



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 11, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9

Soil moisture supplies: 49% very short, 31% short and 20% adequate

Field Crops Report

Louisiana continued experiencing very dry conditions last week. Corn harvest edged closer to completion. Rice harvesting continued, with reports of excellent yields, and second crop was progressing well with the warm temperatures. Soybean producers were harvesting and spraying fields for stinkbugs and worms. Sugarcane producers continued applying ripeners to fields as harvest will begin in the next couple of weeks. Planting of sugarcane was slow last week due to the dry conditions. Harvesting of sweet potatoes was also slow due the dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers continued scouting trees for insects and preparing for harvest. Vegetable producers were working fall crops. Crawfish producers began flooding ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pastures and hay growth continued to be hindered due to the dry conditions. Second cutting of hay was near completion. Preparations for planting ryegrass were being made. Cattlemen were busy marketing spring calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	98	85	97	92
Cotton	Open Bolls	90	60	58	77
	Harvested	15	3	2	6
Hay	Second Cutting	98	95	95	94
Rice	Ripe	98	95	99	98
	Harvested	84	82	92	87
Sorghum	Turning Color	100	99	100	100
	Ripe	100	91	100	98
	Harvested	85	71	95	83
Soybeans	Turning Color	79	63	69	68
	Dropping Leaves	63	50	58	50
	Harvested	43	33	40	26
Sugarcane	Planted	66	50	90	76
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	15	12	8	18

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	2	14	27	50	7
Soybeans	3	13	36	45	3
Sugarcane	7	20	38	29	6
Sweet potatoes	4	11	34	50	1
Livestock	2	11	42	43	2
Vegetables	14	17	52	17	0
Pasture	9	29	48	12	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/05/05 TO 09/11/05**

	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	95	61	78	78	0.00	0.61	24.96	35.68				
Minden	94	62	78	78	0.00	1.61	24.34	38.38				
Mooringsport	93	62	78	MM	0.00	1.25	21.06	31.95				
Extreme/Average	95	61	78	78	0.00	1.16	23.01	36.50				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	95	58	77	79	0.00	1.85	30.56	39.00				
Homer/Hill Farm	91	62	76	77	0.00	1.40	31.58	38.58				
ULM-Monroe	95	(57)	77	79	0.00	1.71	26.44	40.47				
Winnfield	94	60	77	78	0.03	4.80	33.60	41.68				
Extreme/Average	95	57	77	78	0.01	3.33	32.08	39.73				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	90	64	78	78	0.00	3.26	30.42	41.51				
LSU-St Joseph	94	59	77	79	0.00	2.76	29.10	40.36	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	94	60	78	78	0.00	2.20	32.01	39.74				
Tallulah	MM	MM	MM	78	0.00	1.52	33.88	41.54				
Extreme/Average	94	59	78	79	0.00	3.26	30.42	40.72	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	MM	MM	MM	78	0.00	2.69	31.24	39.93				
LSU-Rosepine	(97)	61	80	79	0.00	2.62	30.22	40.88	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	79	0.00	1.07	22.98	38.27				
Extreme/Average	97	61	80	79	0.00	2.66	MM.MM	39.07	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	95	63	80	80	0.00	2.08	24.82	41.94				
Brusly	92	64	78	79	0.00	6.92	36.30	46.18				
Bunkie	93	64	79	79	0.00	2.84	36.17	43.10				
LSU-Alexandria	95	57	77	79	0.00	0.62	26.06	40.45	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	95	57	79	79	0.00	3.12	30.84	42.39	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	MM	MM	MM	79	0.00	1.50	34.49	47.45				
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	64	80	79	0.00	4.63	30.90	45.19				
LSU-Clinton	91	65	78	78	0.00	5.08	35.03	45.76				
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	79	0.00	0.60	34.50	47.63	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	MM	MM	MM	80	0.00	2.68	58.25	46.67				
Extreme/Average	94	64	79	79	0.00	4.63	30.90	47.34	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	95	65	80	79	0.00	2.70	31.07	42.32				
Jennings	93	66	80	80	0.00	2.29	32.17	42.17	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	93	67	80	80	0.00	2.42	34.94	42.90	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	95	65	80	80	0.00	2.47	33.56	43.23	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	91	64	80	80	0.00	4.96	36.70	45.07				
LSU-Jeanerette	90	67	78	79	0.56	5.15	36.36	45.65				
Morgan City	MM	MM	MM	80	0.00	0.90	33.18	47.95				
Extreme/Average	91	64	79	80	0.19	5.06	36.53	46.09				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	MM	MM	MM	80	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM				
Houma	MM	MM	MM	81	0.00	7.61	54.04	47.85	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	M.MM	M.MMM	MM.MM				
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	80	0.00	0.54	39.18	48.45				
Extreme/Average	MM	MM	MM	81	0.00	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	97	57	79	79	0.01	3.16	31.24	42.33	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 11, 2005

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