



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 1.3

Soil moisture supplies: 1% short, 24% adequate and 75% surplus

Field Crops Report

Rain delayed most agriculture activities across the state. Rice harvest neared completion. The ratoon crop continued to progress. Rainfall has continued to hamper the soybean harvest with only 64 percent complete compared to the 5 year average of 88 percent. Sorghum harvest remained at 98 percent, slightly behind the 5 year average of 100 percent. Cotton harvest was delayed, with no change since last week. Only 23 percent of cotton has been harvested this year, falling well behind the 5 year average of 79 percent. Sugarcane harvest increased to 11 percent despite the muddy fields and is only slightly behind the 5 year average of 13 percent. Sugarcane mills continued with grinding.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued to harvest fall crops. Citrus producers continued to harvest satsumas. Pecan harvest was at 13 percent, slightly behind the 5 year average of 18 percent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The wet weather continued to delay planting of winter forages and harvest of hay. Cattlemen continued to market calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	23	23	83	79
Hay	Second Cutting	97	97	99	100
Pecans	Harvested	13	10	16	18
Rice	Harvested	97	96	99	100
Sorghum	Harvested	98	98	100	100
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	99	100	100
	Dropping Leaves	98	92	99	98
	Harvested	64	63	88	88
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	25	24	44	59
Sugarcane	Planted	98	97	96	99
	Harvested	11	4	7	13
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	10	36	36	17	1
Sugarcane	3	11	40	36	10
Livestock	1	6	45	45	3
Vegetables	7	32	38	22	1
Pasture	4	17	47	30	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/12/09 TO 10/18/09**

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	40	64	66	3.51	7.14	46.61	40.20
Minden	78	53	66	65	5.59	13.76	55.49	43.08
Mooringsport	82	42	62	MM	5.43	11.46	55.50	36.57
Extreme/Average	84	40	63	66	4.47	9.30	51.06	41.19
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	76	38	63	65	6.88	15.14	51.07	43.60
Homer/Hill Farm	75	(37)	61	64	8.71	17.07	59.42	43.57
ULM-Monroe	76	41	63	66	8.68	17.33	55.49	45.13
Columbia Lock	77	42	64	MM	4.43	10.11	46.52	46.55
Extreme/Average	77	37	63	65	7.18	14.91	53.13	44.51
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	78	42	62	66	7.55	12.96	51.97	45.94
LSU-St Joseph	89	40	70	67	2.53	8.58	41.65	44.19
LSU-Winnboro	84	40	65	66	4.88	12.05	49.45	43.77
Tallulah	79	39	63	65	3.94	9.38	52.64	45.63
Extreme/Average	89	39	65	66	4.73	10.31	48.75	44.85
4. West-Central								
Leesville	88	40	68	66	3.42	7.51	39.62	44.74
LSU-Rosepine	87	44	68	67	1.85	6.06	37.67	46.04
Natchitoches	90	40	69	67	7.09	11.97	47.94	42.57
Extreme/Average	90	40	68	66	4.12	6.79	38.65	43.76
5. Central								
Alexandria	88	40	68	68	2.06	5.00	38.77	47.13
Brusly	91	41	71	67	2.28	8.70	41.27	51.25
Bunkie	89	42	68	68	3.59	10.02	46.96	48.12
LSU-Alexandria	89	40	68	67	1.30	4.38	39.38	45.71
Extreme/Average	91	40	69	68	2.31	7.03	42.54	47.61
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	89	41	68	MM	4.12	5.69	41.73	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	88	42	70	68	1.98	6.52	39.40	49.91
Amite	89	40	68	67	4.24	9.52	44.08	53.85
LSU-Hammond	90	41	70	68	2.35	8.46	36.41	52.31
Slidell	89	42	71	69	2.26	7.56	45.34	51.49
Extreme/Average	90	40	69	68	2.99	8.02	41.31	52.27
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	88	44	69	68	3.74	6.89	44.86	47.68
Jennings	90	44	72	69	1.49	7.83	43.60	48.40
LSU-Crowley	88	44	71	69	3.94	9.49	49.50	48.29
Extreme/Average	90	44	70	69	3.06	8.07	45.99	49.18
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	89	43	72	69	3.95	10.85	53.11	50.75
LSU-Jeanerette	89	44	72	68	2.27	12.47	59.76	51.43
Morgan City	88	49	73	70	1.02	8.39	41.27	53.99
Extreme/Average	89	43	72	70	2.41	10.57	51.38	51.86
9. Southeast								
Galliano	90	47	74	70	1.60	7.45	48.80	55.31
Houma	90	46	73	70	0.88	5.28	34.99	53.52
Terrytown 3S	(92)	46	74	MM	2.68	5.98	53.23	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	69	M.MM	M.MM	10.08	53.93
Extreme/Average	92	46	74	71	1.72	6.72	51.02	53.35
State Averages	92	37	68	68	3.59	8.96	46.92	47.90

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 18, 2009

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