



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 9, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.6

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

Field Crops Report

Dry conditions returned across the state as soil moisture from Hurricane Rita depleted. With excellent weather conditions throughout the week, producers were able to harvest mature crops. Low yields were being reported on late soybeans due to dry conditions during the growing season. Sugarcane planting has been slow in the southern parishes due to excessive water in fields. Harvesting of sugarcane continued with reports from producers that tonnage and sugar per ton was down. Sweet potato harvesting made excellent progress, ahead of last year's 33 percent. Land preparation continued for planting of wheat.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Pecan harvesting began last week. Citrus and vegetable producers were assessing damage to crops due to high water and salt content. Some crawfish producers were draining ponds to remove poor quality water but were unable to replenish ponds due to the low quality of water available in canals.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Several parishes had an increase in mosquito pressure on livestock. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplements due to flooded pastures from the hurricanes. Fall forage planting resumed as well as final cutting of hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	73	53	42	62
Hay	Second Cutting	99	99	100	98
Pecans	Harvested	5	0	5	6
Rice	Harvested	98	94	100	99
Soybeans	Turning Color	99	97	97	97
	Dropping Leaves	94	91	89	88
	Harvested	82	78	69	65
Sugarcane	Planted	98	97	100	99
	Harvested	4	1	9	13
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	49	38	33	54
Wheat	Planted	3	0	3	8

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	16	23	44	17	0
Sweet potatoes	4	10	38	47	1
Livestock	5	18	46	27	4
Vegetables	21	26	44	9	0
Pasture	20	30	36	13	1

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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	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	91	49	74	69	0.00	6.04	31.00	38.91				
Minden	MM	MM	MM	68	0.10	5.15	29.84	41.96				
Mooringsport	89	49	73	MM	0.02	6.93	29.59	35.36				
Extreme/Average	91	49	73	69	0.04	6.49	30.30	39.93				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	91	47	72	69	0.00	2.70	33.26	42.37				
Homer/Hill Farm	88	48	72	68	0.00	4.67	36.25	42.40				
ULM-Monroe	92	(46)	72	69	0.00	3.12	29.78	43.92				
Winnfield	91	48	73	69	0.00	4.48	38.08	45.12				
Extreme/Average	92	46	72	69	0.00	4.09	34.70	43.31				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	90	53	73	69	0.00	5.32	35.74	44.64				
LSU-St Joseph	(93)	51	74	70	0.00	7.81	36.91	43.22	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	92	50	73	69	0.00	6.19	38.20	42.65				
Tallulah	90	53	72	68	0.00	0.02	33.90	44.59				
Extreme/Average	93	50	73	69	0.00	6.44	36.95	43.73	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	92	46	74	69	0.00	0.08	31.32	43.71				
LSU-Rosepine	91	53	74	70	0.00	0.02	30.24	44.87	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	92	52	74	70	0.00	0.69	26.68	41.36				
Extreme/Average	92	46	74	69	0.00	M.MM	MM.MM	42.59	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	91	54	76	72	0.00	0.04	24.86	45.76				
Brusly	90	54	75	70	0.00	7.41	43.71	50.08				
Bunkie	91	54	74	71	0.00	7.45	43.67	46.95				
LSU-Alexandria	92	48	73	70	0.00	8.16	34.22	44.52	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	92	48	74	71	0.00	7.67	40.53	46.39	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	91	56	77	70	0.00	1.19	35.68	51.36				
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	55	77	71	0.00	8.10	39.00	48.92				
LSU-Clinton	88	54	73	70	0.00	5.55	40.58	49.66				
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	71	0.00	0.00	34.50	51.32	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	91	58	77	72	0.00	0.71	58.96	50.68				
Extreme/Average	91	54	76	71	0.00	8.10	39.00	51.28	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	91	52	75	71	0.00	0.03	31.11	46.51				
Jennings	90	54	76	72	0.19	10.45	42.63	47.22	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	91	54	76	72	0.06	8.62	43.64	47.16	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	91	52	75	72	0.08	8.62	43.64	47.98	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	89	54	76	72	0.00	4.72	41.42	49.68				
LSU-Jeanerette	88	55	75	71	0.53	11.00	48.19	50.33				
Morgan City	90	61	77	73	0.00	0.40	36.24	53.02				
Extreme/Average	90	54	76	73	0.18	7.86	44.81	50.77				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	88	62	78	73	0.06	0.18	55.19	54.34				
Houma	MM	MM	MM	73	0.18	5.96	60.00	52.72	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	74	0.00	2.29	54.32	52.14				
Reserve	91	56	77	72	0.44	5.70	44.88	53.04				
Extreme/Average	91	56	77	73	0.23	5.83	MM.MM	52.49	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	93	46	75	71	0.06	6.92	38.93	46.29	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 09, 2005

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