



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 3.1

**Soil moisture supplies:** 1% very short, 13% short, 51% adequate, and 35% surplus.

### Field Crops Report

Many areas of the state received scattered showers last week, improving conditions for most crops, but the weather delayed harvesting of most crops. Some rice farmers were reporting lodging and panicle blight in rice fields, which may cause lower yields. 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 applied lime and fertilizer to fields. Vegetable producers harvested eggplant, squash, and cucumbers. Tomato fields were sprayed to control insects and disease. Vegetable producers were busy preparing land for fall crops. Crawfish producers prepared ponds for flooding. Citrus producers sprayed trees for insect control.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Rain throughout the state slowed forage harvest. Cattlemen continued to market weaned calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	55	42	60	63
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	96	100	100
	Bolls Opening	45	30	35	39
Hay	Second Cutting	87	84	92	88
Rice	Headed	99	97	100	99
	Ripe	78	65	85	87
	Harvested	44	35	65	65
Sorghum	Headed	100	100	100	100
	Turning Color	100	99	96	97
	Harvested	51	38	69	56
Soybeans	Blooming	100	99	100	100
	Setting Pods	97	91	100	97
	Turning Color	49	34	54	52
	Dropping Leaves	34	22	30	33
	Harvested	6	0	5	9
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	3	0	3	5
Sugarcane	Planted	22	13	36	33

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	4	9	38	47	2
Cotton	5	13	42	39	1
Rice	0	4	24	60	12
Sorghum	0	11	44	42	3
Soybeans	4	12	36	43	5
Sugarcane	4	10	30	42	14
Livestock	2	8	40	45	5
Vegetables	7	20	47	25	1
Pasture	2	15	41	37	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/18/08 TO 08/24/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	92	71	79	82	1.97	4.43	37.32	34.13
Minden	91	69	78	81	2.16	4.52	31.19	36.53
Mooringsport	91	70	78	MM	2.81	4.65	31.64	30.19
Extreme/Average	92	69	79	82	2.31	4.53	33.38	34.79
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	93	71	80	82	2.35	9.70	32.42	37.24
Homer/Hill Farm	90	68	77	80	1.31	3.00	27.21	36.61
ULM-Monroe	93	(66)	79	82	1.94	9.95	28.75	38.73
Colmubia Lock	94	70	79	MM	2.22	6.01	30.54	40.47
Extreme/Average	94	66	79	81	1.96	7.17	29.73	37.86
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	91	70	79	81	2.10	6.94	37.62	39.99
LSU-St Joseph	93	71	81	81	2.67	11.95	37.16	38.66
LSU-Winnsboro	92	71	81	81	1.18	5.21	32.26	38.21
Tallulah	91	69	79	81	1.74	6.54	33.73	39.84
Extreme/Average	93	69	80	82	1.92	8.03	35.68	39.10
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	91	68	78	81	1.79	4.35	28.30	37.67
LSU-Rosepine	92	68	79	81	1.90	7.23	30.42	38.54
Natchitoches	94	70	80	82	2.77	6.37	32.49	36.50
Extreme/Average	94	68	79	81	2.15	5.98	30.40	37.09
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	93	73	80	83	0.31	2.98	30.60	39.63
Brusly	92	71	80	81	1.57	6.27	36.43	43.36
Bunkie	92	70	80	82	2.02	6.58	33.76	40.78
LSU-Alexandria	94	70	81	81	0.70	4.25	30.15	38.02
Extreme/Average	94	70	80	82	1.15	5.02	32.74	40.01
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	91	70	81	MM	0.20	4.26	32.78	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	(95)	71	81	81	2.12	5.11	35.98	42.26
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	0.18	32.77	43.09
LSU-Hammond	94	70	82	81	0.99	7.57	43.23	44.54
Slidell	92	71	81	82	0.23	6.35	42.07	43.47
Extreme/Average	95	70	81	81	1.11	6.34	40.43	44.45
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	93	71	79	82	2.97	7.37	37.42	39.81
Jennings	92	72	82	81	0.72	5.74	37.09	39.03
LSU-Crowley	94	72	81	82	1.02	5.55	35.92	40.08
Extreme/Average	94	71	81	82	1.57	6.22	36.81	40.14
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	93	70	81	82	0.08	6.44	32.70	41.85
LSU-Jeanerette	93	73	82	81	1.84	8.52	35.38	42.14
Morgan City	91	70	80	81	1.74	9.41	31.53	43.87
Extreme/Average	93	70	81	82	1.22	8.12	33.20	42.69
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	92	71	82	82	1.66	11.87	43.70	45.41
Houma	95	69	82	82	2.52	10.60	35.88	44.02
Terrytown 3S	95	72	83	MM	1.45	12.74	54.45	MM.MM
Reserve	94	71	81	81	2.34	9.22	40.28	45.13
Extreme/Average	95	69	82	83	1.99	11.11	43.58	43.94
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	95	66	80	82	1.67	6.92	35.35	40.17

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 24, 2008  
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