



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 4, 2005 Released September 6, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.0

Soil moisture supplies: 26% very short, 36% short, 35% adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

The majority of Louisiana was spared from hurricane Katrina. The central and northern portions of the state received little to no rain. Wind damage was the biggest concern for most producers. Producers were busy harvesting crops throughout the week. Harvesting of cotton began last week. Rice producers were flooding and fertilizing harvested fields, preparing for a second crop. Some sugarcane was slightly damaged due to lodging. Sugarcane producers continued planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were scouting for insects. Vegetable producers continued planting fall crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were busy cutting hay and marketing spring born calves. Cattlemen were also beginning preparations for winter pasture.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	85	70	91	84
Cotton	Open Bolls	60	35	46	67
	Harvested	3	0	1	3
Hay	Second Cutting	95	90	93	91
Rice	Ripe	95	91	96	96
	Harvested	82	63	86	81
Sorghum	Turning Color	99	97	100	99
	Ripe	91	85	98	96
	Harvested	71	63	85	74
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	63	57	61	58
	Dropping Leaves	50	45	50	39
	Harvested	33	20	34	19
Sugarcane	Planted	50	43	70	61
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	12	7	4	13

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	11	13	26	43	7
Cotton	1	12	23	51	13
Sorghum	1	10	31	48	10
Soybeans	2	16	30	44	8
Sugarcane	6	18	37	28	11
Sweet potatoes	1	5	19	74	1
Livestock	2	9	49	36	4
Vegetables	23	23	39	15	0
Pasture	11	37	38	10	4

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