



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 18, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9

Soil moisture supplies: 59% very short, 33% short and 8% adequate

Field Crops Report

Most of the state has not received a significant amount of rain for several weeks. As of last week, we were about 12 inches below the state average. Producers were still burdened with the dry weather and crop conditions continued to decline. Corn harvesting was completed. Harvesting of sorghum edged closer to completion. Soybean producers were harvesting and treating fields for stinkbugs in several areas of the state. Sugarcane planting continued to be difficult due to dry conditions. Sugarcane producers were preparing for harvest season. Some wheat producers were preparing land for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were scouting trees as fruit dropping was heavy due to dry conditions. Vegetable producers were planting and working fall crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were wrapping up second cutting of hay. Pasture conditions continued to decline as growth was slow because of the dry weather. Cattlemen were cleaning out fence rows and making repairs.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	100	98	100	98
Cotton	Open Bolls	97	90	78	87
	Harvested	20	15	5	16
Hay	Second Cutting	99	98	97	96
Rice	Ripe	99	98	100	100
	Harvested	88	84	96	91
Sorghum	Harvested	99	85	99	91
Soybeans	Turning Color	93	79	77	80
	Dropping Leaves	77	63	65	63
	Harvested	62	43	46	34
Sugarcane	Planted	87	66	95	88
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	26	15	14	27

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	6	17	37	35	5
Soybeans	7	14	41	35	3
Sugarcane	15	17	35	27	6
Sweet potatoes	5	8	36	51	0
Livestock	9	14	44	31	2
Vegetables	25	24	43	8	0
Pasture	27	40	26	6	1

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	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	99	64	84	76	0.08	0.47	25.04	36.38				
Minden	97	66	82	76	0.60	1.79	25.29	39.29				
Mooringsport	99	68	82	MM	0.90	3.01	23.56	32.74				
Extreme/Average	99	64	83	76	0.53	1.76	24.30	37.28				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	97	61	82	77	0.04	1.56	30.60	39.77				
Homer/Hill Farm	97	66	82	75	0.42	1.82	32.00	39.55				
ULM-Monroe	100	62	83	77	0.01	0.13	26.67	41.28				
Winnfield	98	64	83	76	0.09	4.21	33.69	42.52				
Extreme/Average	100	61	83	76	0.14	1.93	30.74	40.58				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	95	66	81	76	0.10	3.35	30.52	42.18				
LSU-St Joseph	98	59	82	77	0.16	1.61	29.26	41.11	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	99	61	83	77	0.21	1.20	32.22	40.41				
Tallulah	95	61	80	76	0.02	1.27	33.90	42.28				
Extreme/Average	99	59	81	77	0.12	1.86	31.48	41.42	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	100	64	84	77	0.08	1.90	31.32	40.96				
LSU-Rosepine	(101)	65	84	77	0.00	1.28	30.22	41.93	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	97	66	82	77	0.69	1.46	26.68	38.97				
Extreme/Average	101	64	83	77	0.26	1.55	26.68	39.91	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	98	67	83	79	0.04	1.84	24.86	42.85				
Brusly	94	64	81	77	0.09	6.35	36.39	47.21				
Bunkie	98	64	82	78	0.45	1.25	36.67	44.10				
LSU-Alexandria	99	(58)	81	77	0.18	0.54	26.24	41.53	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	99	58	82	78	0.19	2.50	31.04	43.44	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	96	65	82	78	0.00	1.22	34.49	48.58				
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	64	82	78	0.48	5.03	31.38	46.26				
LSU-Clinton	95	63	80	77	0.20	4.57	35.23	46.81				
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	78	0.00	0.46	34.50	48.71	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	MM	MM	MM	78	0.00	1.79	58.25	47.93				
Extreme/Average	96	63	81	78	0.23	4.80	33.31	48.49	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	98	68	84	78	0.03	1.06	31.11	43.44				
Jennings	93	68	81	78	0.75	2.80	32.93	43.61	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	95	62	79	78	0.10	2.27	35.12	44.09	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	98	62	83	79	0.39	1.93	32.93	44.56	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	93	65	81	78	0.01	3.50	36.71	46.40				
LSU-Jeanerette	91	66	80	78	1.15	5.00	38.34	47.01				
Morgan City	MM	MM	MM	79	0.00	3.00	35.84	49.53				
Extreme/Average	93	65	80	79	0.58	4.25	37.53	47.45				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	92	66	81	79	0.00	0.15	55.01	50.87				
Houma	MM	MM	MM	79	0.00	6.35	54.04	49.40	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	80	M.MM	0.09	52.03	49.06				
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	79	0.50	0.64	39.68	49.85				
Extreme/Average	92	66	81	80	0.17	M.MM	MM.MM	49.15	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	101	58	82	78	0.27	2.51	31.15	43.05	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 18, 2005

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