



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 7.0

Soil moisture supplies: 70% very short, 29% short and 1% adequate

Field Crops Report

Drought conditions throughout the state began hindering producers; no rain was received again last week. Field activities were slowing down due to dry fields. Cotton and soybean harvesting edged closer to completion. Sugarcane harvesting has been going well with the dry conditions, remaining in line with last year. Harvesting of sweet potatoes made excellent progress last week. Wheat planting was slow last week, while producers were hoping for rain.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers continued harvesting and selling fruit. Harvesting of pecans progressed but still remained behind last year and the 5-year average. Vegetable producers were in need of rain to complete planting of fall crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Some cattlemen continued clean-up of pastures from the hurricanes. Many cattlemen were waiting for rain before planting ryegrass.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	99	98	87	87
Pecans	Harvested	25	19	35	31
Soybeans	Harvested	99	98	91	88
Sugarcane	Harvested	30	20	30	34
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	89	78	68	79
Wheat	Planted	20	11	30	36
	Emerged	3	0	4	15

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	19	33	39	9	0
Sweet potatoes	4	9	39	48	0
Livestock	8	29	45	16	2
Vegetables	26	43	28	3	0
Pasture	35	41	22	2	0

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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	70	35	51	61	0.00	0.00	31.00	42.00			
Minden	71	33	51	61	0.00	0.10	29.84	44.75			
Mooringsport	69	37	53	MM	0.00	0.02	29.59	38.31			
Extreme/Average	71	33	52	61	0.00	0.04	30.30	42.99			
2. North-Central											
LSU-Calhoun	73	(30)	49	61	0.00	0.00	33.26	45.29			
Homer/Hill Farm	68	35	51	60	0.00	0.00	36.25	45.26			
ULM-Monroe	72	30	50	61	0.00	0.00	29.78	46.86			
Winnfield	75	31	51	61	0.00	0.00	38.08	48.02			
Extreme/Average	75	30	50	61	0.00	0.00	34.34	46.23			
3. Northeast											
Lake Providence	71	37	52	61	0.00	0.00	35.74	47.80			
LSU-St Joseph	79	30	52	63	0.00	0.00	36.91	45.69	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Winnsboro	77	33	52	62	0.00	0.00	38.20	45.47			
Tallulah	74	33	52	61	0.00	0.00	35.07	47.20			
Extreme/Average	79	30	52	62	0.00	0.00	36.95	46.52	MM	MM	MM
4. West-Central											
Leesville	79	30	51	62	0.00	0.00	31.32	46.26			
LSU-Rosepine	79	32	53	63	0.00	0.00	30.24	47.66	MM	MM	MM
Natchitoches	75	30	51	63	0.00	0.00	30.46	44.25			
Extreme/Average	79	30	52	62	0.00	0.00	30.46	45.38	MM	MM	MM
5. Central											
Alexandria	78	39	55	64	0.00	0.00	24.86	49.12			
Brusly	78	33	53	63	0.00	0.00	43.71	52.89			
Bunkie	78	35	55	64	0.00	0.00	43.67	49.83			
LSU-Alexandria	79	30	52	63	0.00	0.00	34.22	47.54	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	79	30	54	64	0.00	0.00	40.53	49.38	MM	MM	MM
6. East-Central											
Bogalusa	79	37	55	63	0.00	0.00	35.68	53.71			
LSU-Baton Rouge	79	34	54	64	0.00	0.00	39.00	51.36			
LSU-Clinton	77	35	54	63	0.00	0.00	40.58	52.48			
LSU-Hammond	(80)	34	54	64	0.00	0.00	34.50	53.72	MM	MM	MM
Slidell	78	38	55	65	0.00	0.00	58.96	52.71			
Extreme/Average	80	34	54	64	0.00	0.00	39.00	53.69	MM	MM	MM
7. Southwest											
De Ridder	74	39	55	64	0.00	0.00	31.11	49.31			
Jennings	78	38	55	65	0.00	0.19	42.63	50.01	MM	MM	MM
LSU-Crowley	78	40	55	66	0.00	0.06	43.64	49.90	MM	MM	MM
Extreme/Average	78	38	55	66	0.00	0.08	43.64	50.84	MM	MM	MM
8. South-Central											
Donaldsonville	77	38	55	65	0.00	0.00	42.61	52.18			
LSU-Jeanerette	78	40	55	65	0.00	0.53	48.19	52.87			
Morgan City	79	45	59	67	0.00	0.00	36.24	55.33			
Extreme/Average	79	38	56	66	0.00	0.18	45.40	53.33			
9. Southeast											
Galliano	77	44	59	67	0.00	0.06	63.51	56.65			
Houma	MM	MM	MM	67	0.00	0.18	60.00	54.61	MM	MM	MM
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	68	0.00	0.00	53.88	53.94			
Reserve	80	36	56	65	0.00	0.44	50.81	55.20			
Extreme/Average	80	36	58	67	0.00	0.23	MM.MM	54.58	MM	MM	MM
State											
State Averages	80	30	54	64	0.00	0.06	38.14	48.76	MM	MM	MM

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 30, 2005

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