



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.4

Soil moisture supplies: 3% very short, 29% short, 56% adequate and 12% surplus

Field Crops Report

Hot and mainly dry conditions continued across the Northern part of the State; however, some crops in the South benefitted from some spotty afternoon showers. Corn and sorghum harvesting progressed nicely. Rice harvest in Southwest Louisiana was slowed slightly due to scattered rain. Fertilizing and flooding of ratoon (second-crop) rice had begun as did harvesting of sweet potatoes. Sugarcane farmers continued to make steady progress with planting and a few more reports of early planted soybeans having been harvested.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers continued harvesting activities. Peanut harvest continued. Fertilizing and laying plastic in strawberry fields was reported in Southeast Louisiana.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Weaning and marketing of calves continued and preparations for early planted ryegrass are beginning in some areas.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP | STAGE | Current Week | Last Week | 2012 | 5 YR AVG |
| Corn | Mature | 100 | 97 | 100 | 100 |
| | Harvested | 63 | 39 | 86 | 76 |
| Cotton | Setting Bolls | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| | Bolls Opening | 36 | 26 | 57 | 58 |
| Rice | Headed | 99 | 97 | 100 | 99 |
| | Ripe | 84 | 79 | 94 | 85 |
| | Harvested | 61 | 51 | 69 | 56 |
| Sorghum | Coloring | 99 | 96 | 100 | 100 |
| | Mature | 88 | 78 | 94 | 96 |
| | Harvested | 54 | 40 | 80 | 71 |
| Soybeans | Blooming | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| | Setting Pods | 97 | 94 | 100 | 98 |
| | Turning Color | 37 | 17 | 56 | 55 |
| | Dropping Leaves | 14 | 8 | 36 | 35 |
| | Harvested | 3 | NA | 17 | 13 |
| Sugarcane | Planted | 32 | 18 | 39 | 35 |
| Hay | Second Cutting | 96 | 93 | 94 | 89 |
| Sweet potatoes | Harvested | 4 | NA | 5 | 3 |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Corn | 0 | 0 | 27 | 59 | 14 |
| Cotton | 0 | 0 | 27 | 61 | 12 |
| Rice | 0 | 2 | 25 | 54 | 19 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 3 | 34 | 53 | 10 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 3 | 20 | 60 | 17 |
| Sugarcane | 1 | 7 | 25 | 52 | 15 |
| Livestock | 0 | 5 | 31 | 59 | 5 |
| Vegetables | 1 | 16 | 42 | 40 | 1 |
| Pasture | 1 | 11 | 44 | 40 | 4 |

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 LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/19/13 TO 08/25/13

