



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, November 26, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.2

Soil moisture supplies: 0% very short, 12% short, 79% adequate and 9% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana received excellent weather conditions last week for fieldwork. The dry and mild weather helped dry out wet fields, which resulted in perfect conditions for harvesting, planting, and land preparation. Cotton harvest was virtually completed. Sugarcane harvest progressed well with reports of better tonnage and sugar. Wheat planting jumped to 59 percent due to the great weather, still lagging far behind the average.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers continued harvesting cabbage, eggplant, greenhouse and field tomatoes, strawberries, and satsumas. Strawberry producers were spraying herbicides to control weeds. Crawfish season was in full swing with reports of average catches.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock conditions improved due to the mild weather. The cool and dry weather also helped winter pasture conditions. Cattlemen continued planting ryegrass and top-dressing winter pastures.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2005 | 5 YR AVG |
| Cotton | Harvested | 100 | 99 | 100 | 98 |
| Pecans | Harvested | 70 | 50 | 74 | 72 |
| Sugarcane | Harvested | 47 | 40 | 55 | 62 |
| Sweet Potatoes | Harvested | 94 | 91 | 100 | 96 |
| Wheat | Planted | 59 | 21 | 87 | 76 |
| | Emerged | 14 | 8 | 60 | 55 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Sugarcane | 5 | 11 | 54 | 17 | 13 |
| Livestock | 1 | 4 | 48 | 41 | 6 |
| Vegetables | 14 | 28 | 40 | 18 | 0 |
| Pasture | 3 | 14 | 54 | 28 | 1 |



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 11/20/06 TO 11/26/06

| | AIR TEMPERATURE | | | | PRECIPITATION | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| | MAX | MIN | AVG | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | NORM |
| 1. Northwest | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Bossier City | 74 | 26 | 49 | 52 | 0.00 | 3.38 | 37.43 | 46.12 |
| Minden | 72 | 26 | 49 | 52 | 0.00 | 2.67 | 42.75 | 49.52 |
| Mooringsport | 73 | 28 | 52 | MM | 0.00 | 3.27 | 38.51 | 42.71 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 26 | 50 | 53 | 0.00 | 3.11 | 39.56 | 47.39 |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Calhoun | 74 | 25 | 48 | 54 | 0.00 | 2.59 | 46.07 | 49.41 |
| Homer/Hill Farm | 73 | 26 | 50 | 51 | 0.00 | 3.93 | 45.29 | 49.99 |
| ULM-Monroe | 74 | 27 | 49 | 53 | 0.00 | 1.98 | 48.57 | 51.34 |
| Winnfield | 73 | 26 | 49 | 52 | 0.00 | 1.78 | 53.72 | 52.43 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 25 | 49 | 53 | 0.00 | 2.57 | 48.41 | 50.61 |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 72 | 30 | 49 | 52 | 0.00 | 2.59 | 45.79 | 52.35 |
| LSU-St Joseph | 74 | (23) | 48 | 55 | 0.00 | 2.42 | 49.34 | 50.13 |
| LSU-Winnsboro | 74 | 26 | 49 | 54 | 0.00 | 1.50 | 55.90 | 50.07 |
| Tallulah | 73 | 28 | 47 | 53 | 0.00 | 0.86 | 47.40 | 51.81 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 23 | 48 | 54 | 0.00 | 1.84 | 49.61 | 51.05 |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville | 73 | 24 | 50 | 55 | 0.00 | 1.74 | 52.77 | 50.95 |
| LSU-Rosepine | 74 | 27 | 51 | 55 | 0.00 | 1.77 | 63.12 | 52.30 |
| Natchitoches | 73 | 25 | 50 | 54 | 0.00 | 2.48 | 57.34 | 48.33 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 24 | 50 | 55 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 57.74 | 49.67 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 74 | 30 | 51 | 56 | 0.00 | 1.60 | 51.65 | 54.25 |
| Brusly | 74 | 26 | 49 | 56 | 0.00 | 3.14 | 46.88 | 56.82 |
| Bunkie | 74 | 31 | 51 | 56 | 0.00 | 1.60 | 51.05 | 54.87 |
| LSU-Alexandria | 74 | 26 | 50 | 55 | 0.00 | 1.66 | 51.96 | 53.14 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 26 | 50 | 57 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 50.39 | 54.35 |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Bogalusa | (76) | 31 | 51 | 56 | 0.00 | 4.49 | 41.21 | 58.33 |
| LSU-Baton Rouge | 75 | 30 | 50 | 57 | 0.00 | 2.67 | 41.46 | 55.62 |
| LSU-Clinton | 74 | 29 | 50 | 56 | 0.00 | 2.77 | 53.86 | 56.87 |
| LSU-Hammond | 75 | 30 | 50 | 57 | 0.00 | 4.88 | 38.72 | 57.98 |
| Slidell | 73 | 30 | 50 | 58 | 0.00 | 3.25 | 39.51 | 57.28 |
| Extreme/Average | 76 | 29 | 50 | 57 | 0.00 | 3.39 | 39.90 | 58.16 |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | |
| De Ridder | 72 | 30 | 54 | 56 | 0.00 | 2.14 | 76.70 | 53.94 |
| Jennings | 74 | 31 | 52 | 57 | 0.00 | 1.61 | 54.95 | 54.70 |
| LSU-Crowley | 74 | 33 | 52 | 58 | 0.00 | 0.91 | 45.90 | 54.42 |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 30 | 53 | 59 | 0.00 | 1.55 | 59.18 | 55.45 |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 75 | 31 | 51 | 59 | 0.00 | 3.86 | 40.84 | 56.26 |
| LSU-Jeanerette | 75 | 31 | 51 | 58 | 0.00 | 2.42 | 52.15 | 56.77 |
| Morgan City | 75 | 38 | 54 | 59 | 0.00 | 1.19 | 34.46 | 59.84 |
| Extreme/Average | 75 | 31 | 52 | 59 | 0.00 | 2.49 | 42.48 | 57.55 |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | |
| Galliano | 73 | 34 | 52 | 60 | 0.00 | 1.98 | 43.04 | 60.86 |
| Houma | 73 | 31 | 53 | 60 | 0.00 | 1.53 | 37.56 | 58.64 |
| NO Audubon Park | 76 | 37 | 54 | 61 | 0.00 | 2.15 | 38.76 | 58.38 |
| Reserve | 74 | 32 | 52 | 59 | 0.00 | 3.44 | 41.37 | 59.50 |
| Extreme/Average | 76 | 31 | 53 | 61 | 0.00 | 2.28 | 39.79 | 58.94 |
| State | | | | | | | | |
| State Averages | 76 | 23 | 51 | 57 | 0.00 | 2.29 | 48.15 | 54.01 |

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through November 26, 2006

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