



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.3

Soil moisture supplies: 8% very short, 33 % short, 56% adequate and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Most of the state experienced warm, dry conditions last week. Some areas received showers late in the week. Excellent weather conditions allowed producers to make good progress harvesting crops. Rice harvesting was completed. Soybean harvest was winding down. Sweet potato harvest continued with reports of later planted potatoes yielding better with little breakdown. Harvesting of sugarcane was getting underway with reports of good sugar recovery and tonnage. Wheat producers continued preparing for planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers continued planting. Vegetable producers were harvesting and selling greenhouse tomatoes, greens, fall beans and bell peppers. Citrus producers were busy harvesting satsumas. Crawfish producers continued flooding ponds and monitoring water quality.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were busy planting ryegrass. Second cutting of hay was completed.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	93	85	86	90
Hay	Second Cutting	100	99	100	100
Pecans	Harvested	25	18	42	29
Rice	Harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	100	99	100	99
	Harvested	95	89	95	92
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	66	45	72	75
Sugarcane	Planted	99	97	100	100
	Harvested	13	8	25	25
Winter Wheat	Planted	12	6	9	15
	Emerged	1	0	0	4

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	6	19	36	30	9
Livestock	3	10	38	45	4
Vegetables	10	18	41	29	2
Pasture	7	16	46	29	2

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/20/08 TO 10/26/08

	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			AIR NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	79	39	61	63	0.14	1.07	41.68	41.55
Minden	78	38	59	62	0.00	1.72	39.04	44.30
Mooringsport	78	43	61	MM	0.44	2.68	37.96	37.86
Extreme/Average	79	38	MM	63	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	42.53
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	63	M.MM	0.98	46.15	44.86
Homer/Hill Farm	76	(34)	57	61	0.11	1.76	34.74	44.81
ULM-Monroe	80	41	59	63	0.12	0.83	40.84	46.41
Columbia Lock	79	45	60	MM	0.15	2.77	45.94	47.82
Extreme/Average	80	34	MM	63	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	45.78
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	78	46	60	63	0.88	1.92	53.97	47.32
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	64	0.00	0.33	54.96	45.29
LSU-Winnisboro	80	44	61	63	0.05	0.69	52.33	45.02
Tallulah	78	45	60	62	1.26	1.96	47.19	46.78
Extreme/Average	80	44	MM	63	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	46.08
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(81)	36	59	64	0.13	0.94	36.14	45.85
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	64	0.00	0.63	36.74	47.24
Natchitoches	80	46	62	64	0.61	4.20	45.73	43.83
Extreme/Average	81	36	MM	63	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	44.96
5. Central								
Alexandria	79	42	61	65	0.00	0.68	41.83	48.61
Brusly	78	41	61	65	0.19	0.77	52.20	52.47
Bunkie	81	44	62	65	0.65	1.56	53.53	49.37
LSU-Alexandria	MM	MM	MM	64	0.04	0.84	53.80	47.04
Extreme/Average	81	41	MM	65	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	48.91
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	MM	MM	MM	MM	M.MM	0.88	43.87	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	MM	MM	MM	66	0.00	0.45	48.80	50.97
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	65	M.MM	M.MM	39.97	52.05
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	65	M.MM	1.79	51.42	53.34
Slidell	77	46	64	66	0.15	0.78	53.29	52.36
Extreme/Average	77	46	MM	65	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	53.30
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	81	42	61	65	0.00	1.33	43.92	48.89
Jennings	80	48	64	67	0.50	2.22	46.97	49.58
LSU-Crowley	80	51	65	67	0.05	0.65	46.17	49.48
Extreme/Average	81	42	MM	67	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	50.40
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	78	45	63	67	0.04	0.13	43.88	51.80
LSU-Jeanerette	MM	MM	MM	66	0.18	0.22	53.53	52.51
Morgan City	81	52	66	68	0.16	0.29	36.32	54.96
Extreme/Average	81	45	MM	67	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	52.94
9. Southeast								
Galliano	78	53	67	68	0.65	1.87	56.19	56.28
Houma	MM	MM	MM	68	0.00	0.32	52.43	54.30
Terrytown 3S	81	52	68	MM	0.24	0.65	64.36	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	66	0.01	0.01	50.38	54.85
Extreme/Average	81	52	MM	68	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	54.23
State								
State Averages	81	34	MM	65	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 26, 2008

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