



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 24, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.9

**Soil moisture supplies:** 17% very short, 23% short, 57% adequate and 3% surplus

**Field Crops Report**

Scattered showers and cooler temperatures were received across the state last week, which helped ease dry conditions. Rains halted cotton harvest but producers reported fair to good yields with marketable quality. Harvesting of sorghum was completed. Soybean producers continued to harvest when weather permitted. Rice harvesting edged closer to completion. Sugarcane planting made good progress with reports of lodging due to the recent rains, and producers were preparing to harvest this year's crop in the upcoming weeks.

**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.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**

Showers and cooler conditions improved pasture and livestock conditions. Second cutting of hay edged near completion. Cattlemen were preparing fields for ryegrass planting.

<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>Cotton</b>	Bolls Opening	99	98	98	93
	Harvested	40	35	36	23
<b>Hay</b>	Second Cutting	98	97	99	97
<b>Rice</b>	Harvested	96	94	91	93
<b>Sorghum</b>	Harvested	100	99	99	96
<b>Soybeans</b>	Turning Color	94	91	96	84
	Dropping Leaves	87	83	82	69
	Harvested	73	69	71	46
<b>Sugarcane</b>	Planted	89	75	90	92
<b>Sweet Potatoes</b>	Harvested	35	27	31	33

<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>	5	15	34	44	2
<b>Sugarcane</b>	2	11	31	40	16
<b>Livestock</b>	0	9	49	39	3
<b>Vegetables</b>	18	24	41	17	0
<b>Pasture</b>	18	18	39	23	2



**LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/18/06 TO 09/24/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
	<b>1. Northwest</b>							
LSU-Bossier City	96	53	73	75	2.03	2.19	28.04	37.03
Minden	95	54	75	74	3.48	4.51	35.04	40.07
Mooringsport	94	54	76	MM	3.09	4.11	32.26	33.46
Extreme/Average	96	53	76	75	3.29	4.31	33.65	38.00
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	96	49	73	75	1.93	2.37	34.35	40.48
Homer/Hill Farm	96	52	75	73	2.52	4.05	35.90	40.39
ULM-Monroe	(99)	(48)	74	75	2.12	2.15	36.12	42.00
Winnfield	94	50	73	75	0.86	1.99	35.45	43.24
Extreme/Average	99	48	74	74	1.86	2.64	35.46	41.36
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	94	54	74	75	1.54	1.99	32.33	42.80
LSU-St Joseph	95	50	76	75	1.25	1.73	36.71	41.72
LSU-Winnsboro	94	51	75	75	1.08	2.68	40.04	41.01
Tallulah	92	53	74	74	1.20	2.00	38.26	42.94
Extreme/Average	95	50	75	75	1.27	2.10	36.84	42.04
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	96	50	75	75	4.35	6.27	35.92	41.80
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	76	2.16	3.64	41.14	42.83
Natchitoches	96	50	75	76	1.71	2.99	39.57	39.59
Extreme/Average	96	50	75	75	3.03	4.63	37.75	40.69
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	93	58	76	77	1.74	2.81	37.26	43.63
Brusly	91	55	75	76	0.99	2.00	33.49	48.05
Bunkie	92	56	75	76	2.98	3.75	36.02	44.94
LSU-Alexandria	96	54	74	76	2.20	2.27	33.33	42.43
Extreme/Average	96	54	75	76	1.98	2.71	35.03	44.32
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	93	54	77	76	1.84	4.66	31.13	49.50
LSU-Baton Rouge	92	55	78	77	1.77	3.65	31.97	47.11
LSU-Clinton	90	54	75	75	0.71	4.31	34.51	47.66
LSU-Hammond	93	53	76	76	0.74	1.03	26.63	49.54
Slidell	91	57	77	77	0.12	2.16	29.03	48.90
Extreme/Average	93	53	76	76	1.27	3.00	29.30	49.41
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	94	57	76	76	4.40	6.35	50.80	44.39
Jennings	90	60	77	77	1.44	3.43	38.69	44.79
LSU-Crowley	91	60	77	77	1.10	3.05	32.95	45.05
Extreme/Average	94	57	77	77	2.31	4.28	40.81	45.65
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	90	60	77	77	0.83	3.96	29.04	47.48
LSU-Jeanerette	90	59	77	76	1.35	4.88	39.88	48.09
Morgan City	89	65	79	77	1.66	5.65	28.75	50.75
Extreme/Average	90	59	78	77	1.28	4.83	32.56	48.54
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	89	61	79	78	0.41	4.21	35.39	52.08
Houma	89	64	80	78	1.60	3.14	30.57	50.60
NO Audubon Park	95	66	83	79	0.41	3.85	32.49	50.21
Reserve	90	60	77	77	0.78	3.64	24.89	50.97
Extreme/Average	95	60	81	78	0.81	3.73	32.82	50.34
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	99	48	76	76	1.87	3.49	35.20	44.74

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 24, 2006

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