



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

**THIS REPORT REFLECTS PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS PRIOR TO
HURRICANE GUSTAV.**

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.0

Soil moisture supplies: 3% very short, 13% short, 63% adequate, and 21% surplus.

Field Crops Report

Producers across the state were busy preparing for Hurricane Gustav. There were reports that rains were affecting the timing of the corn and soybean harvest. Some producers were forced to stop harvesting corn to cut soybeans. Soybean producers were applying insecticides for stinkbugs. Rice producers were busy harvesting. Wet weather hindered sugarcane planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crop

There were reports that summer planted tomatoes were doing well. Some vegetable producing regions were still too dry.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Some hay producing areas received much needed rainfall, with 80% of pasture in fair or better condition. Rainfall hindered the second cutting of hay. Cattlemen were marketing weaned calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	69	55	76	79
Cotton	Bolls Opening	57	45	52	53
Hay	Second Cutting	88	87	94	93
Rice	Headed	100	99	100	100
	Ripe	84	78	93	94
	Harvested	45	44	73	75
Sorghum	Mature	99	98	97	92
	Harvested	68	51	84	72
Soybeans	Setting Pods	99	97	100	99
	Turning Color	53	49	71	61
	Dropping Leaves	39	34	52	44
	Harvested	15	6	16	21
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	13	3	7	9
Sugarcane	Planted	35	22	51	51

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	5	16	40	38	1
Rice	0	6	30	51	13
Sorghum	0	11	44	42	3
Soybeans	6	15	38	36	5
Sugarcane	5	11	30	38	16
Livestock	4	7	43	42	4
Vegetables	10	26	42	21	1
Pasture	4	16	41	36	3

Data Not Available

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 31, 2008
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