



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 10, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.8

Soil moisture supplies: 20% very short, 37% short, 41% adequate and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana experienced cooler and dryer conditions last week. Corn harvest edged closer to completion. Cotton producers continued defoliating fields, and producers continued harvesting. Soybean producers continued spraying insecticides for armyworms and caterpillars. Rice harvest continued to move along with reports of good yields; some producers were flooding and fertilizing fields in preparation for the ratoon crop. Sugarcane planting made good progress last week due to the dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were checking groves for insects. Vegetable producers continued planting cole crops and disking to control weeds in eggplant and cabbage fields. Strawberry producers were busy preparing fields for planting. Crawfish farmers were planting rice in ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cooler nights and days along with lower humidity helped livestock conditions. Second cutting of hay was near completion. Pasture and hay growth was delayed due to lack of moisture. Cattle producers were beginning to sell spring calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	99	96	96	90
Cotton	Bolls Opening	92	83	86	74
	Harvested	13	1	13	5
Hay	Second Cutting	96	93	98	94
Rice	Ripe	99	97	98	98
	Harvested	87	79	84	85
Sorghum	Ripe	96	92	99	98
	Harvested	92	82	83	81
Soybeans	Turning Color	86	74	77	64
	Dropping Leaves	77	62	61	47
	Harvested	59	38	42	27
Sugarcane	Planted	60	41	64	69
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	20	10	15	16

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	2	9	31	52	6
Soybeans	5	18	31	40	6
Sugarcane	2	14	41	38	5
Livestock	0	10	49	38	3
Vegetables	20	18	48	14	0
Pasture	16	19	43	21	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/04/06 TO 09/10/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	92	60	76	78	0.00	0.89	25.88	35.58
Minden	(95)	60	76	78	0.42	1.70	31.25	38.25
Mooringsport	93	60	76	MM	0.00	1.38	29.06	31.84
Extreme/Average	95	60	76	79	0.14	1.32	28.73	36.39
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	93	58	75	79	0.00	3.44	31.99	38.89
Homer/Hill Farm	89	59	75	77	0.00	1.59	32.98	38.45
ULM-Monroe	92	58	76	79	0.00	4.22	33.99	40.36
Winnfield	93	59	76	78	0.00	1.01	33.73	41.56
Extreme/Average	93	58	76	78	0.00	2.57	33.17	39.61
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	93	62	76	78	0.00	4.71	30.39	41.42
LSU-St Joseph	92	62	76	79	0.00	1.22	35.46	40.26
LSU-Winnsboro	91	59	76	79	0.03	4.44	39.28	39.65
Tallulah	91	63	77	78	0.00	0.21	36.26	41.44
Extreme/Average	93	59	76	79	0.01	2.65	35.35	40.62
4. West-Central								
Leesville	93	59	76	78	0.00	1.96	30.62	39.79
LSU-Rosepine	92	60	77	79	0.01	4.21	38.20	40.73
Natchitoches	92	58	77	80	0.11	1.59	38.74	38.17
Extreme/Average	93	58	76	79	0.04	2.59	35.85	38.95
5. Central								
Alexandria	93	65	79	80	0.00	2.22	35.07	41.81
Brusly	90	63	77	79	0.00	2.57	31.57	46.03
Bunkie	91	63	78	79	0.00	3.20	32.56	42.96
LSU-Alexandria	92	(56)	77	79	0.00	2.78	31.09	40.30
Extreme/Average	93	56	78	80	0.00	2.69	32.57	42.24
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	92	68	80	79	0.00	1.21	29.16	47.28
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	64	79	80	0.00	2.38	28.32	45.03
LSU-Clinton	89	63	76	79	0.00	4.86	34.06	45.61
LSU-Hammond	93	66	79	79	0.00	2.70	25.71	47.47
Slidell	91	68	80	80	0.00	3.26	23.74	46.48
Extreme/Average	94	63	79	80	0.00	2.39	25.92	47.17
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	91	66	79	80	0.25	3.79	45.95	42.16
Jennings	91	66	78	80	0.90	7.30	36.45	41.97
LSU-Crowley	92	66	79	80	0.69	5.01	30.72	42.73
Extreme/Average	92	66	78	80	0.61	5.37	37.71	43.04
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	90	67	79	80	0.02	3.38	25.54	44.88
LSU-Jeanerette	90	65	77	79	0.00	4.42	36.26	45.45
Morgan City	92	71	81	80	0.20	3.17	24.06	47.71
Extreme/Average	92	65	80	80	0.11	3.28	24.80	45.89
9. Southeast								
Galliano	91	70	80	80	1.20	3.51	33.00	49.09
Houma	93	72	81	81	0.00	4.62	27.43	47.62
NO Audubon Park	92	73	82	82	0.47	5.57	29.28	47.33
Reserve	91	67	79	80	0.31	3.42	25.80	48.24
Extreme/Average	93	67	81	81	0.66	4.17	31.14	47.41
State								
State Averages	95	56	78	80	0.20	3.17	32.22	42.58

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 10, 2006

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