



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.1

Soil moisture supplies: 11 % very short, 22% short, 47 % adequate, and 20% surplus.

Field Crops Report

Many areas of the state received scattered showers last week, improving conditions for most crops. Some rice farmers were reporting lodging and panicle blight in rice fields, which may cause lower yields. Fertilizer and fungicide applications were applied to late planted rice. Soybeans in dryer areas of the state still had difficulty filling pods. Soybean producers continued scouting and applying fungicides and insecticides as needed. Sugarcane planting was delayed due to the rain.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crop

Strawberry producers prepared fields. Tomato fields were sprayed to control insects and disease. Vegetable producers were busy preparing land for fall crops. Crawfish producers planted forage. Citrus producers sprayed trees for insect control.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were still in need of rain for forage and hay production. Stressed fields were cut to stimulate new growth. Cattlemen started marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	100	98	100	99
	Harvested	42	34	38	39
Cotton	Setting Bolls	96	92	100	100
	Bolls Opening	30	16	23	26
Hay	Second Cutting	84	81	87	82
Peaches	Harvested	100	99	100	100
Rice	Headed	97	94	99	97
	Ripe	65	57	75	76
	Harvested	35	24	49	50
Sorghum	Headed	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	99	95	92	93
	Harvested	38	28	48	35
Soybeans	Blooming	99	97	100	99
	Setting Pods	91	87	99	94
	Turning Color	34	22	44	43
	Dropping Leaves	22	17	21	23
Sugarcane	Planted	13	5	17	16

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	2	7	38	47	6
Cotton	5	14	40	40	1
Rice	0	2	21	69	8
Sorghum	0	7	42	47	4
Soybeans	5	12	37	40	6
Sugarcane	3	11	32	38	16
Livestock	3	10	41	42	4
Vegetables	13	23	43	20	1
Pasture	9	21	38	27	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/11/08 TO 08/17/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	95	70	81	82	1.88	2.74	35.35	33.50
Minden	93	69	78	82	1.84	2.76	29.03	35.95
Mooringsport	94	69	79	MM	1.43	1.84	28.83	29.56
Extreme/Average	95	69	79	82	1.72	2.45	31.07	34.16
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	95	69	78	83	6.84	7.39	30.07	36.54
Homer/Hill Farm	92	67	76	81	1.56	2.33	25.90	35.98
ULM-Monroe	90	67	77	83	7.65	8.24	26.81	38.10
Colmubia Lock	92	67	78	MM	3.06	4.45	28.33	39.70
Extreme/Average	95	67	77	82	4.78	5.60	27.78	37.17
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	92	69	77	82	4.26	4.99	35.52	39.36
LSU-St Joseph	91	(65)	79	82	8.22	9.78	34.93	37.96
LSU-Winnsboro	94	70	79	82	3.48	4.03	31.08	37.53
Tallulah	90	68	78	81	2.65	5.30	32.19	39.20
Extreme/Average	94	65	78	82	4.65	6.27	33.84	38.47
4. West-Central								
Leesville	95	66	82	81	1.50	2.78	26.51	36.86
LSU-Rosepine	94	67	81	82	1.37	6.41	28.43	37.69
Natchitoches	(97)	72	84	83	2.94	5.29	30.41	35.73
Extreme/Average	97	66	83	82	2.16	5.85	29.42	36.32
5. Central								
Alexandria	95	70	83	83	2.02	2.71	30.29	38.65
Brusly	92	68	80	81	1.07	5.66	34.86	42.06
Bunkie	95	69	81	82	2.49	4.83	31.74	39.92
LSU-Alexandria	96	69	83	82	1.41	4.07	29.45	37.12
Extreme/Average	96	68	82	82	1.75	4.32	31.59	39.10
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	93	69	79	MM	2.34	4.43	32.13	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	93	69	81	82	0.84	5.30	33.86	40.96
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	2.85	32.77	41.95
LSU-Hammond	93	67	80	82	3.37	7.39	41.96	43.09
Slidell	92	71	80	82	3.50	8.07	41.84	42.21
Extreme/Average	93	67	80	82	2.51	6.30	37.45	43.25
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	95	71	83	82	1.75	5.11	34.45	38.90
Jennings	93	72	82	82	1.61	5.94	36.37	37.96
LSU-Crowley	94	71	82	82	2.57	4.94	34.87	38.96
Extreme/Average	95	71	82	83	1.98	5.44	35.62	38.97
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	70	81	82	2.54	7.11	32.62	40.59
LSU-Jeanerette	92	71	81	81	1.72	5.92	32.40	40.74
Morgan City	90	70	79	81	2.69	8.89	29.79	42.23
Extreme/Average	93	70	80	82	2.32	7.31	31.60	41.29
9. Southeast								
Galliano	91	74	81	82	3.08	11.65	42.04	43.85
Houma	95	72	82	82	1.41	9.03	33.36	42.55
Terrytown 3S	95	72	83	MM	4.15	12.96	53.00	MM.MM
Reserve	92	71	81	82	3.90	7.27	38.08	43.94
Extreme/Average	95	71	82	83	3.14	10.23	41.62	42.54
State								
State Averages	97	65	80	82	2.76	5.98	33.62	39.18

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 17, 2008

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