



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.8

Soil moisture supplies: 22% very short, 41% short and 37% adequate

Field Crops Report

Hot and generally dry weather was experienced throughout the state last week. Corn producers were busy harvesting, with 66% harvested, which was slightly behind the 5-year average. Some soybean producers were spraying for stinkbugs, but most fields were facing low insect pressure. Soybeans were in need of rain to finish filling pods. Sorghum harvest reached 75%, well ahead of the 5-year average of 54%. Dry conditions allowed rice farmers to continue harvesting, with reports of good yields. Sugarcane producers were busy planting and spraying ripener.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were planting and working fall crops. Citrus producers were spraying for insects. Crawfish producers were busy preparing their ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were busy cutting hay. The hot, dry weather continued to take a toll on pasture conditions. Livestock conditions were generally good despite the hot and dry conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	66	45	88	69
Cotton	Bolls Opening	37	29	76	44
Hay	Second Cutting	93	89	88	87
Rice	Headed	100	99	99	99
	Ripe	88	79	93	90
	Harvested	69	55	71	69
Sorghum	Turning Color	97	94	99	97
	Mature	93	86	82	83
	Harvested	75	54	65	54
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	99	97
	Turning Color	57	46	70	48
	Dropping Leaves	33	23	52	32
	Harvested	7	0	17	11
Sugarcane	Planted	43	20	30	37
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	4	1	8	7
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	2	3	13	51	31
Cotton	5	12	30	52	1
Soybeans	2	7	27	56	8
Sugarcane	0	0	31	43	26
Livestock	0	7	36	50	7
Vegetables	14	27	35	23	1
Pasture	7	18	35	35	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/20/07 TO 08/26/07

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	0.90	35.55	34.22
Minden	99	70	84	81	2.52	2.53	42.39	36.62
Mooringsport	96	71	84	MM	0.00	3.80	40.04	30.28
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	81	1.26	3.17	41.22	34.88
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	100	70	85	82	0.01	0.11	31.97	37.34
Homer/Hill Farm	99	69	84	80	0.00	0.59	34.57	36.71
ULM-Monroe	99	(68)	85	82	0.00	1.82	28.15	38.82
Colmubia Lock	104	71	86	MM	0.00	0.27	30.86	40.58
Extreme/Average	104	68	85	81	0.00	0.70	31.39	37.96
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	97	72	85	81	0.30	1.23	29.98	40.08
LSU-St Joseph	100	72	85	81	0.04	6.16	35.63	38.76
LSU-Winnsboro	(106)	71	87	81	0.00	0.93	36.75	38.30
Tallulah	99	72	85	80	1.20	3.94	27.90	39.94
Extreme/Average	106	71	85	81	0.39	3.07	34.12	39.19
4. West-Central								
Leesville	97	68	82	80	0.09	2.53	32.37	37.79
LSU-Rosepine	95	70	83	81	0.00	1.21	37.19	38.67
Natchitoches	97	70	84	82	0.00	1.86	28.77	36.61
Extreme/Average	97	68	83	81	0.03	1.87	32.78	37.20
5. Central								
Alexandria	96	70	85	83	0.05	2.79	33.49	39.77
Brusly	96	70	82	81	0.00	3.71	37.34	43.54
Bunkie	97	71	84	81	0.00	1.39	35.80	40.91
LSU-Alexandria	101	68	85	81	0.00	1.69	34.18	38.15
Extreme/Average	101	68	84	82	0.01	2.40	35.77	40.14
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	96	71	84	MM	0.03	1.12	23.17	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	97	72	84	81	0.00	3.78	38.27	42.44
LSU-Clinton	96	68	83	80	0.00	0.91	30.10	43.25
LSU-Hammond	96	71	83	81	0.12	6.13	34.96	44.74
Slidell	95	73	84	81	0.04	1.25	32.46	43.65
Extreme/Average	97	68	84	81	0.04	2.64	32.22	44.62
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	95	72	84	82	0.00	1.34	43.20	39.95
Jennings	95	73	84	81	1.62	5.22	41.13	39.19
LSU-Crowley	96	72	84	82	1.40	4.23	42.64	40.24
Extreme/Average	96	72	84	82	1.01	3.60	42.32	40.31
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	95	71	83	82	0.30	2.58	36.87	42.03
LSU-Jeanerette	96	73	84	81	0.32	2.35	39.00	42.35
Morgan City	93	75	84	81	2.67	5.92	32.39	44.11
Extreme/Average	96	71	83	82	1.10	3.62	36.09	42.89
9. Southeast								
Galliano	93	74	84	82	0.12	3.57	32.81	45.64
Houma	97	71	84	82	0.05	5.63	37.44	44.23
Terrytown 3S	94	77	86	MM	0.14	1.65	41.66	MM.MM
Reserve	95	74	85	81	0.80	4.18	49.09	45.31
Extreme/Average	97	71	85	82	0.28	3.76	40.25	44.15
State								
State Averages	106	68	84	82	0.42	2.74	36.51	40.31

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 26, 2007

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