



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.5

Soil moisture supplies: 15% very short, 26% short, 46% adequate and 13% surplus

Field Crops Report

The week was mostly dry until the weekend when most areas received heavy showers. Overall, the state averaged close to 4 inches. The rain was mainly welcomed by the newly planted sugarcane fields, late planted cotton, and pastures. Harvesting of remaining crops continued before the rains came. Cotton and soybean harvesting, however, were both behind last year and the 5-year average. Second-crop rice looked promising as it continues to grow. Sugarcane planting edged closer to completion in areas that were not too wet while harvesting of the crop was set to begin on October 1st. A few reports of lodged cane due to the heavy rains were received.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were harvesting peanuts and sweet potatoes. Winter vegetable producers were busy planting in the Southeastern parishes where it was not too wet. Citrus producers were scouting crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle producers began planting ryegrass in advance of the rain. Weaning and marketing of calves continued. Pastures are expected to improve now that soil moisture has increased.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Opening	88	82	96	95
	Harvested	15	7	39	34
Rice	Harvested	96	92	98	91
Sorghum	Mature	100	99	100	100
	Harvested	97	91	100	97
Soybeans	Turning Color	92	85	92	90
	Dropping Leaves	80	70	80	79
	Harvested	46	38	59	54
Sugarcane	Planted	92	82	84	79
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	35	30	30	23

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	0	0	28	58	14
Soybeans	0	7	19	60	14
Sugarcane	2	6	24	51	17
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	25	74	0
Pecans	3	7	48	37	5
Livestock	1	6	34	53	6
Vegetables	5	19	35	37	4
Pasture	5	16	41	33	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/16/13 TO 09/22/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION			NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE		
1. Northwest									
LSU-Bossier City	97	54	80	75	3.20	3.45	28.64	36.81	
Minden	96	54	79	75	4.23	4.27	40.46	39.81	
Mooringsport	97	54	79	MM	6.05	6.68	32.02	33.22	
Shreveport South	97	56	79	MM	4.08	4.08	28.83	MMMMM	
Extreme/Average	97	54	79	75	4.39	4.62	28.83	37.76	
2. North-Central									
LSU-Calhoun	(98)	53	78	75	3.03	3.03	41.10	40.24	
Homer/Hill Farm	93	(49)	77	74	2.85	2.85	34.50	40.11	
Farmerville	96	55	79	MM	3.62	3.64	36.67	MMMMM	
Extreme/Average	98	49	79	75	3.33	3.03	MMMMM	41.10	
3. Northeast									
Lake Providence	95	59	79	75	1.91	1.91	41.46	42.58	
LSU-St Joseph	97	61	80	76	3.89	4.31	45.59	41.52	
LSU-Winnsboro	98	56	79	75	2.09	2.09	35.34	40.81	
Tallulah	95	60	77	75	2.26	3.34	46.79	42.72	
Extreme/Average	98	56	79	76	2.54	1.91	MMMMM	41.82	
4. West-Central									
Leesville	96	57	79	75	3.44	3.96	39.07	41.52	
Ashland	96	56	77	75	3.13	3.22	31.72	39.77	
Hodges Gardens	96	70	84	MM	0.63	1.05	34.74	40.88	
Extreme/Average	96	56	79	76	3.44	3.96	MMMMM	40.43	
5. Central									
Alexandria	96	62	80	78	3.27	4.18	44.94	43.37	
Jonesville Locks	97	67	82	76	3.42	3.67	52.62	42.17	
Eunice	95	64	80	78	8.86	11.26	62.51	43.86	
Bunkie	95	63	80	76	4.44	5.04	51.50	44.66	
New Roads 5 NE	MM	MM	MM	77	0.00	0.74	55.85	45.66	
Extreme/Average	97	62	80	77	5.52	6.83	MMMMM	44.04	
6. East-Central									
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	4.93	5.11	55.68	MMMMM	
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	3.53	6.92	63.51	49.45	
LSU-Hammond	92	69	80	77	0.00	1.14	54.95	49.27	
Slidell	91	68	79	78	2.99	5.66	53.23	48.59	
Extreme/Average	92	68	79	77	2.99	5.66	MMMMM	49.11	
7. Southwest									
DeRidder	97	62	80	77	2.96	4.86	37.77	44.08	
Jennings	94	66	81	77	2.47	4.40	55.20	44.41	
LSU-Crowley	95	66	81	78	2.87	3.72	55.32	44.73	
Oberlin Fire Tower	94	64	79	77	6.86	8.94	46.48	48.94	
Extreme/Average	97	62	80	78	3.79	4.29	55.32	45.29	
8. South-Central									
Donaldsonville	91	69	80	77	3.82	5.48	56.69	47.13	
LSU-Jeanerette	91	68	80	77	2.62	5.66	62.40	47.74	
Morgan City	94	73	82	78	1.52	5.79	51.11	50.36	
Lafayette	93	68	82	77	3.58	5.50	54.94	44.83	
Extreme/Average	94	68	81	78	2.89	5.64	56.69	48.19	
9. Southeast									
Grand Isle	91	73	82	MM	0.53	1.84	39.71	43.83	
Galliano	89	72	81	78	4.07	4.78	54.86	51.69	
NO Audubon Park	91	MM	MM	79	6.00	7.26	51.01	49.84	
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	7.30	8.38	59.82	49.37	
Extreme/Average	91	72	81	79	5.04	7.26	MMMMM	49.96	
State									
State Averages	98	49	80	77	3.93	4.94	48.66	43.97	

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