



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.5

Soil moisture supplies: 5% very short, 34 % short, 58% adequate, and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

The drier weather assisted producers as they worked to complete the harvest of soybeans and rice. Sweet potato harvest was slowed due to low soil moisture levels. Sugarcane harvest was well underway, and mills were operating in full swing.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crop

Producers planted additional strawberry plants, harvested green beans, cucumbers, and tomatoes, and sprayed plants for disease control. Citrus producers harvested satsumas. Crawfish producers flooded ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to harvest hay and plant winter forages. Beef producers began to market weaned calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	100	100	100	100
Cotton	Harvested	70	45	58	68
Hay	Second Cutting	98	96	100	99
Pecans	Harvested	6	0	18	0
Rice	Harvested	98	95	100	99
Sorghum	Harvested	100	97	100	100
Soybeans	Turning Color	99	96	100	99
	Dropping Leaves	96	89	99	94
	Harvested	80	70	89	79
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	39	28	56	56
Sugar Cane	Planted	89	74	99	99
	Harvested	4	1	10	10
Winter Wheat	Planted	3	0	0	3

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	30	37	26	7	0
Sugarcane	7	28	38	25	2
Livestock	1	9	34	51	5
Vegetables	13	16	44	25	2
Pasture	3	11	48	37	1

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/06/08 TO 10/12/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	85	48	70	68	0.16	0.18	40.99	39.47
Minden	85	49	68	67	0.00	0.00	37.32	42.44
Mooringsport	84	(47)	69	MM	0.39	0.45	35.67	35.88
Extreme/Average	85	47	69	68	0.18	0.21	37.99	40.49
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	87	51	70	68	0.07	0.11	45.44	42.90
Homer/Hill Farm	85	52	69	66	0.33	0.33	33.31	42.92
ULM-Monroe	89	55	72	68	0.06	0.09	41.60	44.44
Colmubia Lock	88	52	70	MM	0.10	1.66	43.27	45.90
Extreme/Average	89	51	70	67	0.14	0.55	40.91	43.83
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	55	71	68	0.88	2.53	52.93	45.20
LSU-St Joseph	87	55	72	69	0.17	0.90	54.81	43.64
LSU-Winnsboro	89	53	71	68	0.12	0.97	51.76	43.13
Tallulah	87	55	71	67	0.05	1.31	45.28	45.03
Extreme/Average	89	53	71	68	0.31	1.47	53.87	44.21
4. West-Central								
Leesville	88	47	70	68	0.13	0.14	35.33	44.16
LSU-Rosepine	86	53	71	69	0.24	0.28	36.35	45.39
Natchitoches	88	56	72	69	0.18	0.18	36.44	41.88
Extreme/Average	88	47	71	68	0.18	0.23	36.35	43.11
5. Central								
Alexandria	88	51	70	70	0.00	0.37	41.15	46.36
Brusly	88	54	71	69	0.55	1.15	51.98	50.60
Bunkie	88	55	72	70	0.70	2.23	52.67	47.47
LSU-Alexandria	89	55	72	69	0.49	1.64	53.45	45.04
Extreme/Average	89	51	71	70	0.44	1.35	52.70	46.91
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	85	57	72	MM	0.68	2.89	43.67	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	88	56	73	70	0.34	0.98	48.69	49.36
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	69	M.MM	M.MM	41.37	50.18
LSU-Hammond	87	55	72	70	1.37	2.22	51.00	51.76
Slidell	85	57	73	71	0.63	1.45	53.14	51.04
Extreme/Average	88	55	73	70	0.76	1.89	49.13	51.72
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	87	54	72	70	0.73	0.84	43.32	47.03
Jennings	89	55	72	71	1.34	2.32	46.09	47.75
LSU-Crowley	(90)	55	73	71	0.60	2.33	46.12	47.68
Extreme/Average	90	54	72	71	0.89	1.83	45.18	48.53
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	90	55	72	71	0.05	2.93	43.80	50.16
LSU-Jeanerette	90	56	73	70	0.01	0.85	53.32	50.83
Morgan City	89	60	74	72	0.12	1.57	36.15	53.47
Extreme/Average	90	55	73	72	0.06	1.89	53.32	51.26
9. Southeast								
Galliano	87	63	74	72	0.47	3.69	50.24	54.79
Houma	90	56	74	72	0.15	3.02	51.37	53.10
Terrytown 3S	87	62	75	MM	0.31	3.06	64.02	MM.MM
Reserve	90	57	74	71	0.00	1.51	50.37	53.45
Extreme/Average	90	56	74	72	0.23	3.04	51.37	52.89
State								
State Averages	90	47	72	70	0.40	1.46	47.12	47.27

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 12, 2008

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