



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 23, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 7.0

**Soil moisture supplies:** 50% very short, 42% short and 8% adequate

#### Field Crops Report

Conditions remained dry throughout Louisiana last week. The dry weather allowed producers to make excellent progress in harvesting crops. Cotton and soybean harvesting edged closer to completion. Sugarcane harvest continued, and planting was completed. Producers continued reporting average sugar but low tonnage. Sweet potato harvesting continued, remaining ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Wheat planting continued last week.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were harvesting satsumas. Producers were dealing with fruit dropping due to tree damage from the hurricanes. Pecan harvesting continued. Some vegetable producers were hoping for rain before completing planting of fall crops. Several crawfish producers were unable to flood ponds due to poor water quality in canals.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture conditions were depleting as dry conditions prevailed across the state. Cattlemen continued cleaning up debris left in pastures from the hurricanes. Cattlemen were also preparing land for ryegrass planting. Rain was needed to replenish soil moisture before planting can begin.

<b>PERCENT OF PROGRESS</b>					
<b>CROP</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>5 YR AVG</b>
<b>Cotton</b>	Harvested	98	89	72	80
<b>Pecans</b>	Harvested	19	11	23	23
<b>Rice</b>	Harvested	100	99	100	99
<b>Soybeans</b>	Dropping Leaves	100	98	97	98
	Harvested	98	91	81	80
<b>Sugarcane</b>	Planted	100	99	100	100
	Harvested	20	13	20	26
<b>Sweet potatoes</b>	Harvested	78	67	54	72
<b>Wheat</b>	Planted	11	6	16	24

<b>CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES</b>					
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>VERY POOR</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>Sugarcane</b>	20	29	43	8	0
<b>Sweet potatoes</b>	2	7	36	55	0
<b>Livestock</b>	6	23	48	20	3
<b>Vegetables</b>	33	19	45	3	0
<b>Pasture</b>	34	32	30	4	0

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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	
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City	91	47	69	64	0.00	0.00	31.00	40.95				
Minden	89	46	68	63	0.00	0.10	29.84	43.74				
Mooringsport	91	49	69	MM	0.00	0.14	29.59	37.27				
Extreme/Average	91	46	69	64	0.00	0.08	30.30	41.93				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	91	(35)	66	64	0.00	0.04	33.26	44.30				
Homer/Hill Farm	88	52	69	62	0.00	0.10	36.25	44.24				
ULM-Monroe	(94)	41	67	64	0.00	0.00	29.78	45.83				
Winnfield	89	43	67	64	0.00	0.22	38.08	47.01				
Extreme/Average	94	35	67	64	0.00	0.09	34.34	45.21				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	86	49	68	64	0.00	0.00	35.74	46.69				
LSU-St Joseph	90	41	67	65	0.00	0.89	36.91	44.78	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	90	45	71	64	0.00	0.00	38.20	44.45				
Tallulah	88	49	68	63	0.00	0.00	35.07	46.25				
Extreme/Average	90	41	69	64	0.00	0.22	36.95	45.52	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	90	43	68	65	0.00	0.00	31.32	45.34				
LSU-Rosepine	90	43	69	65	0.00	0.02	30.24	46.69	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	89	43	67	65	0.00	0.00	30.46	43.27				
Extreme/Average	90	43	68	64	0.00	0.00	30.46	44.41	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	88	50	70	66	0.00	0.00	24.86	47.93				
Brusly	87	47	67	65	0.00	0.00	43.71	51.91				
Bunkie	88	47	69	66	0.00	0.00	43.67	48.79				
LSU-Alexandria	90	46	68	65	0.00	0.00	34.22	46.42	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	90	46	69	66	0.00	0.00	40.53	48.31	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	89	49	69	65	0.00	0.00	35.68	52.84				
LSU-Baton Rouge	90	42	67	67	0.00	0.04	39.00	50.48				
LSU-Clinton	86	48	67	66	0.00	0.00	40.58	51.49				
LSU-Hammond	90	48	69	66	0.00	0.00	34.50	52.86	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	87	50	69	67	0.00	0.00	58.96	51.95				
Extreme/Average	90	42	68	66	0.00	0.01	39.00	52.82	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	88	43	69	66	0.00	0.00	31.11	48.33				
Jennings	87	49	70	68	0.00	0.31	42.63	49.05	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	87	50	71	68	0.00	0.09	43.64	48.94	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	88	43	70	68	0.00	0.09	43.64	49.84	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	86	51	68	67	0.00	0.00	42.61	51.32				
LSU-Jeanerette	85	49	68	67	0.00	0.64	48.19	52.03				
Morgan City	86	60	73	69	0.00	0.00	36.24	54.51				
Extreme/Average	86	49	70	68	0.00	0.32	45.40	52.46				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	87	54	70	69	0.00	0.18	63.51	55.83				
Houma	87	54	72	69	0.00	0.30	60.00	53.93	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	70	0.00	0.00	53.88	53.26				
Reserve	87	55	72	67	0.00	0.44	50.81	54.43				
Extreme/Average	87	54	71	69	0.00	0.31	MM.MM	53.82	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	94	35	69	66	0.00	0.11	38.14	47.77	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 23, 2005

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