



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 20% very short, 32% short, 43% adequate and 5% surplus

Field Crops Report

The northern part of the State continues to be dry while the South had another week of scattered showers. Harvesting of most crops progressed rapidly. Soybeans were stressed and in need of rain in many areas in order for pods to finish filling out. Soybean yields look very promising in those fields that got sufficient rain during the growing season. Rice harvest progressed closer to completion while the ratoon (second-crop) was growing well. Sugarcane planting advanced at a good pace. The northern growing areas of sugarcane were in need of rain.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were busy planting fall crops and irrigating fields. Laying plastic in strawberry fields was active while peanut and greenhouse tomato harvest continued.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle producers continued to wean and market calves. Hay baling was active as was preparations for ryegrass planting.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	97	89	98	93
Cotton	Bolls Opening	71	63	73	79
Rice	Ripe	99	94	99	96
	Harvested	89	79	85	77
Sorghum	Mature	96	93	100	100
	Harvested	85	74	94	89
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	72	54	76	75
	Dropping Leaves	52	33	56	59
	Harvested	21	7	40	34
Sugarcane	Planted	68	51	58	62
Hay	Second Cutting	98	97	98	94
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	20	10	13	12

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	0	0	28	57	15
Soybeans	0	6	20	54	20
Sugarcane	2	7	24	52	15
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	28	71	0
Pecans	0	9	56	32	3
Livestock	1	6	38	51	4
Vegetables	5	18	36	37	4
Pasture	5	15	46	31	3

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/27/13 TO 09/08/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION			NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE		
1. Northwest									
LSU-Bossier City	100	67	85	79	0.00	0.19	25.19	35.39	
Minden	100	70	85	78	0.04	0.22	36.23	38.01	
Mooringsport	101	67	84	MM	0.63	0.72	25.97	31.62	
Shreveport South	(103)	70	86	MM	0.00	0.09	24.75	MMMMM	
Extreme/Average	103	67	85	79	0.22	0.16	24.75	36.17	
2. North-Central									
LSU-Calhoun	99	64	82	79	0.00	0.70	38.07	38.67	
Homer/Hill Farm	98	63	81	78	0.00	1.59	31.66	38.19	
Farmerville	101	68	85	MM	0.02	0.14	33.05	MMMMM	
Extreme/Average	101	63	82	79	0.00	MMM	MMMM	39.37	
3. Northeast									
Lake Providence	97	68	82	79	0.00	0.00	39.55	41.24	
LSU-St Joseph	98	(61)	81	80	0.00	0.80	41.28	40.06	
Tallulah	96	64	82	78	0.58	1.13	44.03	41.24	
Extreme/Average	98	61	82	79	0.00	0.00	MMMM	40.42	
4. West-Central									
Leesville	101	64	83	79	0.32	1.81	35.63	39.51	
Ashland	99	65	83	78	0.00	0.80	28.50	38.16	
Hodges Gardens	98	72	85	MM	0.08	1.14	32.97	39.20	
Extreme/Average	101	64	83	79	0.16	1.31	MMMM	38.71	
5. Central									
Alexandria	98	71	85	81	0.84	4.48	41.66	41.55	
Jonesville Locks	96	70	84	80	0.00	4.79	48.95	40.61	
Eunice	97	69	84	81	2.36	2.95	53.65	41.49	
Bunkie	96	67	83	80	0.17	3.20	47.06	42.68	
New Roads 5 NE	97	70	84	80	0.02	1.90	55.13	43.32	
Extreme/Average	98	67	84	80	0.84	3.54	MMMM	41.95	
6. East-Central									
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.10	4.81	50.67	MMMM	
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.77	6.35	58.63	47.44	
LSU-Hammond	95	70	82	80	0.00	3.87	53.85	47.14	
Slidell	92	71	82	80	2.61	5.09	50.24	46.10	
Extreme/Average	95	70	82	80	2.61	MMM	MMMM	46.83	
7. Southwest									
DeRidder	98	69	84	80	1.22	2.85	34.81	41.84	
Jennings	97	70	83	80	1.22	2.96	52.31	41.57	
LSU-Crowley	96	71	84	80	0.41	4.96	52.35	42.39	
Oberlin Fire Tow	97	68	83	80	1.23	2.64	39.52	46.09	
Extreme/Average	98	68	83	80	1.23	2.75	39.52	42.66	
8. South-Central									
Donaldsonville	93	68	81	80	0.16	7.02	52.78	44.49	
LSU-Jeanerette	94	72	83	80	0.54	4.35	58.45	45.05	
Morgan City	94	71	83	80	1.84	3.90	47.58	47.23	
Lafayette	94	72	84	80	0.00	3.18	50.24	42.56	
Extreme/Average	94	68	81	81	0.16	7.02	52.78	45.49	
9. Southeast									
Grand Isle	93	75	85	MM	0.11	8.30	39.18	41.15	
Galliano	92	73	83	81	0.28	4.10	50.79	48.63	
NO Audubon Park	96	75	84	82	0.61	3.74	44.55	46.89	
Gonzales					0.35	4.73	52.52	47.28	
Extreme/Average	96	73	84	81	0.33	3.92	MMMM	46.97	
State Averages	103	61	83	80	0.69	2.75	38.67	41.59	

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