



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6

Soil moisture supplies: 6% very short, 23% short, 64% adequate and 7% surplus

Field Crops Report

Much of the state experienced dry conditions last week. Sweet potato producers were harvesting. Soybean producers were scouting their fields for stinkbugs. Some soybean growers were spraying defoliant, while many others were already busy harvesting. Some soybean producers who have harvested reported above normal disease and insect damage, but yields were still in the 40-50 bushels per acre range in many areas. Corn and rice harvests were nearing completion. Cotton producers were harvesting, but the harvest was well behind the 5-year average. Sugarcane producers were getting their equipment ready for harvest.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued working fall crops. Crawfish producers were flooding their ponds for the new crawfish season.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Drier weather conditions allowed the second cutting of hay to near completion. Livestock conditions remained good.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	98	95	100	100
Cotton	Bolls Opening	91	86	99	93
	Harvested	7	2	39	24
Hay	Second Cutting	99	98	98	97
Rice	Ripe	100	99	100	100
	Harvested	97	91	96	94
Sorghum	Harvested	94	92	100	96
Soybeans	Turning Color	93	90	94	84
	Dropping Leaves	86	78	86	70
	Harvested	50	37	72	51
Sugarcane	Planted	90	74	87	92
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	20	16	34	32

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	0	8	32	56	4
Soybeans	1	7	30	56	6
Sugarcane	0	3	35	42	20
Livestock	0	3	27	63	7
Vegetables	6	28	44	21	1
Pasture	2	11	41	41	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/17/07 TO 09/23/07

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City (93)	58	76	75	75	0.00	1.14	36.69	36.92
Minden	91	59	75	74	0.15	1.68	44.07	39.94
Mooringsport	91	58	76	MM	0.00	1.47	41.51	33.34
Extreme/Average	93	58	76	75	0.05	1.43	40.76	37.88
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	90	56	74	75	0.07	2.69	34.62	40.36
Homer/Hill Farm	90	60	77	74	0.03	2.60	37.17	40.25
ULM-Monroe	91	59	76	75	0.12	1.75	29.89	41.88
Colmubia Lock	89	57	74	MM	0.02	4.14	35.00	43.53
Extreme/Average	91	56	75	75	0.06	2.80	34.17	41.23
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	88	57	74	75	0.18	5.04	35.02	42.69
LSU-St Joseph	91	59	77	76	0.66	5.26	40.90	41.62
LSU-Winnsboro	91	59	75	75	0.22	5.24	42.17	40.91
Tallulah	90	58	75	75	0.15	4.91	31.05	42.83
Extreme/Average	91	57	75	75	0.30	5.11	39.36	41.93
4. West-Central								
Leesville	91	56	75	75	0.00	3.91	36.28	41.66
LSU-Rosepine	89	60	74	76	0.03	6.24	43.61	42.68
Natchitoches	90	55	74	76	0.00	1.51	30.08	39.48
Extreme/Average	91	55	74	75	0.01	3.89	36.66	40.56
5. Central								
Alexandria	91	(53)	76	77	0.00	5.66	39.15	43.50
Brusly	89	58	75	76	0.02	7.26	44.60	47.91
Bunkie	90	60	76	76	0.05	4.52	40.52	44.80
LSU-Alexandria	93	57	76	76	0.03	7.14	41.94	42.28
Extreme/Average	93	53	76	77	0.03	6.15	42.35	44.18
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	88	62	76	MM	0.00	2.51	26.82	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	90	59	77	77	0.43	4.07	42.34	46.97
LSU-Clinton	89	59	75	76	0.00	3.92	34.02	47.52
LSU-Hammond	89	59	76	76	0.00	3.74	37.89	49.41
Slidell	89	61	76	77	0.00	3.33	35.79	48.75
Extreme/Average	90	59	76	77	0.11	3.77	38.67	49.26
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	90	62	77	77	0.00	10.97	54.17	44.24
Jennings	91	63	77	77	0.00	9.48	50.61	44.60
LSU-Crowley	90	63	78	77	0.17	8.24	51.00	44.89
Extreme/Average	91	62	77	77	0.06	9.56	51.93	45.47
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	64	76	77	0.00	5.61	42.48	47.31
LSU-Jeanerette	89	63	76	77	0.00	7.87	48.26	47.92
Morgan City	89	66	79	78	0.00	4.15	38.02	50.56
Extreme/Average	89	63	77	78	0.00	5.88	42.92	48.37
9. Southeast								
Galliano	88	64	78	78	0.00	5.15	37.96	51.89
Houma	92	60	78	78	0.00	5.29	42.73	50.41
Terrytown 3S	90	66	80	MM	0.00	5.30	46.96	MM.MM
Reserve	89	64	78	77	0.00	9.13	58.22	50.79
Extreme/Average	92	60	78	79	0.00	6.22	46.47	50.15
State								
State Averages	93	53	76	76	0.07	5.34	42.13	44.59

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 23, 2007

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