



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 13, 2006

Released August 14, 2006

Volume 06 Number 24

CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.8

Soil moisture supplies: 23% very short, 20% short, 48% adequate and 9% surplus

Field Crops Report

Isolated showers across the state improved soil moisture. Corn harvesting made excellent progress last week, surpassing the 5-year average. Harvesting of rice and sorghum also made excellent progress, exceeding last year's averages. Some rice producers were reporting lower yields in fields affected by the cecospora. Soybean producers were checking fields for insects and diseases. Soybean producers were preparing for harvest as the crop was beginning to drop leaves. Sugarcane producers were planting and spraying for borers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Harvesting of peaches was completed. Citrus producers were spraying for insects. Vegetable producers were finishing land preparation for fall planting. Some producers have begun planting fall vegetables. Crawfish producers continued preparing ponds and planting rice for the 2006 season.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture and livestock conditions continued to show signs of stress due to the hot, dry conditions. Second cutting of hay made little progress last week due to the dry conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	100	96	96	95
	Harvested	43	9	10	23
Cotton	Bolls Opening	39	3	5	12
Hay	Second Cutting	79	73	72	77
Peaches	Harvested	100	99	100	98
Rice	Headed	99	93	95	95
	Ripe	78	52	51	66
	Harvested	41	22	27	43
Sorghum	Headed	100	98	99	99
	Turning Color	94	88	84	89
	Ripe	61	41	49	61
	Harvested	31	11	10	16
Soybeans	Blooming	99	98	99	98
	Setting Pods	93	91	92	90
	Turning Color	60	43	42	25
	Dropping Leaves	42	10	20	8
Sugarcane	Planted	8	1	12	10

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	3	10	41	45	1
Cotton	3	9	30	57	1
Rice	0	4	55	40	1
Sorghum	1	7	25	64	3
Soybeans	7	17	41	32	3
Sugarcane	7	15	48	23	7
Livestock	1	13	47	37	2
Vegetables	20	26	37	16	1
Pasture	10	30	31	27	2

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/07/06 TO 08/13/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	98	73	86	83	0.35	4.79	24.98	33.05
Minden	99	74	86	82	0.00	3.18	29.55	35.55
Mooringsport	100	73	86	MM	0.00	3.30	28.17	29.13
Extreme/Average	100	73	86	83	0.12	3.76	27.57	33.71
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	103	71	86	83	0.00	0.02	28.08	36.04
Homer/Hill Farm	99	72	86	81	0.00	1.49	31.39	35.58
ULM-Monroe	(104)	(69)	86	83	0.02	0.54	29.73	37.65
Winnfield	97	71	84	82	0.00	7.54	32.72	38.28
Extreme/Average	104	69	85	82	0.01	2.40	30.48	36.72
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	101	73	86	82	0.23	1.38	25.68	38.91
LSU-St Joseph	100	69	83	82	1.93	4.69	34.24	37.46
LSU-Winnsboro	98	73	86	82	0.69	2.90	33.19	37.03
Tallulah	99	72	85	82	1.31	2.90	36.10	38.70
Extreme/Average	101	69	85	83	1.16	2.99	32.01	37.97
4. West-Central								
Leesville	97	70	82	82	0.94	3.38	28.66	36.31
LSU-Rosepine	96	71	82	82	0.61	4.24	33.58	37.09
Natchitoches	97	70	83	83	0.80	2.93	37.57	35.14
Extreme/Average	97	70	82	82	0.78	3.52	33.27	35.77
5. Central								
Alexandria	98	72	85	83	0.00	5.71	32.85	37.94
Brusly	94	70	81	81	3.27	5.94	29.00	41.11
Bunkie	96	72	83	83	1.01	2.61	29.36	39.32
LSU-Alexandria	99	71	85	82	0.05	4.00	28.31	36.52
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	83	1.08	4.18	28.89	38.45
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	95	73	84	82	3.50	6.42	23.58	42.76
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	71	83	82	2.48	4.55	25.94	40.01
LSU-Clinton	93	69	82	81	2.32	6.17	29.20	41.10
LSU-Hammond	94	71	83	82	1.12	4.97	23.31	42.01
Slidell	92	70	82	82	2.03	6.18	20.26	41.29
Extreme/Average	95	69	83	82	2.29	5.53	24.63	42.35
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	94	71	83	83	0.15	3.78	42.16	38.25
Jennings	94	72	82	82	0.57	6.40	29.15	37.23
LSU-Crowley	94	73	83	82	0.52	3.82	25.69	38.16
Extreme/Average	94	71	82	83	0.36	5.09	35.66	38.17
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	92	71	82	82	3.82	6.84	22.16	39.69
LSU-Jeanerette	94	71	82	81	0.22	5.05	31.46	39.74
Morgan City	93	73	83	81	2.51	5.79	20.89	41.04
Extreme/Average	94	71	82	83	2.18	5.89	24.84	40.29
9. Southeast								
Galliano	93	74	83	82	0.72	8.54	29.52	42.71
Houma	95	75	85	83	1.82	4.61	22.69	41.50
NO Audubon Park	95	75	85	84	1.85	8.88	22.77	41.43
Reserve	94	72	83	82	2.92	5.70	24.34	43.10
Extreme/Average	95	72	84	83	1.83	6.93	24.83	41.54
State								
State Averages	104	69	84	83	1.04	4.52	29.43	38.47

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 13, 2006

The Louisiana Crop-Weather Summary (USPS-0273-8848) is published weekly beginning the second week of March and ending the first week of December by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, USDA-NASS, Louisiana Field Office, 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. Subscription is free to respondents and cooperators, \$12.00 annually to all others, and is available from the above address. Periodicals postage is paid at Baton Rouge, LA 70806 and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Louisiana Crop-Weather Summary, PO Box 65038, Baton Rouge, LA 70896.

For free automatic e-mail subscription to this publication, go to our homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and click on "Subscribe to LA reports" on the right hand side of the page. Choose the reports you want to receive, and complete the form.

Periodical Postage
 is paid at
 Jackson, MS 39201

USDA-NASS
 LOUISIANA
 FIELD OFFICE



Louisiana Crop-Weather Summary
 (ISSN 0273-8848) (225) 922-1362
 5825 Florida Blvd., PO Box 65038
 Baton Rouge, LA 70896-5038