



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.3

Soil moisture supplies: 2% very short, 14% short, 73% adequate and 11% surplus

Field Crops Report

Many areas of the state received much needed rainfall. Rice producers were busy harvesting, although showers interrupted the rice harvest in some areas. Rice yields were reported to be good. A few soybean producers were harvesting early maturing soybeans with reports of decent yields. Despite the dry weather early on, many soybean producers received rain when it was needed, leading to good conditions reported overall. Soybean producers were spraying for stinkbugs and applying fungicides. Sugarcane producers were busy planting and scouting for insects. Sorghum producers were busy harvesting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Crawfish producers were reporting problems with armyworms in rice planted for crawfish. Vegetable producers were busy harvesting eggplants, watermelons, peas, okra and mustard greens. Tomato producers were planting fall tomatoes. Strawberry producers were preparing their fields. Citrus producers were busy spraying for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay producers received much needed rainfall. The rains helped improve hay and pasture conditions, although they delayed some producers from cutting. Some hay producers were reporting problems with armyworms. Cattlemen were fertilizing pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	87	63	97	94
	Harvested	19	6	31	19
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	95	91	98
	Bolls Opening	4	2	14	9
Hay	Second Cutting	64	54	81	74
Peaches	Harvested	96	92	99	98
Rice	Headed	92	86	93	93
	Ripe	41	26	54	55
	Harvested	10	6	23	28
Sorghum	Turning Color	91	87	94	86
	Harvested	8	5	25	15
Soybeans	Blooming	98	93	96	98
	Setting Pods	94	81	86	90
	Turning Color	31	14	19	29
Sugarcane	Planted	10	2	4	5

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	4	20	31	40	5
Cotton	2	12	32	45	9
Rice	0	1	15	57	27
Sorghum	3	23	44	30	0
Soybeans	4	14	34	40	8
Sugarcane	5	11	39	37	8
Livestock	0	6	42	47	5
Vegetables	4	20	41	34	1
Pasture	4	11	36	46	3

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/03/09 TO 08/09/09

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	95	71	84	83	0.00	11.81	35.24	32.66
Minden	93	70	83	82	0.00	8.02	34.96	35.23
Mooringsport	96	71	84	MM	0.00	13.16	36.37	28.81
Extreme/Average	96	70	84	83	0.00	11.00	35.52	33.35
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	95	72	84	83	0.01	4.82	28.16	35.64
Homer/Hill Farm	93	(69)	81	82	0.45	7.25	31.06	35.24
ULM-Monroe	MM	MM	MM	83	0.00	3.00	26.75	37.29
Columbia Lock	95	71	82	MM	1.28	7.98	30.97	38.71
Extreme/Average	95	69	82	83	0.58	6.68	30.06	36.33
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	96	71	83	82	0.68	6.39	33.16	38.55
LSU-St Joseph	94	69	83	83	3.11	8.37	30.57	37.03
LSU-Winnboro	97	69	83	82	2.09	5.86	32.20	36.63
Tallulah	95	72	82	82	2.38	7.85	38.04	38.30
Extreme/Average	97	69	83	83	2.07	7.12	33.92	37.57
4. West-Central								
Leesville	96	70	83	82	0.35	4.98	27.04	35.87
LSU-Rosepine	96	71	84	82	0.04	3.26	27.51	36.58
Natchitoches	(98)	73	86	84	0.14	7.10	30.50	34.66
Extreme/Average	98	70	83	82	0.20	4.12	27.28	35.33
5. Central								
Alexandria	96	73	84	84	0.21	8.55	31.49	37.38
Brusly	94	70	82	82	0.51	2.97	27.31	40.32
Bunkie	96	71	84	83	0.18	3.59	32.25	38.84
LSU-Alexandria	98	72	84	82	0.15	6.93	32.70	36.04
Extreme/Average	98	70	83	83	0.26	5.51	30.75	37.93
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	95	71	82	MM	1.20	4.23	28.77	MM,MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	71	82	82	1.17	4.00	27.34	39.25
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	81	M,MM	4.56	24.96	40.42
LSU-Hammond	96	71	82	82	0.11	1.90	21.30	41.13
Slidell	95	71	83	82	2.37	4.82	26.35	40.53
Extreme/Average	96	71	82	82	1.21	3.74	25.94	41.63
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	95	73	84	83	0.05	5.77	31.96	37.73
Jennings	95	74	85	82	0.21	3.06	27.52	36.67
LSU-Crowley	95	72	84	82	2.76	4.19	34.95	37.52
Extreme/Average	95	72	84	83	1.01	4.34	31.48	37.53
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	71	82	82	0.22	3.77	30.85	38.97
LSU-Jeanerette	96	73	84	82	0.81	4.08	35.52	38.94
Morgan City	94	74	84	82	0.19	3.51	24.26	40.08
Extreme/Average	96	71	83	83	0.41	3.79	30.21	39.49
9. Southeast								
Galliano	93	75	84	82	0.68	10.37	29.85	41.79
Houma	97	72	84	83	1.62	6.87	23.36	40.64
Terrytown 3S	97	74	85	MM	2.50	5.59	31.53	MM,MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	82	M,MM	M,MM	10.08	42.43
Extreme/Average	97	72	85	83	2.06	6.23	27.45	40.74
State								
State Averages	98	69	83	83	0.90	5.73	30.20	37.90

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 9, 2009

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