



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, December 4, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.4

Soil moisture supplies: 22% very short, 25% short, 50% adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers were received again across the state last week. The showers helped restore some soil moisture. Producers were preparing for next year's crop season by working on equipment and cultivating fields. Sugarcane producers were making excellent progress with harvesting of the crop. Producers were reporting better sugar and tonnage than with earlier harvested cane. Winter wheat planting edged closer to completion. Germination of winter wheat remained in line with last year and the 5-year average, thanks to the recent showers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers were selling satsumas and oranges. Vegetable producers were selling broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower. Pecan harvesting continued, surpassing last year and the 5-year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock and pasture conditions improved last week as showers moved across the state. Cattlemen continued planting ryegrass and top-dressing winter pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Pecans	Harvested	83	75	80	77
Sugarcane	Harvested	69	56	71	71
Wheat	Planted	97	90	79	86
	Emerged	70	65	71	74

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	8	20	57	10	5
Livestock	4	18	46	29	3
Vegetables	24	30	31	14	1
Pasture	29	31	27	13	0

*This is the final weekly Crop Weather Report for 2005.
Our weekly Crop Weather will resume in March 2006.*

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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 11/28/05 TO 12/04/05

	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	50	0.17	0.93	33.24	47.32				
Minden	82	28	52	50	0.16	0.52	31.49	50.92				
Mooringsport	82	30	54	MM	0.81	1.52	32.45	44.04				
Extreme/Average	82	28	53	51	0.49	1.02	32.45	48.67				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	80	25	50	51	0.33	0.76	34.69	50.72				
Homer/Hill Farm	77	27	49	49	0.66	1.41	39.21	51.40				
ULM-Monroe	(83)	(23)	52	51	0.33	0.98	31.20	52.79				
Winnfield	80	27	53	50	0.37	1.16	40.09	53.92				
Extreme/Average	83	23	51	51	0.35	0.96	37.39	51.97				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	79	29	51	50	0.42	0.78	36.86	53.81				
LSU-St Joseph	82	29	54	53	0.32	1.97	38.95	51.56	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	82	25	53	51	0.31	2.12	40.70	51.51				
Tallulah	80	25	53	51	0.33	1.15	36.32	53.33				
Extreme/Average	82	25	53	52	0.35	1.51	38.84	52.49	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	81	31	56	53	0.20	3.35	40.76	52.47				
LSU-Rosepine	81	34	56	53	0.14	2.35	33.80	53.82	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	80	29	54	52	0.20	1.09	32.76	49.72				
Extreme/Average	81	29	55	52	0.18	2.26	32.76	51.10	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	82	34	56	54	0.68	4.71	37.89	55.85				
Brusly	78	30	55	55	0.62	2.25	46.10	58.08				
Bunkie	79	34	55	54	0.18	3.16	56.25	56.47				
LSU-Alexandria	81	30	53	53	0.13	3.54	38.41	54.91	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	82	30	55	54	0.33	3.80	38.41	55.87	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	77	33	55	54	0.00	1.60	39.97	59.71				
LSU-Baton Rouge	80	34	58	56	0.37	3.59	42.64	56.98				
LSU-Clinton	77	32	55	54	0.30	1.65	42.28	58.23				
LSU-Hammond	79	31	57	55	0.00	1.33	40.78	59.34	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	77	36	58	56	0.04	2.22	62.29	58.60				
Extreme/Average	80	31	57	55	0.10	2.19	42.64	59.52	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	80	34	57	54	0.10	2.53	48.89	55.55				
Jennings	77	35	56	55	0.42	3.31	47.22	56.10	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	78	37	56	56	0.59	2.74	46.97	55.74	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	80	34	57	56	0.26	2.92	47.22	56.84	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	79	35	57	56	0.13	1.70	44.38	57.53				
LSU-Jeanerette	78	37	58	56	0.14	2.83	51.37	57.97				
Morgan City	80	41	63	57	0.00	2.36	43.51	61.20				
Extreme/Average	80	35	59	57	0.09	2.30	47.88	58.83				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	80	39	65	58	0.00	1.41	69.02	62.00				
Houma	79	37	61	58	0.00	1.68	61.77	59.86	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	59	0.00	1.51	56.49	59.73				
Reserve	79	38	61	57	0.00	2.25	53.07	60.77				
Extreme/Average	80	37	62	59	0.00	1.78	MM.MM	60.25	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	83	23	56	54	0.24	2.21	40.08	54.69	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through December 4, 2005

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