



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.1

Soil moisture supplies: 5% very short, 32 % short, 60% adequate, and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers occurred across the state. Sweet potato harvest continued and the quality improved. Soybean and rice producers worked to complete their harvesting. Rice producers prepared fields for next year's crop. Mills were operating in full swing as sugar cane harvest continued. Wheat producers continued to prepare fields for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers planted additional strawberry plants and harvested green beans and tomatoes. Citrus producers harvested satsumas. Crawfish producers flooded ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to harvest hay and plant winter forages. Beef producers continued 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	85	70	72	80
Hay	Second Cutting	99	98	100	100
Pecans	Harvested	18	6	30	19
Rice	Harvested	99	98	100	100
Sorghum	Harvested	100	100	100	100
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	99	100	100
	Dropping Leaves	99	96	100	97
	Harvested	89	80	92	85
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	45	39	67	66
Sugar Cane	Planted	97	89	100	100
	Harvested	8	4	15	17
Winter Wheat	Planted	6	3	0	6

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	6	21	42	25	6
Livestock	1	9	35	51	4
Vegetables	6	17	49	24	4
Pasture	5	12	48	33	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/13/08 TO 10/19/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	AIR NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	85	47	69	65	0.77	0.94	41.76	40.50
Minden	86	47	69	65	1.72	1.72	39.04	43.34
Mooringsport	84	49	68	MM	1.85	2.24	37.52	36.85
Extreme/Average	86	47	69	65	1.45	1.63	39.44	41.48
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	87	45	69	65	0.90	1.00	46.34	43.88
Homer/Hill Farm	83	47	68	64	1.32	1.65	34.63	43.83
ULM-Monroe	88	47	70	65	0.65	0.71	42.25	45.41
Columbia Lock	87	48	69	MM	2.52	2.62	45.79	46.83
Extreme/Average	88	45	69	65	1.35	1.50	42.25	44.79
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	49	69	65	0.16	1.04	53.09	46.24
LSU-St Joseph	88	45	71	66	0.16	0.33	54.97	44.42
LSU-Winnsboro	(89)	45	69	65	0.52	0.64	52.28	44.03
Tallulah	88	46	69	65	0.65	0.70	45.93	45.87
Extreme/Average	89	45	69	66	0.37	0.67	54.03	45.11
4. West-Central								
Leesville	84	(43)	69	66	0.68	0.81	36.01	44.98
LSU-Rosepine	84	49	70	67	0.39	0.63	36.74	46.30
Natchitoches	86	51	71	66	3.41	3.59	39.85	42.85
Extreme/Average	86	43	70	66	1.49	2.11	36.74	44.02
5. Central								
Alexandria	86	46	69	68	0.68	0.68	41.83	47.45
Brusly	87	50	71	67	0.03	0.58	52.01	51.51
Bunkie	85	48	71	67	0.21	1.12	52.88	48.38
LSU-Alexandria	86	48	71	67	0.31	0.80	53.76	45.99
Extreme/Average	87	46	70	67	0.40	0.87	53.32	47.89
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	85	50	70	MM	0.20	0.88	43.87	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	88	50	72	68	0.11	0.66	48.80	50.13
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	67	M.MM	M.MM	39.97	51.09
LSU-Hammond	84	46	71	67	0.42	1.80	51.42	52.53
Slidell	84	52	73	68	0.00	0.63	53.14	51.67
Extreme/Average	88	46	72	68	0.18	0.99	49.31	52.49
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	85	49	70	68	0.60	1.33	43.92	47.94
Jennings	87	51	73	69	0.38	1.72	46.47	48.66
LSU-Crowley	88	51	73	69	0.00	0.61	46.12	48.55
Extreme/Average	88	49	72	69	0.33	1.22	45.50	49.44
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	50	72	69	0.04	0.09	43.84	50.97
LSU-Jeanerette	88	49	73	68	0.03	0.04	53.35	51.67
Morgan City	87	51	73	70	0.01	0.13	36.16	54.19
Extreme/Average	88	49	73	69	0.03	0.07	53.35	52.10
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	58	75	70	0.75	1.22	55.54	55.51
Houma	87	48	74	70	0.17	0.36	52.43	53.68
Terrytown 3S	86	58	75	MM	0.10	0.41	64.12	MM.MM
Reserve	85	54	73	69	0.00	0.00	50.37	54.13
Extreme/Average	87	48	74	70	0.26	0.66	52.43	53.53
State Averages	89	43	71	67	0.61	1.08	47.75	48.15

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 19, 2008

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