



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.8

Soil moisture supplies: 5% very short, 29% short, 63% adequate, and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Soybean producers reported notable differences in yield and quality. There were reports that elevators would not accept grain with a high moisture content or a sharp decline in quality. Many producers evaluated their fields and only harvested the best portions to try and minimize the quality and moisture damages sustained from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Rice harvest was almost completed and producers prepared fields for next season. Many of the ratoon crops were abandoned due to hurricane damage. Sugarcane producers planted sugarcane and prepared equipment for grinding.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crop

Citrus producers continued with post hurricane cleanup. Strawberry producers planted new plants. Vegetable producers sprayed cucumber and tomato plants for disease and harvested greens and squash. Sweet potato harvest continued where soil moisture levels permitted.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to harvest hay and plant winter forages. Beef producers began to market weaned calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	100	99	100	100
Cotton	Bolls Opening	100	98	98	97
	Harvested	45	28	34	51
Hay	Second Cutting	96	94	100	99
Rice	Harvested	95	86	100	98
Sorghum	Harvested	97	95	99	100
Soybeans	Turning Color	96	93	99	98
	Dropping Leaves	89	83	96	90
	Harvested	70	56	79	73
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	28	24	43	45
Sugarcane	Planted	74	56	97	97
	Harvested	1	0	3	5

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	36	34	24	6	0
Soybeans	16	25	38	20	1
Sugarcane	5	30	37	27	1
Livestock	2	11	33	49	5
Vegetables	18	19	44	17	2
Pasture	6	13	43	34	4

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/28/08 TO 10/05/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	87	48	69	71	0.00	1.77	40.83	38.50
Minden	85	48	67	70	0.00	2.29	37.32	41.60
Mooringsport	87	50	69	MM	0.00	1.44	35.28	34.97
Extreme/Average	87	48	68	70	0.00	1.83	37.81	39.53
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	48	67	71	0.01	4.65	45.37	41.98
Homer/Hill Farm	84	(42)	63	69	0.00	0.90	32.98	42.01
ULM-Monroe	87	51	70	71	0.00	2.02	41.54	43.53
Colmubia Lock	84	53	69	MM	0.00	2.29	43.17	45.03
Extreme/Average	87	42	67	70	0.00	2.47	40.77	42.92
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	52	69	71	0.00	1.74	52.05	44.24
LSU-St Joseph	88	53	70	71	0.00	1.86	54.64	42.92
LSU-Winnsboro	84	50	68	71	0.00	1.11	51.69	42.29
Tallulah	84	53	68	70	0.00	1.31	45.23	44.26
Extreme/Average	88	50	70	71	0.00	1.80	53.35	43.37
4. West-Central								
Leesville	87	47	69	71	0.00	2.16	35.20	43.35
LSU-Rosepine	86	51	71	72	0.00	1.99	36.11	44.48
Natchitoches	86	55	71	72	0.00	4.06	36.26	40.97
Extreme/Average	87	47	71	71	0.00	3.03	36.11	42.21
5. Central								
Alexandria	88	50	71	73	0.00	3.76	41.15	45.31
Brusly	89	51	71	72	0.00	1.54	51.43	49.69
Bunkie	88	52	72	72	0.00	3.01	51.97	46.56
LSU-Alexandria	89	52	72	72	0.00	4.25	52.96	44.13
Extreme/Average	89	50	72	72	0.00	3.14	52.12	46.00
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	88	52	72	MM	0.00	3.06	42.99	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	90	52	72	73	0.00	2.34	48.35	48.59
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	72	M.MM	M.MM	41.37	49.27
LSU-Hammond	88	52	70	72	0.00	1.12	49.63	50.99
Slidell	88	53	72	73	0.00	0.95	52.51	50.40
Extreme/Average	90	52	71	73	0.00	1.87	48.37	50.95
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	88	52	72	73	0.00	1.77	42.59	46.12
Jennings	88	54	72	73	0.00	2.20	44.75	46.80
LSU-Crowley	89	53	73	74	0.00	3.15	45.52	46.77
Extreme/Average	89	52	72	73	0.00	2.37	44.29	47.56
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	52	72	73	0.00	4.03	43.75	49.29
LSU-Jeanerette	89	55	73	73	0.00	3.23	53.31	49.94
Morgan City	89	59	75	74	0.00	3.02	36.03	52.65
Extreme/Average	89	52	73	74	0.00	3.23	53.31	50.38
9. Southeast								
Galliano	87	60	73	74	0.00	3.95	49.77	53.97
Houma	(91)	53	73	74	0.00	6.05	51.22	52.40
Terrytown 3S	89	59	75	MM	0.00	4.36	63.71	MM.MM
Reserve	90	57	74	73	0.00	2.87	50.37	52.71
Extreme/Average	91	53	74	75	0.00	5.21	51.22	52.15
State								
State Averages	91	42	71	72	0.00	2.83	46.68	46.39

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 5, 2008

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