



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 2, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.1

Soil moisture supplies: 1% very short, 19% short, 55% adequate and 25% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana producers spent most of last week assessing damage to their crops from Hurricane Rita. Harvesting of some crops resumed the latter part of the week. Some cotton producers were expecting losses of quantity and quality in their crop. Soybean damage consisted of some shedding of pods. Sugarcane in lower southern parishes was damaged due to salt water from storm surges. Other damage to sugarcane consisted of lodging, broken tops and shredded leaves. Sugarcane harvesting was underway. Wheat producers were preparing land for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

The pecan crop was heavily damaged from the hurricane. Citrus producers were assessing fruit loss. Some vegetable crops were flooded.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Most pastures in southern Louisiana were flooded from the hurricane, and cattle were sold or brought to higher ground. Cattlemen were faced with a shortage of hay and water.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Open Bolls	100	98	89	96
	Harvested	53	39	23	46
Hay	Second Cutting	99	99	99	98
Rice	Ripe	100	99	100	100
	Harvested	94	92	99	97
Sorghum	Harvested	100	99	100	97
Soybeans	Turning Color	97	96	93	92
	Dropping Leaves	91	83	83	80
	Harvested	78	73	64	56
Sugarcane	Planted	97	90	99	97
	Harvested	1	0	3	7
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	38	32	23	45

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	7	14	35	41	3
Sugarcane	29	22	32	17	0
Sweet potatoes	4	9	35	52	0
Livestock	6	21	42	25	6
Vegetables	23	19	45	8	5
Pasture	16	31	34	14	5

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/26/05 TO 10/02/05

	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	(100)	55	79	72	0.00	6.04	31.00	37.98				
Minden	99	55	79	71	0.00	5.05	29.74	41.11				
Mooringsport	98	55	77	MM	0.12	6.91	29.57	34.45				
Extreme/Average	100	55	79	72	0.04	6.48	30.29	39.01				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	72	0.04	2.70	33.26	41.46				
Homer/Hill Farm	93	55	78	70	0.10	4.67	36.25	41.49				
ULM-Monroe	97	(50)	75	72	0.00	3.12	29.78	43.01				
Winnfield	96	55	78	72	0.22	4.51	38.08	44.21				
Extreme/Average	97	50	77	71	0.11	3.82	33.93	42.40				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	92	56	76	72	0.00	5.32	35.74	43.72				
LSU-St Joseph	95	56	78	73	0.89	7.81	36.91	42.52	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	97	56	78	72	0.00	6.19	38.20	41.85				
Tallulah	96	58	78	71	0.00	0.02	33.90	43.82				
Extreme/Average	97	56	78	72	0.22	6.44	36.95	42.92	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	MM	MM	MM	72	M.MM	0.08	31.32	42.87				
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	73	M.MM	0.00	30.22	43.96	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	73	0.00	0.69	26.68	40.49				
Extreme/Average	MM	MM	MM	72	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	41.73	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	97	55	82	74	0.00	0.04	24.86	44.75				
Brusly	94	65	80	73	0.00	7.41	43.71	49.16				
Bunkie	97	62	80	73	0.00	7.45	43.67	46.04				
LSU-Alexandria	99	55	80	73	0.00	8.16	34.22	43.59	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	99	55	80	73	0.00	7.67	40.53	45.44	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	94	66	82	73	0.00	1.19	35.68	50.57				
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	65	81	74	0.04	8.10	39.00	48.12				
LSU-Clinton	94	63	79	73	0.00	5.55	40.58	48.75				
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	73	M.MM	0.00	34.50	50.54	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	92	68	81	74	0.00	0.71	58.96	49.98				
Extreme/Average	94	63	81	74	0.01	8.10	39.00	50.48	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	MM	MM	MM	74	0.00	0.03	31.11	45.56				
Jennings	MM	MM	MM	74	0.12	10.26	42.44	46.19	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	8.53	43.55	46.23	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	MM	MM	MM	75	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	46.97	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	91	66	80	74	0.00	4.72	41.42	48.74				
LSU-Jeanerette	92	66	81	74	0.11	11.03	47.66	49.38				
Morgan City	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	0.40	36.24	52.11				
Extreme/Average	92	66	81	75	0.06	4.72	41.42	49.83				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	91	73	83	75	0.12	0.12	55.13	53.43				
Houma	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	5.66	59.70	51.90	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	77	0.00	2.29	54.32	51.42				
Reserve	95	70	83	74	0.00	5.26	44.44	52.21				
Extreme/Average	95	70	83	76	0.06	5.26	MM.MM	51.64	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	100	50	80	73	0.07	6.15	37.25	44.98	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 02, 2005

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