



## LOUISIANA CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

For Crop Week Ending Sunday, November 13, 2005

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### CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.9

**Soil moisture supplies:** 60% very short, 35% short and 5% adequate

#### Field Crops Report

Hot and dry conditions persisted throughout the week. Soil moisture continued to be extremely low. Some cotton and soybean producers were preparing fields for next year. Rice producers continued holding off on fall field preparations due to salty soils. A few rice producers were harvesting their second crop. Sugarcane harvesting continued with reports of good sugar but light tonnage. Downed sugarcane and debris from hurricanes in fields continued to be a problem for some. Dry conditions slowed winter wheat planting. Rain was needed to help planted wheat emerge.

#### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Crawfish producers continued flooding ponds. Citrus producers were selling satsumas. Sweet potatoes harvest edged closer to completion. Producers were hoping for more rain to improve vegetable conditions. Harvesting of pecans remained on track with last year and the 5 year average.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture conditions continued to decline because of dry weather, but sixty percent of livestock conditions were reported as fair to excellent. Cattlemen were hoping for more rain to germinate ryegrass seed.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2004	5 YR AVG
Pecans	Harvested	53	39	49	47
Sugarcane	Harvested	45	39	42	47
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	98	96	87	89
Wheat	Planted	53	35	46	52
	Emerged	15	8	32	40

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	12	42	40	6	0
Livestock	4	36	38	19	3
Vegetables	28	38	28	5	1
Pasture	32	41	25	2	0

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	AIR				PRECIPITATION				4 INCH SOIL			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM	TEMPERATURE			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM					MAX	MIN	AVG	
<b>1. Northwest</b>												
LSU-Bossier City	84	48	70	56	0.02	1.33	32.33	44.17				
Minden	84	46	68	56	0.01	1.14	30.98	47.15				
Mooringsport	82	55	70	MM	0.00	1.34	30.93	40.52				
Extreme/Average	84	46	69	57	0.01	1.27	31.63	45.23				
<b>2. North-Central</b>												
LSU-Calhoun	87	37	67	57	0.00	0.67	33.93	47.39				
Homer/Hill Farm	81	43	65	55	0.00	1.55	37.80	47.64				
ULM-Monroe	88	(35)	66	57	0.00	0.42	30.20	49.08				
Winnfield	86	45	67	56	0.00	0.85	38.93	50.19				
Extreme/Average	88	35	66	57	0.00	0.87	35.22	48.42				
<b>3. Northeast</b>												
Lake Providence	86	39	66	56	0.05	0.39	36.13	50.09				
LSU-St Joseph	89	39	68	59	0.07	0.14	37.05	47.86	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Winnsboro	88	39	68	58	0.00	0.38	38.58	47.75				
Tallulah	85	40	66	57	0.02	0.12	35.19	49.45				
Extreme/Average	89	39	67	58	0.04	0.26	37.25	48.76	MM	MM	MM	
<b>4. West-Central</b>												
Leesville	89	51	71	58	0.02	1.03	37.43	48.52				
LSU-Rosepine	(90)	51	72	59	0.00	1.10	31.45	49.91	MM	MM	MM	
Natchitoches	88	50	71	58	0.00	1.21	31.67	46.29				
Extreme/Average	90	50	71	58	0.01	1.11	31.67	47.50	MM	MM	MM	
<b>5. Central</b>												
Alexandria	83	55	70	60	0.08	0.80	33.26	51.69				
Brusly	87	48	69	60	0.00	0.13	43.85	54.87				
Bunkie	86	54	72	60	0.01	0.43	53.10	52.30				
LSU-Alexandria	88	48	69	59	0.00	0.65	34.87	50.26	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	88	48	70	60	0.02	0.50	39.36	51.86	MM	MM	MM	
<b>6. East-Central</b>												
Bogalusa	84	43	67	60	0.00	0.69	38.37	55.99				
LSU-Baton Rouge	87	46	70	61	0.00	0.05	39.05	53.44				
LSU-Clinton	84	46	67	59	0.00	0.05	40.63	54.66				
LSU-Hammond	84	41	67	60	0.00	0.01	39.45	55.80	MM	MM	MM	
Slidell	85	44	68	61	0.02	0.28	60.09	54.93				
Extreme/Average	87	41	68	60	0.00	0.22	39.05	55.86	MM	MM	MM	
<b>7. Southwest</b>												
De Ridder	85	54	72	60	0.00	1.15	46.36	51.54				
Jennings	84	48	71	61	0.03	0.80	43.94	52.36	MM	MM	MM	
LSU-Crowley	85	48	70	61	0.03	0.62	44.26	52.17	MM	MM	MM	
Extreme/Average	85	48	71	62	0.02	0.86	44.10	53.12	MM	MM	MM	
<b>8. South-Central</b>												
Donaldsonville	85	52	69	62	0.00	0.06	42.68	54.18				
LSU-Jeanerette	83	50	69	61	0.01	0.36	48.55	54.82				
Morgan City	85	58	71	63	0.00	0.40	41.15	57.50				
Extreme/Average	85	50	70	62	0.00	0.27	45.62	55.41				
<b>9. Southeast</b>												
Galliano	85	54	70	64	0.00	0.40	67.61	58.74				
Houma	89	59	72	63	0.09	0.18	60.18	56.55	MM	MM	MM	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	64	0.00	0.07	54.98	56.04				
Reserve	86	47	70	62	0.00	0.00	50.82	57.29				
Extreme/Average	89	47	71	64	0.03	0.19	MM.MM	56.67	MM	MM	MM	
<b>State</b>												
State Averages	90	35	69	60	0.02	0.61	38.42	51.01	MM	MM	MM	

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through November 13, 2005

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