



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 27, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.7

**Soil moisture supplies:** 19% very short, 19% short, 48% adequate and 14% surplus

**Field Crops Report**

Showers moved across the state and brought an average of 2.1 inches for last week, delaying some field activities. Corn, rice and sorghum harvesting continued to make outstanding progress last week, all surpassing the 5-year average. Cotton defoliation was going on, and harvest should begin soon. Soybean producers were spraying insecticides for loopers, caterpillars and stinkbugs. Sugarcane planting was moving at a rapid pace making good progress from last week.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**

Vegetable producers began planting fall tomatoes and cabbage. Producers were also preparing land for fall vegetables and strawberry fields. Crawfish producers were busy getting their ponds ready for flooding.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**

Pasture and livestock conditions continued to show signs of stress. Cattle producers were beginning to sell spring calves. Second cutting of hay was delayed due to frequent showers.

<b>PERCENT OF PROGRESS</b>					
<b>CROP</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
<b>Corn</b>	Harvested	91	71	65	67
<b>Cotton</b>	Bolls Opening	79	57	33	43
<b>Hay</b>	Second Cutting	89	85	89	88
<b>Rice</b>	Headed	100	99	100	100
	Ripe	94	89	90	90
	Harvested	73	58	62	70
<b>Sorghum</b>	Turning Color	99	98	97	97
	Ripe	83	78	83	87
	Harvested	68	50	59	54
<b>Soybeans</b>	Setting Pods	99	97	99	98
	Turning Color	71	64	56	46
	Dropping Leaves	53	47	43	29
	Harvested	20	0	18	9
<b>Sugarcane</b>	Planted	33	14	40	42
<b>Sweet Potatoes</b>	Harvested	9	3	6	7

<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>Cotton</b>	4	12	29	48	7
<b>Rice</b>	0	5	47	44	4
<b>Soybeans</b>	2	14	33	42	9
<b>Sugarcane</b>	3	14	37	41	5
<b>Livestock</b>	2	13	44	38	3
<b>Vegetables</b>	22	24	40	14	0
<b>Pasture</b>	14	23	34	28	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/21/06 TO 08/27/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	101	73	86	81	0.86	1.23	25.85	34.31
Minden	102	72	84	81	0.35	0.98	30.53	36.71
Mooringsport	(103)	73	86	MM	0.40	0.40	28.08	30.38
Extreme/Average	103	72	85	81	0.54	0.87	28.15	34.97
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	103	71	83	81	3.43	3.43	31.98	37.44
Homer/Hill Farm	100	72	84	80	0.25	0.53	31.85	36.81
ULM-Monroe	103	69	84	81	4.19	4.24	33.97	38.91
Winnfield	99	71	84	80	0.74	1.02	33.46	39.95
Extreme/Average	103	69	84	81	2.15	2.31	32.82	38.06
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	102	71	83	81	4.24	5.31	30.34	40.17
LSU-St Joseph	100	(66)	84	81	0.74	3.62	34.98	38.86
LSU-Winnsboro	101	72	84	81	3.03	3.85	37.87	38.39
Tallulah	100	72	83	80	0.18	2.42	36.26	40.04
Extreme/Average	102	66	84	81	2.05	3.80	34.86	39.28
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	98	70	83	80	0.91	2.56	29.65	37.91
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	81	3.06	4.59	37.09	38.80
Natchitoches	99	70	83	82	1.00	2.15	38.15	36.72
Extreme/Average	99	70	83	81	0.96	2.36	33.90	37.31
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	100	73	84	82	1.37	2.29	34.45	39.91
Brusly	94	71	81	81	1.82	7.52	31.49	43.72
Bunkie	97	72	84	81	2.45	4.02	32.27	41.04
LSU-Alexandria	99	66	83	81	2.59	3.61	31.06	38.28
Extreme/Average	100	66	83	82	2.06	4.36	32.32	40.27
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	96	73	83	81	1.19	6.40	29.16	44.96
LSU-Baton Rouge	99	72	83	81	2.27	5.48	28.37	42.62
LSU-Clinton	95	71	82	80	1.62	6.23	30.89	43.41
LSU-Hammond	98	71	83	81	3.15	6.24	26.58	44.94
Slidell	94	72	83	81	2.62	6.65	23.65	43.83
Extreme/Average	99	71	83	81	2.42	6.15	26.20	44.79
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	98	73	84	82	2.04	3.17	44.45	40.09
Jennings	93	73	83	81	3.93	6.94	35.26	39.35
LSU-Crowley	96	74	84	82	2.72	3.96	29.01	40.40
Extreme/Average	98	73	83	82	2.99	5.06	39.86	40.48
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	94	73	82	82	1.42	7.33	25.08	42.21
LSU-Jeanerette	93	72	82	81	2.80	3.52	35.00	42.56
Morgan City	94	74	83	81	1.43	5.21	23.10	44.35
Extreme/Average	94	72	83	82	1.88	5.35	27.73	43.09
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	92	73	82	82	1.58	5.76	31.18	45.87
Houma	93	75	83	82	3.54	7.58	27.15	44.45
NO Audubon Park	95	75	85	83	3.97	7.70	28.64	44.27
Reserve	94	73	83	81	1.55	5.21	24.19	45.49
Extreme/Average	95	73	83	82	2.66	6.56	28.99	44.36
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	103	66	83	81	2.10	4.25	32.19	40.46

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 27, 2006

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