



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 28, 2008

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.5

Soil moisture supplies: 9% short, 83% adequate, and 8% surplus

Field Crops Report

Soybean producers continued to harvest soybeans. Some farmers did not harvest their entire corn crop because of hurricane damage. Sugarcane producers planted sugarcane and prepared equipment for sugarcane harvest.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crop

Citrus producers pruned out dead branches from trees and continued with the post hurricane cleanup. Strawberry producers planted new plants. Vegetable producers sprayed bell pepper plants for disease and fertilized fall crops. Crawfish producers prepared ponds for flooding.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

In order to maximize grazing, cattlemen moved cattle around, reducing the amount of hay being fed. Cattlemen also harvested hay and planted winter forages.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	99	94	99	100
Cotton	Bolls Opening	98	92	95	95
	Harvested	28	10	13	31
Hay	Second Cutting	94	93	99	99
Rice	Harvested	86	81	98	97
Sorghum	Harvested	95	90	97	99
Soybeans	Turning Color	93	81	97	93
	Dropping Leaves	83	72	90	82
	Harvested	56	42	61	63
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	24	18	31	34
Sugarcane	Planted	56	42	94	94

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	34	35	22	9	0
Soybeans	16	25	38	20	1
Sugarcane	12	28	38	21	1
Livestock	1	8	33	52	6
Vegetables	12	18	48	21	1
Pasture	4	11	35	46	4

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/22/08 TO 09/28/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	87	53	73	73	0.00	3.82	40.83	37.61
Minden	86	53	72	73	0.00	5.79	37.32	40.72
Mooringsport	86	56	73	MM	0.00	3.72	35.28	34.06
Extreme/Average	87	53	73	73	0.00	4.44	37.81	38.62
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	88	55	73	73	0.02	12.84	45.36	41.08
Homer/Hill Farm	85	(48)	69	72	0.00	5.12	32.98	41.09
ULM-Monroe	89	57	75	73	0.00	12.32	41.54	42.62
Columbia Lock	87	56	73	MM	0.00	11.65	43.17	44.19
Extreme/Average	89	48	72	73	0.01	10.48	40.76	42.01
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	58	74	73	0.00	13.21	52.05	43.36
LSU-St Joseph	(90)	53	74	74	0.00	13.70	54.64	42.22
LSU-Winnisboro	88	53	72	73	0.00	18.80	51.69	41.52
Tallulah	87	52	72	73	0.00	9.01	45.23	43.49
Extreme/Average	90	52	73	74	0.00	13.68	50.64	42.59
4. West-Central								
Leesville	88	50	71	73	0.00	6.83	35.18	42.48
LSU-Rosepine	87	56	73	74	0.00	5.74	36.11	43.54
Natchitoches	87	58	74	74	0.00	4.06	36.26	40.14
Extreme/Average	88	50	73	74	0.00	6.29	35.65	41.34
5. Central								
Alexandria	89	59	75	76	0.00	10.16	41.15	44.33
Brusly	87	54	73	74	0.00	12.76	51.43	48.75
Bunkie	90	58	74	75	0.21	17.07	51.96	45.64
LSU-Alexandria	89	57	75	74	0.00	22.44	52.96	43.17
Extreme/Average	90	54	74	75	0.05	17.42	52.12	45.02
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	86	55	73	MM	0.75	8.89	43.44	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	88	54	74	75	0.21	10.99	48.95	47.76
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	74	M.MM	MM.MM	41.37	48.36
LSU-Hammond	87	52	72	75	0.01	4.90	49.63	50.18
Slidell	85	55	72	76	0.00	8.12	52.51	49.61
Extreme/Average	88	52	73	75	0.24	8.23	48.63	50.10
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	88	57	75	75	0.00	5.10	42.59	45.14
Jennings	89	57	75	76	0.00	7.55	44.75	45.70
LSU-Crowley	90	58	76	76	0.01	9.32	45.52	45.81
Extreme/Average	90	57	75	76	0.00	7.32	44.29	46.49
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	54	74	76	0.00	8.46	43.75	48.30
LSU-Jeanerette	89	58	75	75	0.00	12.78	50.77	48.92
Morgan City	88	63	76	76	0.00	3.02	36.03	51.64
Extreme/Average	89	54	75	76	0.00	12.78	50.77	49.37
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	59	75	76	0.00	3.95	49.77	52.97
Houma	90	56	75	77	0.04	13.02	51.44	51.46
Terrytown 3S	88	60	76	MM	0.00	5.94	63.71	MM.MM
Reserve	87	58	75	76	0.00	7.28	50.37	51.78
Extreme/Average	90	56	75	77	0.01	13.02	51.44	51.20
State								
State Averages	90	48	74	75	0.04	10.81	46.28	45.46

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 28, 2008

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