



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 15, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 21% very short, 42% short, 31% adequate and 6% surplus

Field Crops Report

Rainfall was received across the state late in the week bringing some relief to producers. Rice producers were preparing land and building levees for next year's crop while some continued to harvest ratoon crop. Sugarcane producers were finishing up planting, and harvest was underway. Soybean harvest continued, and producers reported mixed yields dependant on the weather earlier in the year. Cotton harvest continued with reports of very good yields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were harvesting greens. Citrus producers were scouting trees for insects and were preparing for harvest. Pecan harvesting jumped to 15 percent completed. Sweet potato harvest jumped up to 70 percent, surpassing last year and the average. Crawfish producers continued flooding ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cooler weather and rains late in the week improved livestock and pasture conditions. Cattlemen were planting ryegrass and marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	91	78	87	68
Pecans	Harvested	15	5	10	13
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	99	96	97	93
	Harvested	91	82	90	70
Sugarcane	Planted	98	97	99	99
	Harvested	7	5	12	17
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	70	59	64	61

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	2	12	37	35	14
Livestock	3	13	46	35	3
Vegetables	15	28	46	11	0
Pasture	18	26	42	13	1



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/09/06 TO 10/15/06**

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	86	42	63	67	0.19	3.36	29.37	39.75
Minden	85	43	62	66	0.14	3.62	35.18	42.69
Mooringsport	84	45	64	MM	0.33	3.42	32.59	36.15
Extreme/Average	86	42	63	67	0.22	3.47	32.38	40.77
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	83	39	59	67	0.06	1.99	34.52	43.18
Homer/Hill Farm	83	43	64	65	0.38	3.08	36.46	43.18
ULM-Monroe	87	43	65	67	0.05	2.17	36.17	44.71
Winnfield	87	41	65	67	0.03	1.36	35.95	45.90
Extreme/Average	87	39	63	66	0.13	2.15	35.78	44.09
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	42	64	67	0.16	1.70	32.49	45.49
LSU-St Joseph	(88)	(38)	66	68	0.05	1.30	36.76	43.86
LSU-Winnsboro	87	49	67	67	0.10	1.18	40.16	43.38
Tallulah	86	43	64	66	0.05	1.25	38.31	45.27
Extreme/Average	88	38	65	67	0.09	1.42	35.85	44.46
4. West-Central								
Leesville	85	45	66	67	0.95	5.31	36.88	44.38
LSU-Rosepine	86	50	68	68	1.66	4.75	43.23	45.65
Natchitoches	87	45	66	68	0.14	1.85	39.71	42.15
Extreme/Average	87	45	67	67	0.92	3.97	39.94	43.37
5. Central								
Alexandria	87	51	69	69	0.20	1.94	37.46	46.66
Brusly	85	47	67	68	0.00	1.10	33.60	50.86
Bunkie	85	46	68	69	0.04	3.02	36.36	47.73
LSU-Alexandria	88	47	68	68	0.36	2.56	33.02	45.30
Extreme/Average	88	46	68	69	0.08	2.02	35.81	47.19
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	87	54	70	68	0.00	2.36	31.65	51.98
LSU-Baton Rouge	86	51	70	69	0.13	1.92	32.12	49.58
LSU-Clinton	87	48	67	68	0.06	2.23	36.03	50.44
LSU-Hammond	85	49	69	69	0.03	2.10	28.06	51.98
Slidell	84	48	69	70	0.04	0.31	29.22	51.22
Extreme/Average	87	48	69	69	0.05	2.15	30.09	51.94
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	86	52	69	69	4.30	8.91	55.31	47.29
Jennings	86	55	70	70	0.36	1.80	39.04	48.01
LSU-Crowley	86	56	71	70	0.28	2.02	33.87	47.92
Extreme/Average	86	52	70	70	1.65	4.24	42.74	48.79
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	87	58	74	70	0.25	1.29	29.50	50.40
LSU-Jeanerette	84	52	69	69	0.31	1.66	42.34	51.07
Morgan City	84	58	71	71	0.51	2.17	29.79	53.69
Extreme/Average	87	52	71	71	0.36	1.71	33.88	51.50
9. Southeast								
Galliano	86	57	71	71	0.51	1.87	36.85	55.01
Houma	86	55	71	71	0.89	4.04	33.01	53.28
NO Audubon Park	87	59	73	72	0.03	1.56	33.64	52.63
Reserve	87	53	71	70	0.10	1.57	28.37	53.65
Extreme/Average	87	53	71	72	0.38	2.26	34.50	53.08
State								
State Averages	88	38	68	69	0.47	2.63	36.04	47.52

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 15, 2006

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