



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, December 3, 2006

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.8

Soil moisture supplies: 0% very short, 11% short, 80% adequate and 9% surplus

Field Crops Report

Louisiana received a wide array of weather conditions last week. Sweet potato harvest was almost completed. Rice producers were applying basic fertilizer and building levees. Wheat producers took advantage of good field conditions and finally caught up to the average with 89 percent planted. There were reports of some wheat producers planting additional acreage due to good prices and field conditions. Sugarcane producers continued to harvest and reported excellent sugar recovery due to the cold spells, with reports of tonnage and sugar being better than last year's crop.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers continued harvesting cabbage, eggplant, greenhouse and field tomatoes, strawberries, and satsumas. Crawfish season was in full swing with reports of average catches.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock conditions improved due to the mild and cooler weather. The cool 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
Pecans	Harvested	78	70	82	80
Sugarcane	Harvested	58	47	67	70
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	99	94	100	97
Wheat	Planted	89	59	96	87
	Emerged	50	14	69	69

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	0	7	46	26	21
Livestock	0	8	55	35	2
Vegetables	10	39	39	12	0
Pasture	4	9	61	25	1

*This is the final weekly Crop Weather Report for 2006.
Our weekly Crop Weather will resume in March 2007.*

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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 11/27/06 TO 12/03/06

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	75	29	56	50	0.54	2.91	37.97	47.17
Minden	76	28	56	50	0.24	2.22	42.99	50.75
Mooringsport	75	28	58	MM	1.50	4.11	40.01	43.88
Extreme/Average	76	28	57	51	0.76	3.08	40.32	48.51
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	79	28	56	51	0.11	2.32	46.18	50.55
Homer/Hill Farm	75	27	55	49	0.40	3.50	45.69	51.23
ULM-Monroe	81	(25)	56	51	0.22	1.70	48.79	52.60
Winnfield	79	27	56	51	0.10	1.78	53.82	53.73
Extreme/Average	81	25	56	51	0.21	2.33	48.62	51.80
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	76	28	54	50	0.18	2.23	45.97	53.62
LSU-St Joseph	81	28	58	53	0.69	2.44	50.03	51.39
LSU-Winnsboro	80	27	58	52	0.33	1.73	56.23	51.33
Tallulah	77	27	55	51	0.32	1.04	47.72	53.14
Extreme/Average	81	27	56	52	0.38	1.86	49.99	52.31
4. West-Central								
Leesville	80	28	59	53	0.09	1.78	52.86	52.28
LSU-Rosepine	79	28	59	53	0.23	1.99	63.35	53.63
Natchitoches	77	30	55	52	0.11	2.46	57.45	49.54
Extreme/Average	80	28	57	53	0.14	2.08	57.89	50.92
5. Central								
Alexandria	81	27	59	54	0.39	1.99	52.04	55.65
Brusly	79	31	59	55	0.26	3.40	47.14	57.92
Bunkie	80	26	53	54	0.80	2.30	51.85	56.27
LSU-Alexandria	80	33	60	53	0.57	1.86	52.53	54.69
Extreme/Average	81	26	57	55	0.51	2.39	50.89	55.68
6. East-Central								
Bogalusa	80	31	57	55	0.69	5.18	41.90	59.55
LSU-Baton Rouge	(82)	32	62	56	0.17	2.84	41.63	56.81
LSU-Clinton	77	30	58	54	0.25	3.02	54.11	58.06
LSU-Hammond	78	32	58	55	0.75	5.63	39.47	59.17
Slidell	78	32	59	56	0.82	4.06	40.33	58.45
Extreme/Average	82	30	59	56	0.54	4.15	40.48	59.35
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	81	30	59	54	0.58	2.72	77.28	55.34
Jennings	78	30	59	56	0.24	1.58	55.19	55.93
LSU-Crowley	80	34	61	56	1.13	1.98	47.03	55.58
Extreme/Average	81	30	60	57	0.65	2.09	59.83	56.67
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	79	33	58	57	1.56	5.42	42.40	57.38
LSU-Jeanerette	80	31	60	56	0.04	2.46	52.19	57.82
Morgan City	80	34	60	58	0.88	2.07	35.34	61.04
Extreme/Average	80	31	60	58	0.83	3.32	43.31	58.67
9. Southeast								
Galliano	80	36	60	59	0.10	2.08	43.14	61.87
Houma	78	35	61	59	0.42	1.95	37.98	59.72
NO Audubon Park				59	0.62	2.77	39.38	59.57
Reserve	78	33	60	57	0.98	4.42	42.35	60.62
Extreme/Average	80	33	60	59	0.53	2.81	40.17	60.09
State								
State Averages	82	25	58	55	0.50	2.62	48.63	55.23

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through December 3, 2006

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