |
| Columbia Lock | 98 | 66 | 83 | MM | 0.05 | 3.04 | 25.26 | 38.93 |
| Extreme/Average | 103 | 65 | 84 | 83 | 0.07 | 2.00 | 23.42 | 36.53 |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 96 | 66 | 82 | 82 | 0.14 | 0.73 | 31.26 | 38.73 |
| LSU-St Joseph | 97 | (63) | 82 | 83 | 0.08 | 1.28 | 26.30 | 37.25 |
| LSU-Winnsboro | 99 | 67 | 84 | 82 | 0.24 | 1.90 | 27.60 | 36.83 |
| Tallulah | 93 | 66 | 81 | 82 | 1.28 | 2.65 | 29.54 | 38.50 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 63 | 82 | 83 | 0.44 | 1.30 | 28.39 | 37.77 |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville | 99 | 67 | 82 | 82 | 0.31 | 1.33 | 25.01 | 36.09 |
| LSU-Rosepine | 96 | 71 | 83 | 82 | 0.86 | 5.02 | 27.05 | 36.84 |
| Natchitoches | 99 | 75 | 85 | 84 | 0.21 | 2.80 | 27.47 | 34.90 |
| Extreme/Average | 99 | 67 | 83 | 82 | 0.46 | 3.05 | 26.03 | 35.55 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 102 | 71 | 84 | 84 | 0.00 | 0.70 | 28.27 | 37.66 |
| Brusly | 92 | 68 | 81 | 82 | 1.09 | 4.60 | 33.79 | 40.72 |
| Bunkie | 97 | 70 | 82 | 83 | 1.05 | 2.45 | 29.25 | 39.08 |
| LSU-Alexandria | 99 | 71 | 83 | 82 | 0.92 | 2.88 | 28.14 | 36.28 |
| Extreme/Average | 102 | 68 | 83 | 83 | 0.77 | 2.66 | 29.86 | 38.19 |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Franklinton 5SW | 97 | 64 | 82 | MM | 0.11 | 2.12 | 29.79 | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge | MM | MM | MM | 82 | 0.15 | 4.55 | 32.94 | 39.63 |
| LSU-Clinton | MM | MM | MM | 81 | M.M | 0.06 | 30.94 | 40.76 |
| LSU-Hammond | 96 | 66 | 81 | 82 | 0.30 | 4.11 | 38.59 | 41.57 |
| Slidell | 92 | 69 | 82 | 82 | 0.75 | 5.21 | 38.34 | 40.91 |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 64 | 81 | 82 | 0.39 | 3.81 | 35.57 | 41.99 |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | |
| De Ridder | 95 | 69 | 82 | 83 | 0.90 | 3.68 | 32.70 | 37.99 |
| Jennings | 94 | 72 | 83 | 82 | 1.92 | 5.36 | 34.76 | 36.95 |
| LSU-Crowley | 94 | 72 | 82 | 82 | 0.59 | 2.39 | 32.27 | 37.84 |
| Extreme/Average | 95 | 69 | 82 | 83 | 1.26 | 3.88 | 33.52 | 37.85 |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 95 | 70 | 82 | 82 | 2.61 | 5.52 | 30.08 | 39.33 |
| LSU-Jeanerette | 93 | 71 | 82 | 82 | 2.34 | 4.13 | 29.79 | 39.34 |
| Morgan City | 93 | 71 | 80 | 82 | 4.24 | 6.23 | 27.10 | 40.56 |
| Extreme/Average | 95 | 70 | 82 | 83 | 3.06 | 5.29 | 28.99 | 39.89 |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 94 | 72 | 82 | 82 | 2.92 | 9.96 | 38.96 | 42.25 |
| Houma | 96 | 70 | 81 | 83 | 5.34 | 9.52 | 31.95 | 41.08 |
| Terrytown 3S | 96 | 73 | 83 | MM | 0.41 | 8.88 | 48.85 | MM.MM |
| Reserve | 95 | 70 | 83 | 82 | 1.64 | 4.78 | 33.49 | 42.77 |
| Extreme/Average | 96 | 70 | 82 | 83 | 2.58 | 8.29 | 38.31 | 41.14 |
| State | | | | | | | | |
| State Averages | 105 | 63 | 83 | 83 | 1.02 | 3.56 | 30.75 | 38.19 |

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 10, 2008

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