



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 3, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.7

Soil moisture supplies: 25% very short, 20% short, 53% adequate and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received last week, but did not relieve the dry conditions across the state. Producers were busy harvesting crops throughout the week. Cotton producers continued defoliating fields, as some producers began harvesting. Soybean producers continued treating fields for insects. Some rice producers were flooding and fertilizing fields in preparation for second crop. Sugarcane planting made little progress last week due to the dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were scouting for insects. Vegetable producers continued planting fall crops. Strawberry producers were busy preparing fields for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dry conditions were affecting cattlemen. Rain was needed to stimulate pasture growth. Second cutting of hay made good progress last week. Cattle producers were beginning to sell spring calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	96	91	83	79
Cotton	Bolls Opening	83	79	56	58
	Harvested	1	0	3	1
Hay	Second Cutting	93	89	94	91
Rice	Ripe	97	94	94	95
	Harvested	79	73	79	79
Sorghum	Turning Color	100	99	99	99
	Ripe	92	83	90	94
	Harvested	82	68	70	69
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	74	71	62	53
	Dropping Leaves	62	53	49	37
	Harvested	38	20	31	20
Sugarcane	Planted	41	33	49	55
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	10	9	11	11

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	4	13	35	42	6
Soybeans	4	14	34	43	5
Sugarcane	5	10	45	37	3
Livestock	2	14	43	38	3
Vegetables	19	21	43	17	0
Pasture	24	21	32	22	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/28/06 TO 09/03/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	96	61	80	80	0.03	1.24	25.88	34.94
Minden	96	61	79	80	0.30	1.28	30.83	37.42
Mooringsport	(97)	63	79	MM	0.98	1.38	29.06	31.08
Extreme/Average	97	61	79	80	0.44	1.30	28.59	35.66
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	92	61	78	80	0.01	3.44	31.99	38.14
Homer/Hill Farm	95	62	79	79	1.13	1.59	32.98	37.57
ULM-Monroe	94	60	78	80	0.02	4.24	33.99	39.61
Winnfield	93	61	78	79	0.27	1.01	33.73	40.75
Extreme/Average	95	60	78	80	0.36	2.57	33.17	38.80
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	95	66	79	80	0.05	4.94	30.39	40.79
LSU-St Joseph	94	59	78	80	0.48	3.15	35.46	39.56
LSU-Winnsboro	94	64	79	80	1.38	5.10	39.25	39.02
Tallulah	94	64	79	79	0.00	1.52	36.26	40.74
Extreme/Average	95	59	79	80	0.48	3.68	35.34	39.92
4. West-Central								
Leesville	95	(58)	78	79	0.97	2.90	30.62	38.81
LSU-Rosepine	95	61	79	80	0.69	4.81	38.19	39.73
Natchitoches	95	65	80	81	0.48	2.28	38.63	37.47
Extreme/Average	95	58	79	80	0.71	3.33	35.81	38.11
5. Central								
Alexandria	95	65	80	82	0.62	2.22	35.07	40.89
Brusly	92	64	79	80	0.08	5.84	31.57	44.92
Bunkie	95	64	80	80	0.29	4.21	32.56	41.98
LSU-Alexandria	96	62	78	80	0.03	2.83	31.09	39.25
Extreme/Average	96	62	79	81	0.26	3.78	32.57	41.25
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	95	67	81	80	0.00	4.71	29.16	46.09
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	65	80	80	0.00	4.86	28.32	43.86
LSU-Clinton	92	63	79	80	3.17	7.18	34.06	44.53
LSU-Hammond	95	64	80	80	0.11	3.81	25.69	46.27
Slidell	92	67	81	81	0.09	5.29	23.74	45.15
Extreme/Average	95	63	80	81	0.67	5.17	25.92	45.98
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	93	65	80	81	1.25	3.69	45.70	41.09
Jennings	93	65	79	81	0.29	6.97	35.55	40.59
LSU-Crowley	93	68	81	81	0.13	4.86	30.03	41.54
Extreme/Average	93	65	80	81	0.77	5.33	40.63	41.72
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	92	65	79	81	0.44	7.18	25.52	43.53
LSU-Jeanerette	93	66	79	80	1.26	4.64	36.26	44.03
Morgan City	92	70	80	80	0.76	5.48	23.86	46.03
Extreme/Average	93	65	79	81	0.82	5.77	28.55	44.49
9. Southeast								
Galliano	93	70	81	81	0.62	3.03	31.80	47.48
Houma	93	70	82	81	0.00	6.56	27.43	46.01
NO Audubon Park	95	74	84	82	0.17	6.95	28.81	45.78
Reserve	92	65	80	81	1.30	6.03	25.49	46.82
Extreme/Average	95	65	82	82	0.70	5.34	30.31	45.86
State								
State Averages	97	58	80	81	0.56	4.11	32.82	41.50

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 3, 2006

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