



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6

Soil moisture supplies: 16% very short, 35% short, 37% adequate and 12% surplus

Field Crops Report

Very hot and dry conditions were once again experienced throughout the state last week. Dry weather aided the corn harvest, although some harvesting was hindered by a lack of trucks and storage space. Soybean conditions were generally good, although most fields could use some rain. Some soybean producers were spraying for stinkbugs and applying fungicides to prevent Asian Soybean Rust. Sorghum harvest reached 54%, well ahead of the 5-year average of 36%. The rice harvest was 55% complete, only slightly behind the 5-year average. Sugarcane producers were busy planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were working fall crops. Citrus producers were scouting trees for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were busy cutting hay. The hot, dry weather caused a decline in pasture conditions. Livestock conditions were generally good despite the extremely hot temperatures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	100	99	100	99
	Harvested	45	20	67	46
Cotton	Bolls Opening	29	9	54	29
Hay	Second Cutting	89	83	84	81
Peaches	Harvested	100	99	100	99
Rice	Headed	99	98	99	98
	Ripe	79	64	87	82
	Harvested	55	35	56	57
Sorghum	Turning Color	94	87	97	94
	Mature	86	73	76	74
	Harvested	54	32	47	36
Soybeans	Setting Pods	99	98	96	94
	Turning Color	46	38	63	41
	Dropping Leaves	23	15	46	23
Sugarcane	Planted	20	8	13	19
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	1	0	3	3
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	1	5	12	49	33
Cotton	3	10	29	56	2
Rice	0	3	41	49	7
Sorghum	0	8	23	53	16
Soybeans	1	6	25	61	7
Sugarcane	0	1	32	43	24
Livestock	0	8	37	47	8
Vegetables	8	26	41	23	2
Pasture	4	8	39	44	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/13/07 TO 08/19/07

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	102	72	86	82	0.00	1.45	35.75	33.59
Minden	103	72	86	82	0.00	0.09	39.13	36.03
Mooringsport	101	73	86	MM	0.30	4.25	39.32	29.65
Extreme/Average	103	72	86	82	0.10	1.93	38.07	34.25
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	104	70	87	82	0.01	0.10	31.07	36.64
Homer/Hill Farm	102	72	86	81	0.54	0.85	34.57	36.07
ULM-Monroe	103	72	87	82	0.00	2.28	27.97	38.19
Colmubia Lock	102	73	87	MM	0.22	0.27	28.41	39.81
Extreme/Average	104	70	87	82	0.19	0.88	30.51	37.26
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	100	73	86	82	0.00	0.93	29.68	39.45
LSU-St Joseph	103	(68)	86	82	0.00	6.13	35.59	38.06
LSU-Winnsboro	102	71	87	82	0.00	0.97	36.75	37.63
Tallulah	101	70	86	81	0.00	2.74	26.70	39.29
Extreme/Average	103	68	86	82	0.00	2.69	34.01	38.56
4. West-Central								
Leesville	102	69	84	81	1.91	3.53	32.12	36.97
LSU-Rosepine	100	70	84	81	0.34	2.33	36.95	37.81
Natchitoches	101	70	84	83	0.20	2.30	29.37	35.84
Extreme/Average	102	69	84	82	0.82	2.72	32.81	36.43
5. Central								
Alexandria	104	75	87	83	0.64	3.62	33.44	38.79
Brusly	102	72	85	81	0.69	4.06	37.34	42.25
Bunkie	(107)	74	86	82	0.63	1.39	35.80	40.04
LSU-Alexandria	103	70	86	82	0.82	2.91	34.84	37.24
Extreme/Average	107	70	86	82	0.70	2.64	35.32	39.23
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	101	73	86	MM	0.29	1.09	23.14	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	103	73	86	81	1.86	4.61	38.27	41.15
LSU-Clinton	101	71	84	81	0.00	1.11	30.10	42.12
LSU-Hammond	104	74	87	82	0.82	6.08	34.84	43.30
Slidell	99	74	86	82	0.01	1.88	32.42	42.39
Extreme/Average	104	71	86	82	0.60	2.95	32.17	43.43
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	101	72	86	82	1.10	3.73	43.20	39.03
Jennings	101	75	86	82	1.65	7.05	39.51	38.11
LSU-Crowley	101	75	86	82	1.90	5.34	40.82	39.12
Extreme/Average	101	72	86	82	1.55	5.37	41.18	39.13
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	100	73	85	82	0.00	3.70	36.57	40.77
LSU-Jeanerette	99	74	85	81	0.29	2.56	38.61	40.94
Morgan City	101	73	86	81	0.95	4.49	29.81	42.46
Extreme/Average	101	73	85	82	0.41	3.58	35.00	41.49
9. Southeast								
Galliano	98	76	85	82	0.40	6.77	32.69	44.07
Houma	99	74	85	82	2.84	7.12	37.39	42.76
Terrytown 3S	105	78	89	MM	0.00	4.16	41.52	MM.MM
Reserve	103	76	87	82	0.35	3.98	48.29	44.11
Extreme/Average	105	74	86	83	0.90	5.51	39.97	42.74
State								
State Averages	107	68	86	82	0.66	3.26	35.76	39.32

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 19, 2007

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