



LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, November 6, 2005

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.3

Soil moisture supplies: 53% very short, 35% short and 12% adequate

Field Crops Report

Louisiana finally received scattered showers last week, ending the three week dry period. The rain improved conditions but not enough to significantly improve soil moisture. Cotton and soybean harvests were completed. Producers were preparing fields for next year. Some rice producers were holding off on fall field preparations due to salty soils. Sugarcane harvesting continued with reports of good sugar but light tonnage. Some sugarcane producers were hindered with downed sugarcane and debris from hurricanes in fields. Winter wheat planting continued at a slow pace due to dry conditions. The recent rain was needed to help planted wheat emerge.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Citrus producers continued selling satsumas. The recent rain improved vegetable conditions, but producers were hoping for more rain. Harvesting of pecans continued.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Showers last week improved pasture conditions. Cattlemen were selling cows and feeding hay and supplemental feed to cattle. Cattlemen were uncertain if they will be able to plant ryegrass on the acreage affected by the hurricanes.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	100	99	93	90
Pecans	Harvested	39	25	42	38
Soybeans	Harvested	100	99	95	91
Sugarcane	Harvested	39	30	37	40
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	96	89	78	85
Wheat	Planted	35	20	36	43
	Emerged	8	3	15	25

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	19	36	42	3	0
Livestock	6	27	48	16	3
Vegetables	24	44	27	5	0
Pasture	29	46	24	1	0

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/31/05 TO 11/06/05

	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					MAX	MIN	AVG	
1. Northwest												
LSU-Bossier City	80	38	61	59	1.31	1.31	32.31	43.11				
Minden	83	38	62	59	1.13	1.13	30.97	45.90				
Mooringsport	81	42	63	MM	1.34	1.34	30.93	39.40				
Extreme/Average	83	38	62	59	1.26	1.26	31.62	44.11				
2. North-Central												
LSU-Calhoun	84	36	63	59	0.67	0.67	33.93	46.34				
Homer/Hill Farm	81	38	63	58	1.55	1.55	37.80	46.40				
ULM-Monroe	84	34	63	59	0.42	0.42	30.20	47.95				
Winnfield	82	36	60	59	0.85	0.85	38.93	49.07				
Extreme/Average	84	34	62	59	0.87	0.87	35.22	47.30				
3. Northeast												
Lake Providence	83	41	62	59	0.34	0.34	36.08	48.92				
LSU-St Joseph	(87)	(32)	63	61	0.07	0.07	36.98	46.72	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	86	36	64	60	0.38	0.38	38.58	46.57				
Tallulah	86	32	63	59	0.10	0.10	35.17	48.28				
Extreme/Average	87	32	63	60	0.22	0.22	37.21	47.60	MM	MM	MM	
4. West-Central												
Leesville	85	33	64	60	1.01	1.01	37.41	47.33				
LSU-Rosepine	85	38	65	61	1.10	1.10	31.45	48.74	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	85	34	64	60	1.21	1.21	31.67	45.24				
Extreme/Average	85	33	64	60	1.11	1.11	31.67	46.41	MM	MM	MM	
5. Central												
Alexandria	82	35	61	62	0.72	0.72	33.18	50.37				
Brusly	83	36	61	62	0.13	0.13	43.85	53.87				
Bunkie	84	39	63	62	0.42	0.42	53.09	51.01				
LSU-Alexandria	85	35	63	61	0.65	0.65	34.87	48.82	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	85	35	62	62	0.48	0.48	39.36	50.57	MM	MM	MM	
6. East-Central												
Bogalusa	80	44	65	61	0.69	0.69	38.37	54.77				
LSU-Baton Rouge	85	37	61	63	0.05	0.05	39.05	52.35				
LSU-Clinton	84	38	61	61	0.05	0.05	40.63	53.54				
LSU-Hammond	85	40	61	62	0.01	0.01	39.45	54.71	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	80	44	65	63	0.26	0.26	60.07	53.72				
Extreme/Average	85	37	63	62	0.21	0.21	39.05	54.71	MM	MM	MM	
7. Southwest												
De Ridder	86	41	64	62	1.14	1.14	46.35	50.38				
Jennings	84	41	64	63	0.77	0.77	43.91	51.13	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	86	42	64	63	0.59	0.59	44.23	50.99	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	86	41	64	64	0.83	0.83	44.07	51.93	MM	MM	MM	
8. South-Central												
Donaldsonville	84	39	62	64	0.06	0.06	42.68	53.13				
LSU-Jeanerette	84	41	61	63	0.35	0.35	48.54	53.81				
Morgan City	82	48	66	65	0.40	0.40	41.15	56.34				
Extreme/Average	84	39	63	64	0.27	0.27	45.61	54.32				
9. Southeast												
Galliano	82	42	66	65	0.40	0.40	67.61	57.63				
Houma	84	46	66	65	0.09	0.09	60.09	55.49	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	66	0.07	0.07	54.98	54.89				
Reserve	85	40	62	64	0.00	0.00	50.82	56.16				
Extreme/Average	85	40	65	65	0.16	0.16	MM.MM	55.54	MM	MM	MM	
State												
State Averages	87	32	63	62	0.59	0.59	38.41	49.85	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through November 6, 2005

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