



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.0

Soil moisture supplies: 28% very short, 32% short, 39% adequate, and 1% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Dry conditions persisted across the state. Forty-two percent of the rice crop was heading, behind the 5-year average of 56%. Ninety percent of the corn was at the dough state, compared to the 5-year average of 83%. Sixty percent of cotton had set bolls, slightly behind the 5-year average of 61%. Fifteen percent of the sorghum had turned color, behind the 5-year average of 22%. Sixty-five percent of beans were setting pods, ahead of the 5-year average of 57%. Sugarcane growth slowed due to the hot, dry weather. Sugarcane producers were busy as they scouted field for borers and treated for infestations.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers continued to harvest summer vegetables.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Thirty-one percent of producers had completed a second cutting of hay, slightly ahead of the 5-year average of 29%. Cattlemen continued to feed hay and market calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	90	82	86	83
Cotton	Squaring	99	93	87	95
	Setting Bolls	60	41	57	61
Hay	First Cutting	99	97	98	94
	Second Cutting	31	26	43	29
Peaches	Harvested	70	55	82	74
Rice	Headed	42	28	51	56
Sorghum	Headed	89	81	89	81
	Turning Color	15	2	29	22
Soybeans	Blooming	77	70	69	78
	Setting Pods	65	57	46	57

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	3	15	30	36	16
Cotton	2	25	33	31	9
Rice	0	1	23	57	19
Sorghum	5	18	43	34	0
Soybeans	10	23	33	23	11
Sugarcane	7	19	41	26	7
Livestock	6	14	44	34	2
Vegetables	11	26	37	25	1
Pasture	19	26	39	15	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/06/09 TO 07/12/09**

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM				
<b>1. Northwest</b>								
LSU-Bossier City(100)	70	84	83		0.32	0.32	23.43	29.61
Minden	98	70	82	82	1.03	1.03	26.94	32.10
Mooringsport	99	71	84	MM	1.20	1.48	23.21	26.62
Extreme/Average	100	70	83	82	0.85	0.94	24.53	30.21
<b>2. North-Central</b>								
LSU-Calhoun	98	69	83	83	0.73	0.73	23.31	32.52
Homer/Hill Farm	97	68	80	81	0.69	0.84	23.81	32.03
ULM-Monroe	98	70	83	83	0.90	1.00	23.75	34.38
Columbia Lock	98	70	82	MM	1.52	1.52	22.99	35.54
Extreme/Average	98	68	82	82	0.96	1.12	23.52	33.15
<b>3. Northeast</b>								
Lake Providence	99	70	82	82	0.10	0.16	26.77	35.52
LSU-St Joseph	97	71	83	82	2.13	2.14	22.20	33.72
LSU-Winnsboro	98	69	83	82	1.87	1.87	24.88	33.75
Tallulah	96	70	82	82	0.95	2.63	30.19	35.07
Extreme/Average	99	69	82	83	1.26	1.70	26.39	34.45
<b>4. West-Central</b>								
Leesville	99	69	82	81	1.08	1.27	22.06	32.16
LSU-Rosepine	98	68	83	81	0.80	1.87	24.25	32.27
Natchitoches	100	73	85	83	1.59	1.81	23.40	31.65
Extreme/Average	100	68	84	82	1.20	1.84	23.83	31.85
<b>5. Central</b>								
Alexandria	98	73	86	83	1.30	2.22	22.59	33.59
Brusly	94	71	82	81	1.16	2.12	24.34	34.78
Bunkie	99	73	85	82	0.58	1.22	28.66	35.56
LSU-Alexandria	98	73	85	82	1.70	4.25	25.77	32.16
Extreme/Average	99	71	84	83	1.19	2.45	26.26	33.94
<b>6. East-Central</b>								
Franklinton 5SW	97	70	83	MM	0.29	0.75	23.44	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	72	83	81	0.73	2.05	23.34	34.35
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	81	M.MM	0.60	20.05	35.66
LSU-Hammond	96	70	82	81	1.35	3.10	19.40	35.27
Slidell	98	72	82	82	3.37	4.08	21.53	34.56
Extreme/Average	98	70	83	82	1.44	1.97	22.06	36.24
<b>7. Southwest</b>								
DeRidder	97	71	84	82	0.77	2.33	26.19	33.41
Jennings	97	73	85	82	1.20	1.92	23.50	31.92
LSU-Crowley	96	73	85	82	4.26	5.77	30.76	32.56
Extreme/Average	97	71	85	82	2.08	3.34	26.82	32.51
<b>8. South-Central</b>								
Donaldsonville	94	72	82	82	2.46	6.10	27.08	33.35
LSU-Jeanerette	95	72	84	81	4.43	8.75	31.44	33.37
Morgan City	93	(66)	82	81	2.57	3.98	20.75	33.16
Extreme/Average	95	66	82	82	3.15	6.28	26.42	33.50
<b>9. Southeast</b>								
Galliano	94	73	83	82	1.31	3.23	19.48	34.84
Houma	95	73	83	82	2.50	3.66	16.49	33.75
Terrytown 3S	97	72	84	MM	1.84	3.78	25.94	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	82	M.MM	M.MM	10.08	37.12
Extreme/Average	97	72	83	83	1.88	3.56	20.64	34.63
<b>State</b>								
State Averages	100	66	83	82	1.53	2.54	24.53	33.49

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through July 12, 2009

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