



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6

**Soil moisture supplies:** 13% very short, 36% short, 48% adequate and 3% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Many areas of the state received scattered showers last week. Soybean producers were concerned that the rain might damage maturing beans. Soybeans were also being sprayed for stink bugs and velvet bean caterpillars. Some wheat producers were busy preparing land for planting. Showers slowed sugarcane planting, but planting progress was equal to the five-year average. Corn harvest reached 80% complete, slightly behind the five-year average. There were reports that harvest was slowed due to lack of transportation and storage capacity. Rice producers were also busy harvesting, with 75% of the harvest completed.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were working fall crops. Crawfish producers were busy planting rice and sweet sorghum in preparation for flooding. Citrus producers were spraying for insects.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were busy fertilizing pastures. Cattle producers continued to wean and market calves. There were reports of army worms attacking hay meadows.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	80	66	95	82
Cotton	Bolls Opening	58	37	82	58
Hay	Second Cutting	95	93	92	91
Rice	Ripe	95	88	97	95
	Harvested	75	69	78	78
Sorghum	Turning Color	100	97	100	99
	Mature	98	93	91	92
	Harvested	87	75	80	70
Soybeans	Turning Color	76	57	74	56
	Dropping Leaves	59	33	61	40
	Harvested	20	7	35	23
Sugarcane	Planted	54	43	40	54
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	8	4	10	10
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	6	10	30	52	2
Soybeans	2	8	26	59	5
Sugarcane	0	1	30	45	24
Livestock	1	5	41	47	6
Vegetables	15	23	44	16	2
Pasture	3	14	46	32	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/27/07 TO 09/2/07**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	80	0.00	0.00	35.55	34.85
Minden	96	66	82	80	0.05	2.57	42.44	37.31
Mooringsport	97	67	82	MM	1.05	1.35	41.09	30.98
Extreme/Average	97	66	82	80	1.05	1.35	41.09	35.56
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	(101)	68	83	81	0.40	0.44	32.37	38.04
Homer/Hill Farm	99	67	82	79	1.37	1.91	35.94	37.45
ULM-Monroe	101	68	83	81	0.24	0.25	28.39	39.51
Colmubia Lock	97	69	82	MM	0.51	0.73	31.37	41.32
Extreme/Average	101	67	82	80	0.63	0.83	32.02	38.69
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	95	70	82	80	1.85	2.15	31.83	40.70
LSU-St Joseph	98	68	83	80	1.17	1.21	36.80	39.46
LSU-Winnsboro	97	69	83	80	0.73	0.87	37.80	38.93
Tallulah	95	71	82	80	0.00	1.20	27.90	40.64
Extreme/Average	98	68	83	80	1.25	1.41	35.48	39.83
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	98	68	81	80	1.15	3.15	33.52	38.68
LSU-Rosepine	95	70	82	80	1.53	1.94	38.73	39.59
Natchitoches	97	69	82	81	0.13	0.33	28.90	37.37
Extreme/Average	98	68	82	80	0.94	1.81	33.72	37.99
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	99	(65)	83	82	1.25	1.94	34.74	40.75
Brusly	93	69	81	80	0.84	1.53	38.18	44.75
Bunkie	96	70	82	81	1.73	2.40	37.53	41.84
LSU-Alexandria	97	66	82	80	0.14	1.03	34.32	39.11
Extreme/Average	99	65	82	81	0.94	1.72	35.93	41.11
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	94	70	81	MM	1.64	2.06	24.81	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	70	82	80	0.37	2.23	38.64	43.69
LSU-Clinton	94	69	81	80	1.16	1.16	31.26	44.37
LSU-Hammond	94	70	81	81	1.44	2.38	36.40	46.09
Slidell	93	71	82	81	0.72	1.29	33.18	44.96
Extreme/Average	96	69	81	81	1.07	1.82	33.26	45.81
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	96	71	83	81	2.43	3.53	45.63	40.94
Jennings	95	73	82	81	2.59	5.94	43.72	40.40
LSU-Crowley	96	72	83	81	4.26	7.56	46.90	41.37
Extreme/Average	96	71	82	81	3.09	5.68	45.42	41.54
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	92	71	81	81	3.55	4.53	40.42	43.34
LSU-Jeanerette	93	72	82	80	1.62	2.53	40.62	43.82
Morgan City	90	73	82	81	1.93	5.59	34.32	45.79
Extreme/Average	93	71	81	81	2.37	4.22	38.45	44.29
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	92	72	81	81	1.81	3.79	34.62	47.25
Houma	93	71	82	82	3.54	6.72	40.98	45.78
Terrytown 3S	94	74	83	MM	3.16	3.33	44.82	MM.MM
Reserve	92	71	81	81	4.08	5.23	53.17	46.62
Extreme/Average	94	71	82	82	3.15	4.77	43.40	45.64
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	101	65	82	81	1.67	2.75	37.96	41.34

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 2, 2007

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