



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 22, 2006

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 1.1

**Soil moisture supplies:** 0% very short, 0% short, 26% adequate and 74% surplus

**Field Crops Report**

Heavy rainfall was received across the state limiting field activities and damaging some crops. Cotton, soybean, and sugarcane harvests were all hindered due to the storms. Sugarcane producers reported lodged plants due to excess moisture and wind. Soybean harvest continued, rising to 95 percent, surpassing the five-year average. Cotton harvest continued, but a lot of cotton modules and unpicked cotton were damaged by the rains.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**

Vegetable producers were harvesting greens. Citrus was beginning to turn color and was almost ready to be picked. Pecan producers suffered a loss of nuts due to the heavy storms. Crawfish producers were given some relief with pumping ponds due to the heavy rainfall.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**

Rain brought stress to livestock, but cooler temperatures were helping livestock and pasture conditions. Flooding last week destroyed some stored hay. Cattlemen were planting ryegrass and marketing calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2005	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	92	91	97	79
Pecans	Harvested	25	15	18	21
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	100	99	100	98
	Harvested	95	91	97	80
Sugarcane	Planted	99	98	100	100
	Harvested	12	7	19	23
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	71	70	76	70

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	3	10	41	32	14
Livestock	1	11	45	40	3
Vegetables	17	18	48	17	0
Pasture	4	29	47	20	0



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/16/06 TO 10/22/06**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
	<b>1. Northwest</b>							
LSU-Bossier City	88	<b>(38)</b>	63	64	1.35	1.54	30.72	40.80
Minden	88	40	64	64	2.08	2.22	37.26	43.60
Mooringsport	88	43	64	MM	0.44	0.77	33.03	37.13
Extreme/Average	88	38	64	64	1.29	1.51	33.67	41.78
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	87	40	63	64	5.18	5.24	39.70	44.16
Homer/Hill Farm	85	38	66	63	2.10	2.40	38.47	44.10
ULM-Monroe	88	40	65	64	5.95	6.00	42.25	45.69
Winnfield	87	43	66	64	12.92	13.42	48.87	46.87
Extreme/Average	88	38	65	64	6.54	6.77	42.32	45.07
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	88	44	65	64	7.09	7.25	39.58	46.54
LSU-St Joseph	<b>(92)</b>	40	66	65	7.73	7.78	44.49	44.66
LSU-Winnsboro	90	46	68	64	12.19	12.29	52.35	44.31
Tallulah	86	46	66	64	5.96	6.01	44.38	46.12
Extreme/Average	92	40	66	65	8.24	8.33	45.20	45.38
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	88	46	67	65	10.80	11.76	47.68	45.22
LSU-Rosepine	89	47	68	66	13.49	15.27	56.72	46.56
Natchitoches	88	40	65	65	11.20	11.34	50.80	43.13
Extreme/Average	89	40	67	65	11.83	12.79	51.73	44.28
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	88	50	69	67	9.64	9.84	47.10	47.77
Brusly	88	53	71	66	7.59	7.70	41.19	51.77
Bunkie	88	51	70	66	8.34	8.38	44.70	48.65
LSU-Alexandria	89	42	66	66	11.85	12.21	44.87	46.27
Extreme/Average	89	42	69	66	9.36	9.53	44.47	48.17
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Bogalusa	90	50	70	66	2.61	3.16	35.60	52.73
LSU-Baton Rouge	90	53	72	67	4.44	4.59	36.56	50.36
LSU-Clinton	86	48	68	66	7.84	9.36	43.87	51.35
LSU-Hammond	87	51	71	66	5.00	5.89	33.06	52.75
Slidell	85	52	72	68	4.90	5.09	34.81	51.85
Extreme/Average	90	48	70	67	4.97	5.75	34.81	52.71
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
De Ridder	87	49	69	67	14.38	18.89	69.69	48.20
Jennings	87	53	71	68	11.60	11.96	50.64	48.92
LSU-Crowley	89	53	72	68	8.48	8.77	42.35	48.81
Extreme/Average	89	49	70	68	11.49	13.21	54.23	49.70
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	87	55	73	68	7.01	7.47	36.51	51.20
LSU-Jeanerette	90	54	72	67	5.54	5.85	47.88	51.91
Morgan City	89	55	74	69	2.22	2.73	32.01	54.40
Extreme/Average	90	54	73	68	4.92	5.35	38.80	52.34
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	87	60	76	69	1.80	3.26	38.65	55.72
Houma	89	55	74	69	2.26	3.24	35.27	53.84
NO Audubon Park	87	58	74	70	2.14	2.17	35.77	53.18
Reserve	86	55	72	68	7.27	8.06	35.40	54.33
Extreme/Average	89	55	74	69	3.37	4.18	36.56	53.72
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	92	38	69	66	7.24	7.89	43.08	48.41

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 22, 2006

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