



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 1, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 11% very short, 32% short, 55% adequate and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report

Excellent weather conditions contributed to an increase in field activities. Rice harvest edged closer to completion, with reports of the second crop not looking good. Rice producers were also preparing land for next year's crop. Sugarcane planting was almost completed and harvesting had begun. Soybean producers reported heavy stinkbugs and Asian rust pressure. Cotton harvest continued with reports of very good yields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were harvesting and spraying crops for insects. Strawberry producers began to plant their crop. Crawfish producers continued flooding ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cooler conditions improved pasture and livestock conditions. Second cutting of hay edged near completion. Cattlemen were preparing fields for ryegrass planting and marketing spring calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Opening	100	99	100	96
	Harvested	59	40	51	38
Hay	Second Cutting	99	98	99	98
Rice	Harvested	99	96	94	96
Soybeans	Turning Color	98	94	97	90
	Dropping Leaves	93	87	90	79
	Harvested	79	73	77	56
Sugarcane	Planted	93	89	96	96
	Harvested	1	0	1	5
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	39	35	37	41

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	4	11	34	46	5
Sugarcane	2	10	42	32	14
Livestock	0	10	46	40	4
Vegetables	15	23	43	19	0
Pasture	15	20	39	24	2



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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/25/06 TO 10/01/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	88	47	68	72	0.00	3.30	29.18	37.85
Minden	89	47	67	72	0.00	4.21	35.04	40.98
Mooringsport	90	49	69	MM	0.00	3.13	32.26	34.32
Extreme/Average	90	47	68	72	0.00	3.55	32.16	38.88
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	88	43	66	72	0.00	2.47	34.46	41.33
Homer/Hill Farm	91	46	69	71	0.00	3.10	36.08	41.36
ULM-Monroe	(93)	(42)	68	72	0.00	2.13	36.12	42.88
Winnfield	92	46	68	72	0.00	1.72	35.45	44.08
Extreme/Average	93	42	68	72	0.00	2.36	35.53	42.27
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	90	48	69	72	0.00	1.94	32.33	43.60
LSU-St Joseph	93	44	69	73	0.00	1.25	36.71	42.42
LSU-Winnsboro	93	45	68	72	0.00	1.30	40.04	41.74
Tallulah	90	48	68	72	0.00	2.00	38.26	43.71
Extreme/Average	93	44	68	72	0.00	1.75	36.88	42.81
4. West-Central								
Leesville	92	47	69	72	0.01	5.31	35.93	42.74
LSU-Rosepine	92	48	69	73	0.02	3.78	41.47	43.82
Natchitoches	92	47	71	73	0.00	2.51	39.57	40.37
Extreme/Average	92	47	70	72	0.01	3.87	38.99	41.60
5. Central								
Alexandria	91	47	71	75	0.00	2.19	37.26	44.61
Brusly	87	52	70	73	0.03	1.95	33.52	49.02
Bunkie	92	53	71	74	0.00	3.46	36.32	45.91
LSU-Alexandria	92	51	71	73	0.00	2.24	32.66	43.45
Extreme/Average	92	47	70	74	0.01	2.46	34.94	45.30
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	87	52	70	74	0.52	5.18	31.65	50.45
LSU-Baton Rouge	87	54	72	74	0.00	3.65	31.97	48.00
LSU-Clinton	90	53	69	73	1.43	2.57	35.94	48.62
LSU-Hammond	88	53	70	74	0.86	1.78	27.49	50.42
Slidell	85	55	71	75	0.15	2.22	29.18	49.86
Extreme/Average	90	52	71	74	0.22	4.42	31.97	50.36
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	92	51	72	74	0.21	5.31	51.01	45.42
Jennings	88	55	71	75	0.00	3.14	38.68	46.03
LSU-Crowley	86	58	71	75	0.01	3.56	33.59	46.09
Extreme/Average	92	51	71	75	0.11	4.23	44.85	46.81
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	56	72	75	0.21	3.73	29.25	48.60
LSU-Jeanerette	86	56	70	74	0.00	3.62	42.03	49.23
Morgan City	87	62	75	76	0.00	4.89	29.28	51.96
Extreme/Average	88	56	73	75	0.11	4.31	29.27	49.68
9. Southeast								
Galliano	89	58	74	75	0.95	4.54	36.34	53.28
Houma	88	61	74	76	0.09	4.69	32.12	51.76
NO Audubon Park	89	62	75	77	1.12	4.80	33.61	51.29
Reserve	89	56	72	75	0.69	4.33	28.27	52.07
Extreme/Average	89	56	74	76	0.92	4.56	34.98	51.50
State								
State Averages	93	42	71	74	0.17	3.47	36.13	45.73

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 1, 2006

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