



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 17, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.1

**Soil moisture supplies:** 30% very short, 29% short, 36% adequate and 5% surplus

**Field Crops Report**

Scattered showers and cooler temperatures were received last week. Corn harvesting was completed. Cotton producers continued defoliating fields, and producers continued harvesting. Harvesting of sorghum edged closer to completion. Soybean producers were harvesting and continued spraying insecticides. Rice farmers were preparing for the second crop. Sugarcane planting made good progress, and producers were preparing for harvest season.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**

Citrus producers were scouting and spraying for insects. Vegetable producers continued preparing land, spraying insecticides, and spraying fungicides to control disease problems. Crawfish farmers were planting rice and flooding ponds.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**

Cooler nights and days along with lower humidity helped livestock and pasture conditions. Second cutting of hay was slow due to rain. Calf prices were reported as good for those producers who had calves to sell; many producers had smaller calf crops than normal due to last year's hurricanes.

<b>PERCENT OF PROGRESS</b>					
<b>CROP</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
<b>Corn</b>	Harvested	100	99	100	98
<b>Cotton</b>	Bolls Opening	98	92	96	86
	Harvested	35	13	19	11
<b>Hay</b>	Second Cutting	97	96	99	96
<b>Rice</b>	Ripe	100	99	99	99
	Harvested	94	87	87	90
<b>Sorghum</b>	Ripe	100	96	100	100
	Harvested	99	92	97	91
<b>Soybeans</b>	Turning Color	91	86	91	78
	Dropping Leaves	83	77	75	62
	Harvested	69	59	59	37
<b>Sugarcane</b>	Planted	75	60	84	85
<b>Sweet Potatoes</b>	Harvested	27	20	24	25

<b>CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES</b>					
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>VERY POOR</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>Cotton</b>	3	10	32	51	4
<b>Sugarcane</b>	2	11	36	38	13
<b>Livestock</b>	0	11	45	40	4
<b>Vegetables</b>	21	22	42	14	1
<b>Pasture</b>	24	20	35	19	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/11/06 TO 09/17/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	97	54	78	77	0.13	1.02	26.01	36.28
Minden	96	55	77	76	0.31	1.38	31.56	39.16
Mooringsport	95	54	77	MM	0.04	1.42	29.17	32.62
Extreme/Average	97	54	77	77	0.16	1.27	28.91	37.16
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	94	(52)	75	77	0.43	3.87	32.42	39.66
Homer/Hill Farm	(98)	59	78	75	1.37	2.75	34.35	39.41
ULM-Monroe	98	52	77	77	0.01	4.22	34.00	41.16
Winnfield	95	56	77	77	0.86	1.87	34.59	42.40
Extreme/Average	98	52	77	77	0.67	3.18	33.84	40.45
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	92	61	77	77	0.40	4.69	30.79	42.08
LSU-St Joseph	95	52	77	78	0.00	1.22	35.46	41.00
LSU-Winnsboro	95	55	78	77	0.19	4.63	38.96	40.31
Tallulah	93	57	77	76	0.80	0.98	37.06	42.17
Extreme/Average	95	52	77	77	0.35	2.88	35.57	41.32
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	95	57	79	77	0.95	2.83	31.57	40.82
LSU-Rosepine	94	62	78	77	0.78	4.95	38.98	41.78
Natchitoches	93	61	78	78	0.69	1.37	37.86	38.87
Extreme/Average	95	57	78	77	0.81	3.05	36.14	39.79
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	95	65	81	79	0.45	2.44	35.52	42.72
Brusly	92	65	79	77	0.93	2.83	32.50	47.07
Bunkie	95	63	77	78	0.48	3.22	33.04	43.96
LSU-Alexandria	92	57	78	77	0.04	2.66	31.13	41.38
Extreme/Average	95	57	79	78	0.48	2.79	33.05	43.29
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	90	64	78	78	2.82	4.01	31.98	48.42
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	66	80	78	1.88	4.15	30.20	46.11
LSU-Clinton	90	62	77	77	0.43	5.22	34.49	46.66
LSU-Hammond	91	63	79	78	0.18	2.76	25.89	48.56
Slidell	90	67	80	79	1.95	4.66	25.69	47.76
Extreme/Average	91	62	78	78	1.73	4.63	25.69	48.33
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	93	66	80	78	0.45	3.99	46.40	43.28
Jennings	90	68	79	79	0.80	5.92	37.25	43.41
LSU-Crowley	90	67	79	79	1.70	6.25	32.54	43.92
Extreme/Average	93	66	80	79	0.98	5.39	38.73	44.37
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	92	69	80	79	2.67	4.55	28.21	46.21
LSU-Jeanerette	90	67	79	78	2.08	6.33	38.53	46.82
Morgan City	90	68	81	79	3.03	5.42	27.09	49.31
Extreme/Average	92	67	80	79	2.59	5.43	31.28	47.26
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	88	72	81	79	1.98	5.38	34.98	50.66
Houma	89	72	81	80	2.73	6.79	30.40	49.19
NO Audubon Park	91	74	83	80	2.80	7.41	32.08	48.85
Reserve	90	70	80	79	2.55	5.71	28.35	49.65
Extreme/Average	91	70	82	80	2.39	6.40	33.53	48.94
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	98	52	79	78	1.10	3.99	33.34	43.67

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 17, 2006

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