



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.8

**Soil moisture supplies:** 8% very short, 17% short, 57% adequate and 18% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Many areas of the state received some rainfall last week. Sugarcane harvest reached 28 percent, equal to the five year average. Reports indicated that tonnage was excellent and sugar recovery was good. Soybean harvest reached 96 percent complete, ahead of the five year average of 87 percent. Rice producers were busy harvesting the ratoon crop and preparing their fields for the next growing season. Cotton harvest reached 90 percent, ahead of the 5 year average. Some wheat producers were busy planting while others were preparing their fields for planting.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were busy working fall crops. Citrus producers were picking satsumas. Crawfish producers were flooding their ponds.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were planting ryegrass. Livestock conditions were generally good, with 95 percent in fair or better condition.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS |           |              |           |      |          |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP                | STAGE     | Current Week | Last Week | 2006 | 5 YR AVG |
| Cotton              | Harvested | 90           | 75        | 94   | 86       |
| Pecans              | Harvested | 46           | 33        | 28   | 29       |
| Soybeans            | Harvested | 96           | 93        | 98   | 87       |
| Sugarcane           | Harvested | 28           | 16        | 19   | 28       |
| Sweet Potatoes      | Harvested | 73           | 70        | 74   | 76       |
| Winter Wheat        | Planted   | 13           | 0         | 0    | 19       |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES |           |      |      |      |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM                      | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Sugarcane                 | 0         | 3    | 23   | 44   | 30        |
| Livestock                 | 0         | 5    | 38   | 51   | 6         |
| Vegetables                | 4         | 22   | 44   | 24   | 6         |
| Pasture                   | 6         | 16   | 45   | 32   | 1         |

**LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/22/07 TO 10/28/07**

|                         | AIR TEMPERATURE |      |     |     | PRECIPITATION |            |             |       |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|-------|
|                         | MAX             | MIN  | AVG | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL  | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | NORM  |
| <b>1. Northwest</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| LSU-Bossier City        | 85              | 38   | 58  | 62  | 0.29          | 1.49       | 39.51       | 41.70 |
| Minden                  | 84              | 40   | 55  | 62  | 0.60          | 1.26       | 45.61       | 44.45 |
| Mooringsport            | 84              | 42   | 57  | MM  | 0.38          | 2.38       | 44.19       | 38.01 |
| Extreme/Average         | 85              | 38   | 57  | 62  | 0.42          | 1.71       | 43.10       | 42.68 |
| <b>2. North-Central</b> |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| LSU-Calhoun             | 82              | 42   | 56  | 62  | 1.67          | 2.99       | 37.93       | 45.00 |
| Homer/Hill Farm         | 84              | 40   | 56  | 61  | 0.27          | 1.40       | 39.15       | 44.96 |
| ULM-Monroe              | 83              | 40   | 57  | 62  | 0.60          | 2.36       | 34.21       | 46.56 |
| Colmubia Lock           | 83              | 43   | 57  | MM  | 0.72          | 2.40       | 38.93       | 47.97 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84              | 40   | 56  | 62  | 0.82          | 2.29       | 37.56       | 45.93 |
| <b>3. Northeast</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Lake Providence         | 83              | 45   | 57  | 62  | 2.43          | 4.13       | 40.17       | 47.48 |
| LSU-St Joseph           | (89)            | 42   | 59  | 63  | 1.56          | 3.05       | 45.27       | 45.42 |
| LSU-Winnsboro           | 83              | 44   | 59  | 62  | 0.18          | 1.50       | 46.20       | 45.17 |
| Tallulah                | 83              | 45   | 57  | 62  | 1.89          | 3.02       | 35.36       | 46.92 |
| Extreme/Average         | 89              | 42   | 58  | 63  | 1.52          | 2.93       | 43.88       | 46.22 |
| <b>4. West-Central</b>  |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Leesville               | 85              | (37) | 59  | 63  | 0.50          | 3.87       | 41.08       | 45.98 |
| LSU-Rosepine            | 84              | 38   | 58  | 64  | 1.49          | 5.20       | 50.66       | 47.38 |
| Natchitoches            | 84              | 38   | 58  | 63  | 0.31          | 1.40       | 32.87       | 43.97 |
| Extreme/Average         | 85              | 37   | 58  | 63  | 0.77          | 3.49       | 41.54       | 45.10 |
| <b>5. Central</b>       |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Alexandria              | 85              | 39   | 57  | 65  | 0.57          | 2.27       | 41.94       | 48.78 |
| Brusly                  | 82              | 41   | 58  | 64  | 0.86          | 2.54       | 48.97       | 52.61 |
| Bunkie                  | 88              | 41   | 58  | 65  | 1.10          | 4.50       | 45.46       | 49.52 |
| LSU-Alexandria          | 87              | 41   | 60  | 64  | 0.47          | 2.21       | 45.40       | 47.20 |
| Extreme/Average         | 88              | 39   | 59  | 64  | 0.75          | 2.88       | 46.61       | 49.06 |
| <b>6. East-Central</b>  |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Franklinton 5SW         | 80              | 43   | 58  | MM  | 2.20          | 4.91       | 32.56       | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge         | 84              | 44   | 60  | 65  | 1.72          | 4.82       | 48.12       | 51.10 |
| LSU-Clinton             | 80              | 41   | 57  | 64  | 0.80          | 3.43       | 38.45       | 52.19 |
| LSU-Hammond             | 81              | 44   | 59  | 65  | 2.31          | 4.17       | 42.38       | 53.46 |
| Slidell                 | 82              | 45   | 59  | 66  | 6.76          | 8.78       | 44.88       | 52.47 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84              | 41   | 59  | 65  | 2.76          | 5.22       | 41.99       | 53.43 |
| <b>7. Southwest</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| De Ridder               | 87              | 43   | 60  | 65  | 1.27          | 4.81       | 59.28       | 49.03 |
| Jennings                | 88              | 42   | 61  | 66  | 0.46          | 0.89       | 52.31       | 49.72 |
| LSU-Crowley             | 87              | 43   | 61  | 66  | 0.75          | 1.95       | 56.00       | 49.62 |
| Extreme/Average         | 88              | 42   | 61  | 66  | 0.83          | 2.55       | 55.86       | 50.54 |
| <b>8. South-Central</b> |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Donaldsonville          | 83              | 43   | 59  | 66  | 2.19          | 3.91       | 47.72       | 51.92 |
| LSU-Jeanerette          | 84              | 42   | 61  | 65  | 1.96          | 3.55       | 52.33       | 52.63 |
| Morgan City             | 83              | 47   | 62  | 67  | 2.77          | 5.95       | 44.85       | 55.08 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84              | 42   | 61  | 67  | 2.31          | 4.47       | 48.30       | 53.07 |
| <b>9. Southeast</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Galliano                | 83              | 47   | 62  | 67  | 4.64          | 6.01       | 44.34       | 56.40 |
| Houma                   | 89              | 44   | 62  | 67  | 4.68          | 9.52       | 55.13       | 54.40 |
| Terrytown 3S            | 84              | 47   | 63  | MM  | 9.45          | 10.88      | 58.46       | MM.MM |
| Reserve                 | 83              | 44   | 60  | 66  | 3.69          | 5.56       | 66.04       | 54.96 |
| Extreme/Average         | 89              | 44   | 62  | 68  | 5.62          | 7.99       | 55.99       | 54.34 |
| <b>State</b>            |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| State Averages          | 89              | 37   | 59  | 64  | 1.76          | 3.72       | 46.79       | 49.21 |

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 28, 2007

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