| | AIR TEMPERATURE | | | | WEEKLY TOTAL | PRECIPITATION | | | NORM |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| | MAX | MIN | AVE | NRM | | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | | |
| 1. Northwest | | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Bossier City | 98 | 65 | 83 | 81 | 0.07 | 0.19 | 25.19 | 34.13 | |
| Minden | 97 | 68 | 82 | 81 | 0.00 | 0.18 | 36.19 | 36.53 | |
| Mooringsport | 97 | 65 | 81 | MM | 0.00 | 0.76 | 25.34 | 30.19 | |
| Shreveport South | (101) | 66 | 83 | MM | 0.00 | 0.09 | 24.75 | MMMMM | |
| Extreme/Average | 101 | 65 | 83 | 82 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 24.75 | 34.79 | |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Calhoun | 95 | 63 | 78 | 82 | 0.22 | 0.70 | 38.07 | 37.24 | |
| Homer/Hill Farm | 93 | 64 | 79 | 80 | 0.00 | 1.58 | 31.65 | 36.61 | |
| Farmerville | 96 | 66 | 81 | MM | 0.00 | 0.34 | 33.03 | MMMMM | |
| Extreme/Average | 96 | 63 | 80 | 81 | 0.11 | 0.34 | MMMMM | 37.86 | |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Providence | 92 | 68 | 80 | 81 | 0.00 | 1.18 | 39.55 | 39.99 | |
| LSU-St Joseph | MM | MM | MM | 81 | 0.00 | 0.80 | 41.28 | 38.66 | |
| Tallulah | 95 | 64 | 79 | 81 | 0.30 | 0.76 | 43.45 | 39.84 | |
| Extreme/Average | 95 | 64 | 80 | 81 | 0.00 | 1.18 | MMMMM | 39.10 | |
| 4. West-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Leesville | 95 | (62) | 80 | 81 | 0.00 | 1.60 | 35.11 | 37.67 | |
| Ashland | 97 | 62 | 80 | 80 | 0.00 | 0.80 | 28.50 | 36.73 | |
| Hodges Gardens | 96 | 67 | 82 | MM | 0.19 | 1.17 | 32.85 | 37.52 | |
| Extreme/Average | 97 | 62 | 81 | 81 | 0.06 | 1.20 | MMMMM | 37.09 | |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 94 | 64 | 81 | 83 | 0.76 | 3.94 | 40.76 | 39.63 | |
| Jonesville Locks | 93 | 70 | 81 | 81 | 0.00 | 4.79 | 48.95 | 39.11 | |
| Eunice | 96 | 67 | 81 | 83 | 0.07 | 1.24 | 51.25 | 39.28 | |
| Bunkie | 93 | 68 | 80 | 82 | 0.25 | 2.60 | 46.46 | 40.78 | |
| New Roads 5 NE | 94 | 71 | 82 | 81 | 0.03 | 5.03 | 55.11 | 40.93 | |
| Extreme/Average | 96 | 64 | 81 | 82 | 0.22 | 2.96 | 55.11 | 40.01 | |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Norwood | MM | MM | MM | MM | 0.12 | 6.40 | 50.57 | MMMMM | |
| BTR-Concord | MM | MM | MM | MM | 0.56 | 4.53 | 56.58 | 45.07 | |
| LSU-Hammond | MM | MM | MM | 81 | 0.00 | 3.35 | 53.02 | 44.54 | |
| Slidell | 89 | 70 | 79 | 82 | 0.33 | 3.11 | 47.57 | 43.47 | |
| Extreme/Average | 89 | 70 | 79 | 81 | 0.33 | MMMM | MMMMM | 44.45 | |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | | |
| De Ridder | 96 | 67 | 82 | 82 | 0.25 | 0.95 | 32.91 | 39.81 | |
| Jennings | 95 | 69 | 81 | 81 | 0.82 | 3.14 | 50.80 | 39.03 | |
| LSU-Crowley | 92 | 67 | 80 | 82 | 0.28 | 2.98 | 49.38 | 40.08 | |
| Oberlin Fire Tow | 94 | 66 | 80 | 82 | 0.63 | 0.66 | 37.54 | 43.58 | |
| Extreme/Average | 96 | 66 | 81 | 82 | 0.57 | 1.90 | 44.17 | 40.14 | |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Donaldsonville | 91 | 70 | 80 | 82 | 0.92 | 6.97 | 51.21 | 41.85 | |
| LSU-Jeanerette | 91 | 69 | 80 | 81 | 0.66 | 3.60 | 56.74 | 42.14 | |
| Morgan City | 91 | 71 | 80 | 81 | 0.76 | 3.71 | 45.32 | 43.87 | |
| Lafayette | 93 | 70 | 82 | 82 | 0.01 | 1.93 | 48.94 | 40.44 | |
| Extreme/Average | 93 | 69 | 81 | 82 | 0.59 | 4.76 | 51.21 | 42.69 | |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand Isle | 92 | 72 | 81 | MM | 1.20 | 9.84 | 37.87 | 38.35 | |
| Galliano | 89 | 73 | 80 | 82 | 1.24 | 4.74 | 50.08 | 45.41 | |
| NO Audubon Park | MM | MM | MM | 83 | 1.20 | 3.35 | 43.56 | 43.85 | |
| Gonzales | MM | MM | MM | MM | 0.18 | 4.07 | 51.44 | 44.71 | |
| Extreme/Average | 92 | 72 | 81 | 82 | 1.22 | MMMM | MMMMM | 43.94 | |
| State Averages | 101 | 62 | 81 | 82 | 0.37 | 1.78 | 45.62 | 39.55 | |

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