



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 1.3

**Soil moisture supplies:** 31% adequate and 69% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Louisiana was hammered by Hurricane Gustav early in the week with most of the state receiving anywhere from 12-20 inches of rain. Producers were busy harvesting crops prior to the hurricane landfall. Powerful winds and heavy rain from the hurricane damaged crops across the state. Producers were busy assessing crop damage from the hurricane and the full extent of the damage is not yet known.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crop

Extensive rainfall and winds from the hurricane damaged most of the vegetables.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were busy assessing damage from the hurricane. Some pastures were flooded due to levees breaking. Hay and water were being supplied to areas where needed.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	73	69	90	91
Cotton	Bolls Opening	65	57	72	69
Hay	Second Cutting	89	88	96	96
Rice	Ripe	91	84	96	97
	Harvested	48	45	79	83
Sorghum	Mature	100	99	99	97
	Harvested	74	68	90	85
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	61	53	84	70
	Dropping Leaves	52	39	68	55
	Harvested	19	15	28	33
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	14	13	13	14
Sugarcane	Planted	36	35	68	64

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	22	24	34	20	0
Rice	6	22	39	27	6
Soybeans	20	22	33	25	0
Sugarcane	18	24	40	18	0
Livestock	4	11	47	35	3
Vegetables	19	20	47	14	0
Pasture	6	17	41	34	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/01/08 TO 09/07/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			AIR NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
	<b>1. Northwest</b>							
LSU-Bossier City	91	59	75	79	2.05	5.60	39.07	35.39
Minden	89	58	74	79	3.50	7.84	35.03	38.01
Mooringsport	91	61	74	MM	2.28	6.89	34.29	31.62
Extreme/Average	91	58	74	79	2.61	6.78	36.13	36.17
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	91	61	75	80	8.77	18.06	41.29	38.67
Homer/Hill Farm	89	(55)	73	78	4.22	7.74	32.08	38.19
ULM-Monroe	93	64	76	80	10.30	20.36	39.52	40.14
Colmubia Lock	91	64	76	MM	9.36	15.62	41.01	41.93
Extreme/Average	93	55	75	79	8.16	15.45	38.48	39.37
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	90	66	75	79	11.47	19.05	50.31	41.24
LSU-St Joseph	93	66	77	80	10.29	24.52	51.23	40.06
LSU-Winnsboro	93	66	77	79	9.34	14.63	42.23	39.47
Tallulah	90	66	75	79	7.70	14.01	45.81	41.24
Extreme/Average	93	66	76	79	9.70	18.05	49.12	40.42
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	92	59	76	79	4.67	8.01	33.02	39.51
LSU-Rosepine	90	63	75	79	3.75	7.09	34.12	40.43
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	80	M.MM	4.58	32.05	37.97
Extreme/Average	92	59	76	79	4.21	7.55	33.57	38.71
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	(94)	68	78	81	14.09	16.81	45.08	41.55
Brusly	94	70	80	79	11.22	16.10	49.89	45.72
Bunkie	90	67	78	80	14.06	19.70	48.95	42.68
LSU-Alexandria	93	66	78	80	18.19	20.67	48.71	40.00
Extreme/Average	94	66	78	80	14.39	18.32	48.16	41.95
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	MM	MM	MM	MM	M.MM	4.46	34.70	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	89	70	79	80	7.87	12.80	45.83	44.71
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	79	M.MM	MM.MM	32.77	45.31
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	80	M.MM	6.14	44.73	47.14
Slidell	88	70	79	80	7.17	13.22	51.56	46.10
Extreme/Average	89	70	79	80	7.52	13.01	48.70	46.83
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	91	63	76	80	3.20	7.99	40.69	41.84
Jennings	93	65	79	80	5.35	7.79	42.55	41.57
LSU-Crowley	91	67	79	80	6.18	10.08	42.38	42.39
Extreme/Average	93	63	78	81	4.91	8.62	41.87	42.66
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	MM	MM	MM	80	1.13	6.34	36.42	44.49
LSU-Jeanerette	90	66	78	80	9.94	17.25	47.93	45.05
Morgan City	MM	MM	MM	80	M.MM	5.91	33.01	47.23
Extreme/Average	90	66	78	81	9.94	17.25	47.93	45.49
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	6.99	45.95	48.63
Houma	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	6.30	38.76	47.16
Terrytown 3S	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.56	9.98	58.83	MM.MM
Reserve	89	65	79	80	4.41	14.15	48.19	47.82
Extreme/Average	89	65	79	81	4.41	14.15	48.19	46.97
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	94	55	77	80	7.60	13.44	43.92	42.26

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 7, 2008

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