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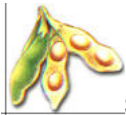
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SOYBEAN UPDATE

SOYBEAN OFF TO A WET START

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Soybean planting got started early this year with a few acres being planted the first of April. Most areas were dry enough but cool conditions warranted waiting a little longer for some warmer temperatures. As planting slowly started to progress, rain became the big predicament. The “May flood” that we typically fear came early this year. By the middle of April, five to eight inches fell in the northern half of the state, while the southern half received a few inches less. Then every week thereafter, a major rain crossed the state leaving many fields too wet to plant. Even as fields dried and were close to planting, another two to four inches would cross the state. Trying to get the crop planted during the optimum time, producers planted into wet soils. While some fields may need to be replanted, the majority of the soybeans quickly emerged. Approximately 85% of the state is planted. With soybean prices on the rise acres will likely increase until early July.

Louisiana was projected to plant a little over one million acres of soybeans in 2009. Strong exports and demand for soybeans continue and soybean acres may increase throughout the planting season. The acres planted will probably be limited by weather. If the weather is favorable, we could see up to 1.25 million acres of soybeans planted. Each year seems to present different problems for production, hopefully this will be our only one.

In addition to this, we again have implemented our Crop Demonstration Program across the state. These demonstrations provide vital information on how hybrids and varieties perform under different environmental conditions and soil types around Louisiana. Approximately 32 soybean trials have been planted to date, with the first planted in early April in East Carroll parish. Providing good weather and conditions continue, a total of 50 soybean demonstrations will be planted and harvested this year. Yield data, as well as pesticide information, planting dates, row-spacing, and other cultural practices, will be compiled and available on the LSU AgCenter website. 2008 information can be accessed at lsuagcenter.com and select the crop that you would like information for.

For more information on soybeans or other crop production, contact your local County Extension Agent.



7TH ANNUAL DEAN LEE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION FIELD DAY

August 20, 2009

8:30am Registration

Dewitt Livestock Facility

9:00am Field Tours

Dean Lee Research Farm

11:30am Program

State Evacuation Shelter

12:30pm Lunch

State Evacuation Shelter

2009 Dean Lee Field Day Program

Tour Stops and Speakers:

5 projected stops

Cotton:	Don Boquet/Boyd Padget/ Someone from Depart.
Soybeans:	Ronnie Levy/Rob Ferguson
Weed Science:	Daniel Stephenson/Bill Williams
Soil Fertility/Master Farmer:	Donna Morgan/J Stevens
Defoliation/Pest Management:	Daniel Stephenson/Donnie Miller/Roger Leonard



For Information
regarding field day

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Louisiana Soybean Association (LSA)

LSA is a producer-based soybean organization affiliated with the American Soybean Association (ASA) and the United Soybean Board (USB). This organization has many roles, including updating statewide soybean producers on current legislative and environmental issues. The LSA has representatives on the ASA and USB boards. This allows Louisiana issues to be brought to a national audience. As a member of LSA, you support local, state, national and international promotion and use of soybeans. Membership is available to anyone involved in production agriculture. Agribusiness personnel are strongly encouraged to join.

When you join the LSA, you become a member of ASA, which is the collective voice of 25,000 U.S. soybean producers and other agbusiness personnel that are members of the association. By making the choice to become a member of ASA you make that collective voice even more powerful.

ASA is your advocate in Washington D.C., on issues like biodiesel legislation, the Farm Bill, transportation infrastructure and market access. This important policy work is paid for by your voluntary membership in ASA, and cannot come from checkoff dollars. As your number one advocate, ASA testifies before Congress, lobbies Congress and the Administration, provides written comments on key issues, helps develop key legislative language on soybean initiatives and relays information about the importance of ASA issues to the media.

ASA's commitment to policy development begins with the grower-members. They elect state Board members and voting delegates who establish the policy goals for ASA. For more than 85 years, ASA has been working on behalf of its members to build demand, enhance profit opportunities and protect the soybean industry. ASA is proud to represent its soybean grower members, and is looking forward to another 85 years of success.

To increase its representation on the national level, the LSA is seeking new members to be a part of their organization. By purchasing a three year membership to the LSA for \$155.00 the new or renewing member will receive credit for four bags of seed at their respective seed dealership. After paying for a three year membership and purchasing your seed as you normally do, send in a copy of the receipt and where you purchased your seed back to LSA by June 30th, 2009. Your account at that seed dealership that you choose will then be credited for four bags by the respective seed representative.

The seed companies participating in the LSA membership drive are: Asgrow/DeKalb/DPL, Croplan Genetics, Delta Grow, NK/Syngenta Seed, Pioneer and Terral. If you have any questions on joining LSA call Charles Cannatella 337-207-4730 or go online at www.SoyGrowers.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May

05/26 Southwest Rice and Soybean Field Day – Jimmy Hoppe Farm,
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06/18 South Farm Field Day – Crowley, LA for details contact Barrett
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07/24 Morehouse Parish Field Day – for details contact Terry Erwin
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August

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