



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 8, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.8

**Soil moisture supplies:** 13% very short, 42% short, 43% adequate and 2% surplus

**Field Crops Report**

Dry conditions still persist across Louisiana with the year-to-date rainfall nearly 11 inches below normal. Rainfall was needed for planting fall crops. Rice harvest was completed, and producers were preparing land and building levees for next year's crop. Sugarcane harvest was off to a good start with reports of good yields and above average sucrose for the season. Soybean harvest continued, and producers continued spraying for insects. Cotton harvest continued with reports of very good yields.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**

Vegetable producers were harvesting and spraying crops for insects. Citrus producers were picking fruit. Pecan harvesting was underway. Crawfish producers continued flooding ponds, and producers were predicting a good crop for the season.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**

Cooler weather improved livestock conditions, but the dry weather has hurt the pastures. Second cutting of hay was completed. Preparation and planting of ryegrass continued.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	78	59	70	56
Hay	Second Cutting	100	99	99	98
Pecans	Harvested	5	0	4	5
Rice	Harvested	100	99	97	98
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	98	99	96
	Dropping Leaves	96	93	94	87
	Harvested	82	79	81	64
Sugarcane	Planted	97	93	98	98
	Harvested	5	1	4	10
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	59	39	47	51

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	3	11	40	32	14
Livestock	0	14	47	36	3
Vegetables	16	22	45	16	1
Pasture	17	24	41	16	2



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**LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/02/06 TO 10/09/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City	94	47	76	70	0.00	3.30	29.18	38.63
Minden	93	54	76	69	0.00	3.79	35.04	41.72
Mooringsport	95	49	77	MM	0.00	3.13	32.26	35.10
Extreme/Average	95	47	76	70	0.00	3.41	32.16	39.66
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	93	46	75	70	0.00	2.47	34.46	42.11
Homer/Hill Farm	90	46	75	68	0.00	3.10	36.08	42.14
ULM-Monroe	(98)	(45)	75	70	0.00	2.13	36.12	43.66
Winnfield	93	48	76	70	0.47	2.19	35.92	44.86
Extreme/Average	98	45	76	69	0.12	2.47	35.65	43.05
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	94	50	77	70	0.00	1.94	32.33	44.37
LSU-St Joseph	98	46	75	71	0.00	1.25	36.71	43.02
LSU-Winnsboro	95	50	76	70	0.00	1.27	40.04	42.41
Tallulah	93	50	76	69	0.00	2.00	38.26	44.37
Extreme/Average	98	46	76	70	0.00	1.62	36.84	43.49
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	93	50	76	70	0.01	5.31	35.93	43.47
LSU-Rosepine	94	46	76	71	0.00	3.77	41.47	44.61
Natchitoches	95	45	75	71	0.00	2.40	39.57	41.10
Extreme/Average	95	45	76	70	0.00	3.83	38.99	42.33
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	95	56	79	72	0.00	2.19	37.26	45.46
Brusly	91	52	76	71	0.11	2.03	33.60	49.82
Bunkie	95	53	77	71	0.00	3.46	36.32	46.69
LSU-Alexandria	95	46	77	71	0.00	2.24	32.66	44.26
Extreme/Average	95	46	77	72	0.03	2.48	34.96	46.13
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	93	55	77	71	0.00	5.18	31.65	51.14
LSU-Baton Rouge	93	55	78	72	0.02	3.67	31.99	48.70
LSU-Clinton	90	54	74	71	0.03	2.60	35.97	49.40
LSU-Hammond	92	55	77	72	0.00	2.32	28.03	51.10
Slidell	91	57	77	73	0.00	2.22	29.18	50.50
Extreme/Average	93	54	77	72	0.01	3.44	30.01	51.06
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	93	55	78	72	0.00	5.16	51.01	46.25
Jennings	92	57	77	73	0.00	3.14	38.68	46.94
LSU-Crowley	92	55	78	73	0.00	3.54	33.59	46.90
Extreme/Average	93	55	78	73	0.00	3.95	41.09	47.70
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	94	63	81	73	0.00	3.73	29.25	49.42
LSU-Jeanerette	90	56	77	72	0.00	3.60	42.03	50.07
Morgan City	90	64	79	74	0.00	4.87	29.28	52.78
Extreme/Average	94	56	79	73	0.00	4.07	33.52	50.51
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	88	64	77	73	0.00	3.94	36.34	54.10
Houma	89	57	79	74	0.00	4.54	32.12	52.51
NO Audubon Park	92	65	81	75	0.00	4.80	33.61	51.96
Reserve	92	61	79	73	0.00	4.33	28.27	52.82
Extreme/Average	92	57	79	74	0.00	4.40	34.02	52.27
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	98	45	77	72	0.02	3.27	35.53	46.52

M = Missing      ( ) = Extremes      Yr. To Date = Through October 9, 2006

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