



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 20, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.6

Soil moisture supplies: 30% very short, 33% short, 34% adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Isolated afternoon showers moved across the state and brought relief to extremely hot and dry conditions. Corn harvesting made outstanding progress last week, far surpassing the 5-year average. Harvesting of sorghum also made excellent progress, exceeding last year and 5-year average. Rice producers continued to report cecospora as a factor in lower yields, but harvest was progressing well. Soybean producers were spraying for loopers and stinkbugs. Sugarcane producers were planting and spraying for borers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were spraying for insects. Vegetable producers began planting fall tomatoes and preparing land for strawberry fields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture and livestock conditions continued to show signs of stress due to the hot, dry conditions. Cattle producers were beginning to sell spring calves. Second cutting of hay made some progress last week due to the dry conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	71	43	34	44
Cotton	Bolls Opening	57	39	17	27
Hay	Second Cutting	85	79	79	83
Rice	Headed	99	99	98	98
	Ripe	89	78	77	81
	Harvested	58	41	51	59
Sorghum	Turning Color	98	94	94	95
	Ripe	78	61	71	79
	Harvested	50	31	31	35
Soybeans	Blooming	100	99	100	99
	Setting Pods	97	93	96	95
	Turning Color	64	60	51	37
	Dropping Leaves	47	42	29	19
Sugarcane	Planted	14	8	21	21
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	3	0	1	4

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	3	9	42	43	3
Cotton	3	11	28	54	4
Rice	0	5	47	44	4
Sorghum	0	6	23	64	7
Soybeans	4	16	37	38	5
Sugarcane	3	14	40	41	2
Livestock	1	11	47	35	6
Vegetables	17	20	42	16	5
Pasture	12	29	32	22	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/14/06 TO 08/20/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
	1. Northwest							
LSU-Bossier City	102	74	88	82	0.00	4.10	24.99	33.68
Minden	103	71	87	82	0.63	2.64	30.18	36.11
Mooringsport	103	76	89	MM	0.00	2.65	27.68	29.74
Extreme/Average	103	71	88	82	0.21	3.13	27.62	34.34
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	105	70	86	82	0.00	0.47	28.55	36.74
Homer/Hill Farm	101	72	87	81	0.21	1.58	31.60	36.16
ULM-Monroe	105	(67)	86	82	0.01	0.54	29.78	38.28
Winnfield	101	69	86	81	0.00	1.35	32.72	39.12
Extreme/Average	105	67	86	82	0.06	0.99	30.66	37.36
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	101	72	87	82	0.42	1.80	26.10	39.54
LSU-St Joseph	102	71	86	82	0.00	3.09	34.24	38.16
LSU-Winnsboro	103	72	87	82	0.00	1.32	34.84	37.73
Tallulah	101	72	86	81	0.03	2.57	36.08	39.38
Extreme/Average	103	71	86	82	0.11	2.20	32.82	38.65
4. West-Central								
Leesville	102	69	84	81	0.08	3.07	28.74	37.08
LSU-Rosepine	100	69	84	81	0.04	3.42	34.03	37.93
Natchitoches	(107)	74	89	83	0.00	2.05	37.15	35.95
Extreme/Average	107	69	86	82	0.04	2.85	33.31	36.54
5. Central								
Alexandria	101	74	87	83	0.23	3.84	33.08	38.93
Brusly	96	72	83	81	0.67	5.86	29.67	42.44
Bunkie	101	72	86	82	0.46	2.42	29.82	40.16
LSU-Alexandria	102	71	87	82	0.16	2.19	28.47	37.37
Extreme/Average	102	71	86	82	0.38	3.58	30.26	39.36
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	99	74	85	82	0.02	5.66	27.97	43.84
LSU-Baton Rouge	99	72	85	81	0.11	4.22	26.05	41.34
LSU-Clinton	95	72	84	81	0.07	4.96	29.27	42.29
LSU-Hammond	98	72	85	82	0.12	3.16	23.43	43.51
Slidell	96	72	84	82	0.55	4.62	21.03	42.57
Extreme/Average	99	72	85	82	0.17	4.52	23.50	43.60
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	99	73	86	82	0.25	3.78	42.41	39.16
Jennings	97	70	84	82	2.18	6.70	31.33	38.26
LSU-Crowley	99	72	85	82	0.58	2.70	26.29	39.28
Extreme/Average	99	70	85	82	1.22	5.24	36.87	39.29
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	95	72	83	82	1.50	6.95	23.66	40.95
LSU-Jeanerette	96	69	84	81	0.36	4.96	32.20	41.14
Morgan City	95	73	84	81	0.78	6.49	21.67	42.69
Extreme/Average	96	69	84	82	0.88	6.13	25.84	41.69
9. Southeast								
Galliano	95	75	85	82	0.11	7.89	29.60	44.29
Houma	98	75	86	82	0.18	4.74	22.99	42.97
NO Audubon Park	96	77	87	83	0.96	4.82	24.67	42.83
Reserve	95	74	84	82	0.26	4.56	22.64	44.28
Extreme/Average	98	74	85	83	0.38	5.82	25.75	42.94
State								
State Averages	107	67	86	82	0.42	3.86	30.01	39.46

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 20, 2006

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