



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9

Soil moisture supplies: 34% very short, 36% short, 28% adequate and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report

Most of the state has not received a significant amount of rain since Hurricane Rita. Louisiana producers were busy harvesting crops. Cotton and soybean harvesting made excellent progress, with both crops remaining ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Rice producers were wrapping up harvest. Sugarcane harvest was in full swing across the state; producers were reporting only fair yields. Planting of sugarcane was near completion. Sweet potato harvesting continued, making excellent progress with favorable conditions. Wheat planting was underway.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were testing fruit to sell. Vegetable producers were working land and replanting some crops lost to the hurricanes. Pecan harvesting progressed to 11 percent. Crawfish producers continued checking water quality and draining most ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pastures that were affected by the hurricanes remained in poor condition. Cattlemen were feeding hay and supplemental feed to cattle. Some cattlemen were removing debris from pastures in preparation for ryegrass planting.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	89	73	53	71
Hay	Second Cutting	100	99	100	99
Pecans	Harvested	11	5	11	13
Rice	Harvested	99	98	100	99
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	99	99	99
	Dropping Leaves	98	94	93	94
	Harvested	91	82	72	71
Sugarcane	Planted	99	98	100	99
	Harvested	13	4	16	19
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	67	49	40	61
Wheat	Planted	6	3	7	15

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	23	19	38	20	0
Sweet potatoes	4	11	34	51	0
Livestock	6	24	46	21	3
Vegetables	22	23	50	5	0
Pasture	20	35	36	8	1

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	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	YR. TO NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	84	49	68	66	0.00	5.96	31.00	39.90				
Minden	84	46	67	66	0.00	4.55	29.84	42.82				
Mooringsport	84	49	67	MM	0.00	6.03	29.59	36.29				
Extreme/Average	84	46	67	66	0.00	5.51	30.30	40.91				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	85	46	66	66	0.00	2.66	33.26	43.32				
Homer/Hill Farm	85	47	67	65	0.00	4.25	36.25	43.31				
ULM-Monroe	87	(45)	66	66	0.00	3.11	29.78	44.85				
Winnfield	86	47	67	67	0.00	4.39	38.08	46.03				
Extreme/Average	87	45	66	66	0.00	3.60	34.34	44.23				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	84	53	68	66	0.00	5.22	35.74	45.64				
LSU-St Joseph	86	47	68	67	0.00	7.65	36.91	43.97	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	86	49	67	66	0.00	5.98	38.20	43.51				
Tallulah	86	51	67	66	0.00	0.00	35.07	45.39				
Extreme/Average	86	47	68	67	0.00	6.28	36.95	44.59	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	85	47	67	67	0.00	0.00	31.32	44.50				
LSU-Rosepine	87	51	69	68	0.00	0.02	30.24	45.78	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	85	47	67	67	0.00	3.78	30.46	42.29				
Extreme/Average	87	47	68	67	0.00	3.78	30.46	43.50	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	85	47	69	69	0.00	0.00	24.86	46.81				
Brusly	85	51	69	68	0.00	7.32	43.71	50.99				
Bunkie	85	53	69	68	0.00	7.00	43.67	47.86				
LSU-Alexandria	85	48	67	68	0.00	7.98	34.22	45.43	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	85	47	68	68	0.00	7.43	40.53	47.33	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	87	52	71	68	0.00	1.19	35.68	52.08				
LSU-Baton Rouge	(88)	52	72	69	0.00	7.62	39.00	49.69				
LSU-Clinton	84	54	70	68	0.00	5.35	40.58	50.57				
LSU-Hammond	87	50	71	68	0.00	0.00	34.50	52.09	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	86	50	71	69	0.00	0.71	58.96	51.31				
Extreme/Average	88	50	71	69	0.00	7.62	39.00	52.05	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	85	54	70	69	0.00	0.00	31.11	47.42				
Jennings	86	54	71	70	0.00	9.70	42.63	48.14	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	86	54	71	70	0.00	8.41	43.64	48.04	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	86	54	71	70	0.00	8.41	43.64	48.92	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	85	53	71	70	0.00	4.71	42.61	50.52				
LSU-Jeanerette	85	55	70	69	0.00	9.85	48.19	51.19				
Morgan City	85	61	74	71	0.00	0.40	36.24	53.79				
Extreme/Average	85	53	72	70	0.00	7.28	45.40	51.62				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	85	59	73	71	0.00	0.18	63.51	55.11				
Houma	87	55	75	71	0.00	4.78	60.00	53.36	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	72	0.00	2.29	53.88	52.71				
Reserve	87	59	74	69	0.00	5.20	50.81	53.75				
Extreme/Average	87	55	74	71	0.00	4.99	MM.MM	53.17	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	88	45	70	68	0.00	6.24	38.14	46.84	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 16, 2005

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