



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 29, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 1.7

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 7% short, 19% adequate and 72% surplus

Field Crops Report

The state averaged 2.67 inches of rain last week. Extremely wet fields continued to limit field activities for producers. Some fields were flooded due to the excessive amount of rain received during the past two weeks. Harvesting of all crops was minimal due to wet conditions. Many fields waiting to be harvested have suffered damage due to the heavy rains. Some rice producers were water leveling fields. Recent rains have caused lodging in sugarcane, and there were reports of lower sugar content due to mud and trash.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus and vegetable producers were harvesting and selling crops. Pecan harvesting was also limited due to wet conditions. Crawfish producers have benefited from the recent rain as their water pumping needs were lessened.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued planting ryegrass as weather permitted. Pasture and livestock conditions continued to improve with the rain and cooler temperatures.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2005 | 5 YR AVG |
| Cotton | Harvested | 94 | 92 | 99 | 86 |
| Pecans | Harvested | 28 | 25 | 24 | 29 |
| Soybeans | Harvested | 98 | 95 | 99 | 87 |
| Sugarcane | Planted | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| | Harvested | 20 | 12 | 29 | 32 |
| Sweet Potatoes | Harvested | 75 | 71 | 87 | 79 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Sugarcane | 4 | 9 | 42 | 32 | 13 |
| Livestock | 1 | 7 | 54 | 37 | 1 |
| Vegetables | 20 | 20 | 47 | 13 | 0 |
| Pasture | 4 | 28 | 43 | 24 | 1 |



**LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/23/06 TO 10/29/06**

| | AIR TEMPERATURE | | | | PRECIPITATION | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| | MAX | MIN | AVG | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | NORM |
| | 1. Northwest | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Bossier City | 74 | 37 | 58 | 62 | 2.59 | 4.13 | 33.31 | 41.85 |
| Minden | 73 | 35 | 56 | 61 | 2.82 | 5.04 | 40.08 | 44.60 |
| Mooringsport | 74 | 36 | 58 | MM | 2.21 | 2.98 | 35.24 | 38.16 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 35 | 57 | 62 | 2.54 | 4.05 | 36.21 | 42.83 |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Calhoun | 72 | 34 | 55 | 62 | 3.78 | 9.02 | 43.48 | 45.14 |
| Homer/Hill Farm | 74 | 35 | 57 | 60 | 3.02 | 5.42 | 41.49 | 45.11 |
| ULM-Monroe | 77 | (33) | 56 | 62 | 4.31 | 10.31 | 46.56 | 46.71 |
| Winnfield | 77 | 37 | 58 | 62 | 3.07 | 16.49 | 51.94 | 47.87 |
| Extreme/Average | 77 | 33 | 56 | 62 | 3.55 | 10.31 | 45.87 | 46.08 |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 72 | 39 | 57 | 62 | 3.56 | 10.81 | 43.14 | 47.64 |
| LSU-St Joseph | 74 | 38 | 57 | 63 | 1.37 | 9.15 | 45.86 | 45.55 |
| LSU-Winnsboro | 74 | 38 | 58 | 62 | 2.05 | 14.34 | 54.40 | 45.32 |
| Tallulah | 72 | 38 | 56 | 61 | 2.16 | 8.17 | 46.54 | 47.06 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 38 | 57 | 62 | 2.29 | 10.62 | 47.49 | 46.37 |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville | 73 | 39 | 58 | 63 | 3.35 | 15.10 | 51.03 | 46.12 |
| LSU-Rosepine | 72 | 42 | 59 | 64 | 3.13 | 18.38 | 59.85 | 47.52 |
| Natchitoches | 74 | 38 | 58 | 63 | 4.01 | 15.35 | 54.81 | 44.11 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 38 | 58 | 62 | 3.50 | 16.28 | 55.23 | 45.24 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 75 | 45 | 61 | 65 | 2.95 | 12.79 | 50.05 | 48.95 |
| Brusly | 76 | 39 | 60 | 64 | 2.55 | 10.22 | 43.74 | 52.75 |
| Bunkie | 75 | 45 | 61 | 64 | 4.75 | 13.13 | 49.45 | 49.67 |
| LSU-Alexandria | 75 | 40 | 59 | 63 | 3.06 | 15.27 | 50.30 | 47.37 |
| Extreme/Average | 76 | 39 | 60 | 64 | 3.33 | 12.85 | 48.39 | 49.22 |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Bogalusa | 77 | 41 | 60 | 64 | 1.43 | 4.04 | 37.03 | 53.58 |
| LSU-Baton Rouge | 76 | 42 | 61 | 65 | 2.23 | 6.82 | 38.79 | 51.23 |
| LSU-Clinton | 77 | 40 | 58 | 64 | 7.25 | 15.15 | 51.12 | 52.33 |
| LSU-Hammond | 76 | 40 | 60 | 64 | 1.87 | 6.90 | 34.93 | 53.59 |
| Slidell | 77 | 42 | 61 | 65 | 1.01 | 5.95 | 35.82 | 52.59 |
| Extreme/Average | 77 | 40 | 60 | 64 | 2.76 | 7.77 | 36.51 | 53.56 |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | |
| De Ridder | 75 | 45 | 61 | 65 | 4.83 | 23.51 | 74.52 | 49.17 |
| Jennings | 75 | 46 | 61 | 66 | 2.70 | 14.66 | 53.34 | 49.86 |
| LSU-Crowley | 76 | 48 | 61 | 66 | 2.62 | 11.38 | 44.97 | 49.76 |
| Extreme/Average | 76 | 45 | 61 | 66 | 3.38 | 16.52 | 57.61 | 50.69 |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 78 | 45 | 62 | 66 | 0.47 | 7.73 | 36.98 | 52.05 |
| LSU-Jeanerette | 77 | 48 | 63 | 65 | 0.81 | 6.66 | 49.63 | 52.75 |
| Morgan City | 80 | 49 | 64 | 67 | 0.46 | 3.19 | 32.47 | 55.20 |
| Extreme/Average | 80 | 45 | 63 | 66 | 0.58 | 5.86 | 39.69 | 53.20 |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 80 | 43 | 63 | 67 | 2.41 | 4.72 | 41.06 | 56.52 |
| Houma | (81) | 45 | 64 | 67 | 0.50 | 3.89 | 36.01 | 54.50 |
| NO Audubon Park | 78 | 49 | 65 | 68 | 0.63 | 2.80 | 36.40 | 53.83 |
| Reserve | 77 | 46 | 62 | 66 | 0.43 | 7.80 | 35.83 | 55.08 |
| Extreme/Average | 81 | 43 | 64 | 67 | 0.99 | 4.80 | 37.82 | 54.46 |
| State | | | | | | | | |
| State Averages | 81 | 33 | 60 | 64 | 2.67 | 10.41 | 45.79 | 49.35 |

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 29, 2006

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