



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 21, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.9

**Soil moisture supplies:** 22% very short, 32% short, 41% adequate and 5% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Scattered showers over the weekend helped ease dry conditions in some areas of the state. More rain was needed to replenish soil moisture and improve crop conditions. Corn harvesting progressed to 38 percent, still behind the 5 year average of 58 percent. Harvesting of rice was also behind the 5 year average, but producers were reporting exceptional yields. Soybean producers were checking fields for diseases and insects. Some producers began harvesting early variety soybeans. Sugarcane producers were busy planting and beginning to apply ripeners to some fields in preparation for harvest.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were scouting trees for insects. Vegetable producers were planting and working fall crops. Strawberry producers were applying lime and fertilizer to fields.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay cutting continued with reports of armyworms in some fields. Cattlemen were fertilizing pastures and marketing calves.

<b>PERCENT OF PROGRESS</b>					
<b>CROP</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
<b>Corn</b>	Mature	98	97	100	100
	Harvested	38	11	64	58
<b>Cotton</b>	Setting Bolls	100	99	100	100
	Open Bolls	19	6	29	38
<b>Hay</b>	Second Cutting	80	73	82	85
<b>Rice</b>	Headed	99	95	97	98
	Ripe	81	53	82	84
	Harvested	55	29	64	66
<b>Sorghum</b>	Headed	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	95	87	98	96
	Ripe	74	53	88	82
	Harvested	34	12	55	43
<b>Soybeans</b>	Blooming	100	99	100	99
	Setting Pods	97	93	99	95
	Turning Color	52	46	45	37
	Dropping Leaves	30	23	32	19
	Harvested	6	0	10	2
<b>Sugarcane</b>	Planted	22	13	30	24
<b>Sweetpotatoes</b>	Harvested	1	0	1	6

<b>CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES</b>					
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>VERY POOR</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>Corn</b>	2	15	35	42	6
<b>Cotton</b>	3	18	32	41	6
<b>Rice</b>	0	0	34	48	18
<b>Sorghum</b>	1	11	40	40	8
<b>Soybeans</b>	3	14	33	41	9
<b>Sugarcane</b>	4	12	30	39	15
<b>Livestock</b>	1	7	43	45	4
<b>Vegetables</b>	16	19	42	21	2
<b>Pasture</b>	8	22	44	24	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/15/05 TO 08/21/05

	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					MAX	MIN	AVG	
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City	MMM	MM	MM	82	0.22	2.95	24.57	33.77				
Minden	100	70	85	81	0.42	1.23	23.15	36.19				
Mooringsport	(101)	72	86	MM	0.74	2.94	20.55	29.83				
Extreme/Average	101	70	86	82	0.58	2.09	20.55	34.43				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	99	(67)	85	82	0.33	0.82	29.04	36.84				
Homer/Hill Farm	97	69	83	81	0.00	3.28	30.18	36.25				
ULM-Monroe	101	68	86	82	0.90	1.96	25.63	38.37				
Winnfield	99	68	84	81	0.68	1.18	29.48	39.24				
Extreme/Average	101	67	85	82	0.64	1.32	28.05	37.46				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	101	72	87	81	0.01	0.38	27.17	39.63				
LSU-St Joseph	100	69	86	82	1.31	2.28	27.65	38.26	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	101	68	86	82	1.21	1.70	31.02	37.83				
Tallulah	99	70	86	81	0.27	0.33	32.63	39.47				
Extreme/Average	101	68	86	82	0.70	1.17	29.62	38.74	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	100	67	84	81	0.87	2.56	29.42	37.19				
LSU-Rosepine	98	69	84	81	1.34	3.64	28.94	38.05	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	99	68	84	83	0.30	0.70	22.21	36.06				
Extreme/Average	100	67	84	82	0.84	2.30	22.21	36.65	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	97	71	84	83	0.28	0.44	23.02	39.07				
Brusly	97	70	84	81	0.66	3.79	30.04	42.63				
Bunkie	97	70	84	82	2.09	2.52	35.42	40.28				
LSU-Alexandria	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.26	1.96	25.70	37.50	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	97	70	83	82	0.82	2.18	28.55	39.49	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	99	72	86	81	0.28	1.81	33.27	44.00				
LSU-Baton Rouge	98	70	85	81	0.08	1.35	26.35	41.53				
LSU-Clinton	97	69	83	81	0.71	1.72	30.66	42.45				
LSU-Hammond	99	71	84	82	0.14	3.73	34.04	43.72	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	94	72	84	82	0.89	11.30	56.46	42.75				
Extreme/Average	99	69	85	82	0.42	3.98	36.16	43.77	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	97	70	83	82	1.67	2.41	30.04	39.29				
Jennings	95	71	83	82	0.24	2.56	30.12	38.41	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	96	72	84	82	0.25	2.58	32.77	39.44	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	97	70	83	82	0.72	2.52	31.45	39.46	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	96	70	83	82	1.47	5.90	33.21	41.13				
LSU-Jeanerette	95	72	83	81	1.30	4.18	32.51	41.34				
Morgan City	95	73	84	81	0.56	5.37	32.84	42.92				
Extreme/Average	96	70	84	82	1.11	5.15	32.85	41.89				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	95	74	84	82	0.92	6.99	54.86	44.51				
Houma	96	72	85	82	1.90	5.02	48.33	43.18	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	98	76	86	83	0.60	8.15	51.94	43.03				
Reserve	97	74	85	82	0.40	2.76	39.04	44.45				
Extreme/Average	98	72	85	83	0.96	5.73	48.54	43.14	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	101	67	84	82	0.75	2.89	31.52	39.60	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 21, 2005

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