



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 25, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.4

**Soil moisture supplies:** 43% adequate and 57% surplus

#### Field Crops Report

Rain last weekend delayed field activities until later in the week. Cotton producers were busy harvesting cotton before the hurricane hit.

Although Hurricane Rita wreaked much havoc for most of Louisiana, the full extent of the damage is not yet known, and the crop conditions in this report may not reflect their full extent. Crop damage is being assessed, and the first quantitative evaluations of loss will be reflected in the October 12, 2005, Crop Production Report. Heavy rains and powerful winds were reported across the state. Rainfall from Hurricane Rita ranged from 5 to 15 inches throughout Louisiana.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued planting fall crops. Strawberry producers were preparing for planting. Citrus producers were checking crops for ripeness.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were feeding hay last week in some of the dry areas of the state. Rain received from Hurricane Rita was needed to replenish dry pastures.

<b>PERCENT OF PROGRESS</b>					
<b>CROP</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
<b>Cotton</b>	Open Bolls	98	97	87	93
	Harvested	39	20	9	29
<b>Hay</b>	Second Cutting	99	99	99	97
<b>Rice</b>	Ripe	99	99	100	100
	Harvested	92	88	99	95
<b>Sorghum</b>	Harvested	99	99	100	96
<b>Soybeans</b>	Turning Color	96	93	87	85
	Dropping Leaves	83	77	75	71
	Harvested	73	62	54	44
<b>Sugarcane</b>	Planted	90	87	97	95
<b>Sweet potatoes</b>	Harvested	32	26	18	35

<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>	10	23	47	18	2
<b>Sugarcane</b>	15	17	44	24	0
<b>Sweet potatoes</b>	7	10	50	33	0
<b>Livestock</b>	6	22	47	25	0
<b>Vegetables</b>	31	17	49	3	0
<b>Pasture</b>	25	51	19	5	0

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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	
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City (104)	70	85	74		5.96	6.04	31.00	37.14				
Minden	102	71	85	74	4.45	5.05	29.74	40.20				
Mooringsport	100	72	84	MM	5.89	7.21	29.45	33.58				
Extreme/Average	104	70	85	74	5.43	6.10	30.23	38.12				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	103	68	84	74	2.62	2.66	33.22	40.60				
Homer/Hill Farm	99	70	83	73	4.15	4.57	36.15	40.53				
ULM-Monroe	104	66	84	74	3.11	3.14	29.78	42.12				
Winnfield	100	60	82	74	4.17	4.29	37.86	43.36				
Extreme/Average	104	60	83	74	3.51	3.67	34.25	41.49				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	100	73	84	74	5.22	7.72	35.74	42.91				
LSU-St Joseph	101	(58)	81	75	6.76	8.32	36.02	41.82	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	102	64	83	74	5.98	6.53	38.20	41.11				
Tallulah	MM	MM	MM	74	0.00	0.71	33.90	43.05				
Extreme/Average	102	58	82	75	5.99	8.02	35.88	42.15	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	MM	MM	MM	74	0.00	0.08	31.32	41.94				
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	0.32	30.22	42.98	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	0.69	26.68	39.70				
Extreme/Average	MM	MM	MM	75	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	40.82	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	101	72	86	77	0.00	0.04	24.86	43.77				
Brusly	96	68	81	75	7.32	11.86	43.71	48.19				
Bunkie	100	71	83	76	16.00	16.50	52.67	45.08				
LSU-Alexandria	101	65	81	75	7.98	8.16	34.22	42.58	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	101	65	82	76	10.43	12.17	43.53	44.46	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	97	72	84	76	1.19	1.19	35.68	49.64				
LSU-Baton Rouge	97	68	82	76	7.58	11.07	38.96	47.24				
LSU-Clinton	96	71	82	75	5.35	9.05	40.58	47.80				
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	76	M.MM	0.00	34.50	49.67	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	96	MM	MM	77	0.71	0.71	58.96	49.05				
Extreme/Average	97	68	82	76	7.58	11.07	38.96	49.55	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	101	70	86	76	0.00	0.03	31.11	44.54				
Jennings	98	70	84	77	9.39	10.14	42.32	44.98	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	MM	MM	MM	77	0.00	1.78	35.23	45.21	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	101	70	MM	77	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	45.82	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	95	71	82	77	4.71	7.23	41.42	47.65				
LSU-Jeanerette	MM	MM	MM	76	9.21	13.40	47.55	48.26				
Morgan City	95	74	84	77	0.40	3.06	36.24	50.94				
Extreme/Average	95	71	82	77	4.71	7.23	41.42	48.71				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	94	72	84	77	0.00	0.00	55.01	52.27				
Houma	96	72	83	78	4.47	9.91	58.51	50.78	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	79	2.29	2.29	54.32	50.38				
Reserve	97	74	84	77	4.76	5.26	44.44	51.14				
Extreme/Average	97	72	84	78	4.62	M.MM	MM.MM	50.52	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	104	58	83	76	6.33	8.38	37.90	44.05	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 25, 2005

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