



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 14, 2005 Released August 15, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.2

Soil moisture supplies: 20% very short, 42% short, 35% adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

High temperatures and humidity continued to deplete the soil moisture. A few isolated showers were received across the state. Harvesting of corn, rice and sorghum was in full swing last week. Some rice producers were flooding and fertilizing their harvested fields for a second (ratoon) crop. Soybean producers were preparing for harvest as the crop was beginning to drop leaves. Planting of sugarcane progressed well despite the dry conditions.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were harvesting eggplants, cucumbers and other vegetables. Strawberry producers were preparing field ground for planting. Harvesting of peaches was completed.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dry conditions continued to cause poor growth and browning of pastures. Cattlemen were cutting hay and putting up rice straw for winter feeding. They were also weaning and marketing spring born calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	97	87	99	96
	Harvested	11	5	34	35
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	99	100	100
	Open Bolls	6	2	17	20
Hay	Second Cutting	73	66	74	80
Peaches	Harvested	100	99	99	98
Rice	Headed	95	92	94	96
	Ripe	53	38	71	73
	Harvested	29	16	52	51
Sorghum	Headed	99	96	100	100
	Turning Color	87	67	94	90
	Ripe	53	28	71	69
	Harvested	12	1	27	22
Soybeans	Blooming	99	97	100	98
	Setting Pods	93	85	95	91
	Turning Color	46	20	30	22
	Dropping Leaves	23	5	16	6
Sugarcane	Planted	13	3	14	11

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	2	13	28	53	4
Cotton	3	11	29	49	8
Rice	0	0	38	42	20
Sorghum	0	13	36	48	3
Soybeans	2	14	32	47	5
Sugarcane	3	15	32	38	12
Livestock	0	7	45	45	3
Vegetables	14	18	43	24	1
Pasture	7	24	47	20	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/08/05 TO 08/14/05

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	83	1.79	3.44	24.35	33.14				
Minden	98	71	84	82	0.28	1.08	22.29	35.63				
Mooringsport	(99)	70	84	MM	0.17	2.30	19.81	29.21				
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	83	0.23	1.69	19.81	33.80				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	96	69	82	83	0.00	2.55	28.71	36.14				
Homer/Hill Farm	96	69	82	81	1.08	3.97	30.18	35.66				
ULM-Monroe	98	70	84	83	0.05	2.44	25.61	37.74				
Winnfield	96	70	82	81	0.40	2.15	28.80	38.40				
Extreme/Average	98	69	83	82	0.38	2.78	28.33	36.81				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	97	71	84	82	0.07	0.69	27.16	39.00				
LSU-St Joseph	99	70	84	82	0.00	1.17	26.34	37.56	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	98	70	84	82	0.20	0.49	29.81	37.13				
Tallulah	96	70	83	82	0.00	0.86	32.36	38.80				
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	83	0.07	0.80	28.92	38.07	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	99	67	83	81	0.31	3.51	28.53	36.42				
LSU-Rosepine	98	67	83	82	0.08	2.70	26.10	37.21	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	99	69	83	83	0.40	0.40	21.27	35.26				
Extreme/Average	99	67	83	82	0.26	2.20	21.27	35.88	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	96	72	84	83	0.00	1.87	22.74	38.08				
Brusly	95	70	82	81	0.00	4.87	29.38	41.30				
Bunkie	96	69	83	82	0.20	1.53	33.33	39.44				
LSU-Alexandria	97	(64)	81	82	0.17	3.38	25.44	36.64	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	97	64	82	83	0.09	2.91	27.72	38.58	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	95	70	82	82	0.43	1.70	32.99	42.92				
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	71	83	82	0.09	2.31	26.27	40.20				
LSU-Clinton	94	70	82	81	0.07	3.43	29.95	41.27				
LSU-Hammond	95	71	83	82	0.00	3.59	33.90	42.23	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	92	72	82	82	1.82	11.29	55.57	41.48				
Extreme/Average	96	70	82	82	0.48	4.46	35.74	42.53	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	97	69	83	82	0.44	2.74	24.48	38.38				
Jennings	95	70	83	82	0.09	2.85	29.88	37.37	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	95	70	83	82	0.28	3.52	32.25	38.32	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	97	69	83	83	0.27	3.04	31.07	38.33	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	93	71	82	82	0.02	5.21	31.74	39.87				
LSU-Jeanerette	94	70	82	81	0.31	2.94	28.32	39.94				
Morgan City	93	74	84	81	0.44	5.49	32.28	41.28				
Extreme/Average	94	70	82	83	0.26	4.55	30.78	40.49				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	94	74	84	82	0.10	6.93	53.94	42.94				
Houma	96	74	85	82	0.00	3.50	46.34	41.71	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	97	75	86	84	0.14	7.80	51.34	41.63				
Reserve	95	72	84	82	0.37	3.61	38.64	43.26				
Extreme/Average	97	72	85	83	0.15	5.46	47.57	41.74	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	99	64	83	83	0.24	3.17	30.85	38.61	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 14, 2005

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