



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.3

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 23% short, 70% adequate and 5% surplus

Field Crops Report

Most of the state experienced dry conditions last week. Cotton producers were busy harvesting. Rice farmers completed harvesting their fields. Sorghum harvest neared completion, with 99 percent harvested. Some soybean producers were applying desiccant to their crops in preparation for harvest. Soybean harvest reached 85 percent, well ahead of the 5 year average of 67 percent. Some sugarcane producers were harvesting, with mill reports indicating that sugar recovery was excellent.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were working fall crops. Citrus producers were busy spraying for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen finished up the second cutting of hay and were planting ryegrass. Cattlemen were also marketing spring born calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2006	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Opening	99	97	100	98
	Harvested	42	15	75	57
Hay	Second Cutting	100	99	100	99
Pecans	Harvested	10	4	4	4
Rice	Harvested	100	99	100	98
Sorghum	Harvested	99	98	100	98
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	98	100	96
	Dropping Leaves	98	92	96	87
	Harvested	85	65	82	67
Sugarcane	Planted	98	95	96	98
	Harvested	4	1	4	7
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	46	35	56	50

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	0	8	25	65	2
Sugarcane	0	6	31	43	20
Livestock	0	2	31	62	5
Vegetables	5	17	53	24	1
Pasture	0	13	43	40	4

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/01/07 TO 10/07/07

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	91	65	79	70	0.00	1.98	38.43	38.63
Minden	91	64	79	69	0.00	1.06	44.35	41.72
Mooringsport	91	61	79	MM	0.00	0.25	41.63	35.10
Extreme/Average	91	61	79	70	0.00	1.10	41.47	39.66
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	(93)	59	78	70	0.00	1.59	34.98	42.11
Homer/Hill Farm	90	62	78	68	0.00	1.56	37.94	42.14
ULM-Monroe	90	64	78	70	0.00	3.15	31.85	43.66
Columbia Lock	91	62	77	MM	0.00	3.25	36.53	45.15
Extreme/Average	93	59	78	69	0.00	2.39	35.33	43.05
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	90	63	77	70	0.00	2.93	36.04	44.37
LSU-St Joseph	93	61	79	71	0.16	4.85	42.38	43.02
LSU-Winnsboro	90	64	78	70	0.00	4.01	43.22	42.41
Tallulah	90	64	78	69	0.00	1.91	31.50	44.37
Extreme/Average	93	61	78	70	0.04	3.43	40.55	43.49
4. West-Central								
Leesville	91	(56)	76	70	0.02	3.66	37.21	43.47
LSU-Rosepine	89	61	78	71	0.16	6.01	45.58	44.61
Natchitoches	90	60	77	71	0.00	0.79	30.21	41.10
Extreme/Average	91	56	77	70	0.06	3.49	37.67	42.33
5. Central								
Alexandria	90	60	77	72	0.00	3.82	39.67	45.46
Brusly	88	57	76	71	0.03	4.17	46.46	49.82
Bunkie	90	59	78	71	0.00	3.16	40.96	46.69
LSU-Alexandria	92	57	78	71	0.04	4.53	43.13	44.26
Extreme/Average	92	57	77	72	0.02	3.92	43.52	46.13
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	88	59	77	MM	0.18	1.72	27.83	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	89	58	78	72	0.37	3.75	43.67	48.70
LSU-Clinton	87	58	73	71	0.33	3.73	35.35	49.40
LSU-Hammond	89	57	76	72	0.21	2.12	38.39	51.10
Slidell	88	60	77	73	0.68	1.71	36.78	50.50
Extreme/Average	89	57	77	72	0.36	2.33	36.67	51.06
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	89	62	79	72	0.32	8.92	54.79	46.25
Jennings	91	63	79	73	0.02	5.46	51.44	46.94
LSU-Crowley	92	61	80	73	0.00	4.24	51.34	46.90
Extreme/Average	92	61	79	73	0.11	6.21	52.52	47.70
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	87	60	77	73	0.31	3.48	44.12	49.42
LSU-Jeanerette	91	62	78	72	0.65	5.12	49.37	50.07
Morgan City	89	68	79	74	1.06	3.43	39.96	52.78
Extreme/Average	91	60	78	73	0.67	4.01	44.48	50.51
9. Southeast								
Galliano	86	67	79	73	0.47	3.86	38.80	54.10
Houma	90	61	79	74	0.48	4.51	46.09	52.51
Terrytown 3S	89	66	78	MM	0.54	2.48	48.12	MM.MM
Reserve	89	63	78	73	0.77	8.08	61.25	52.82
Extreme/Average	90	61	78	74	0.57	4.73	48.57	52.27
State								
State Averages	93	56	78	72	0.19	3.72	42.96	46.52

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 7, 2007

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