



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.8

Soil moisture supplies: 2% short, 70% adequate, and 28% surplus

Field Crops Report

Many farmers across the state waited for fields to dry out due to the excess moisture from Hurricane Ike. The quality of soybeans and rice remaining in the field deteriorated due to the standing water. The quality of sugarcane in the field deteriorated, and planting for the '09 crop was hindered. Cotton harvest started. There were reports of cotton producers shredding the fields instead of harvesting due to damages sustained from the hurricanes.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crop

Extensive rainfall and winds from Hurricane Gustav damaged most of the vegetables. Sweet potato harvest was getting underway. More potatoes were reported rotting due to wet weather and water standing in fields. Citrus producers sustained significant damage due to the hurricanes.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen tried to secure hay and grain for cattle until conditions improve. Many pastures were still too wet which delayed planting of winter forages.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	94	87	97	99
Cotton	Bolls Opening	92	84	90	92
	Harvested	10	5	6	19
Hay	Second Cutting	93	91	99	98
Rice	Ripe	100	97	100	100
	Harvested	81	73	95	94
Sorghum	Harvested	90	86	93	97
Soybeans	Turning Color	81	68	92	87
	Dropping Leaves	72	57	84	75
	Harvested	42	26	46	53
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	18	15	19	26
Sugarcane	Planted	42	38	85	89

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	30	30	29	11	0
Soybeans	16	28	39	17	0
Sugarcane	11	29	40	19	1
Sweet Potatoes	4	41	44	11	0
Livestock	1	9	35	50	5
Vegetables	14	22	44	19	1
Pasture	6	9	39	43	3

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/15/08 TO 09/21/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	87	54	70	76	0.01	3.83	40.84	36.81
Minden	84	54	69	75	0.00	6.13	37.32	39.81
Mooringsport	85	(53)	69	MM	0.06	4.09	35.73	33.22
Extreme/Average	87	53	69	76	0.02	4.68	37.96	37.76
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	86	55	70	76	0.01	12.92	45.34	40.24
Homer/Hill Farm	85	54	69	74	0.00	4.44	32.30	40.11
ULM-Monroe	87	58	72	76	0.03	12.79	41.54	41.76
Colmubia Lock	85	57	70	MM	1.56	12.63	43.30	43.42
Extreme/Average	87	54	70	75	0.40	10.70	40.62	41.10
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	85	58	71	76	1.65	14.43	52.05	42.58
LSU-St Joseph	86	58	72	76	0.73	16.51	54.64	41.52
LSU-Winnsboro	86	57	71	76	0.85	19.42	51.68	40.81
Tallulah	82	55	70	75	0.57	13.84	49.83	42.72
Extreme/Average	86	55	72	76	1.08	16.79	53.35	41.82
4. West-Central								
Leesville	84	54	70	76	0.01	6.88	35.18	41.52
LSU-Rosepine	85	57	71	76	0.07	5.61	35.82	42.53
Natchitoches	84	60	71	77	0.00	4.06	36.11	39.37
Extreme/Average	85	54	71	76	0.03	6.25	35.50	40.43
5. Central								
Alexandria	88	60	73	78	1.31	19.62	50.22	43.37
Brusly	90	60	74	76	0.60	15.00	51.43	47.77
Bunkie	86	58	73	77	1.32	17.99	51.75	44.66
LSU-Alexandria	88	59	73	76	1.15	23.09	52.96	42.13
Extreme/Average	90	58	73	77	1.10	18.93	51.59	44.04
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	87	59	73	MM	1.79	9.37	42.69	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	90	60	74	77	0.43	12.67	48.74	46.83
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	76	M.MM	0.25	41.37	47.38
LSU-Hammond	88	59	74	77	0.84	6.17	49.60	49.27
Slidell	87	63	74	78	0.82	10.44	52.51	48.59
Extreme/Average	90	59	74	77	0.97	9.66	48.39	49.11
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	85	58	71	77	0.11	5.17	42.59	44.08
Jennings	87	61	73	78	0.98	7.66	44.75	44.41
LSU-Crowley	85	60	73	78	1.72	9.49	45.51	44.73
Extreme/Average	87	58	72	78	0.94	7.44	44.28	45.29
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	90	61	74	78	2.88	11.05	43.75	47.13
LSU-Jeanerette	89	61	74	77	0.74	15.40	50.77	47.74
Morgan City	85	65	75	78	1.45	4.50	36.03	50.36
Extreme/Average	90	61	74	78	1.69	15.40	50.77	48.19
9. Southeast								
Galliano	87	64	76	78	3.22	6.07	49.77	51.69
Houma	MM	MM	MM	79	M.MM	7.80	45.35	50.22
Terrytown 3S	89	65	76	MM	2.75	8.76	63.21	MM.MM
Reserve	(92)	64	77	78	1.51	10.78	50.37	50.61
Extreme/Average	92	64	76	79	2.49	10.78	50.37	49.96
State								
State Averages	92	53	73	77	1.01	11.45	46.26	44.44
M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 21, 2008								

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