



Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 3, 2005**. Frequent rains and soggy fields have caused problems for Mississippi farmers trying to plant their spring crops. Ryegrass has flourished, and cattle producers have been pleased with plentiful pastures. Although corn planting is slightly behind schedule, it has progressed well so far. Farmers across the state are ready for drier weather so they can continue with field activities. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 11 percent adequate and 88 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2003	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	48	--	71	54	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	19	--	25	24					
Soybeans	Planted	6	--	19	7	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	88	--	76	69	2	3	33	62	0
	Heading	2	--	7	8					
Watermelons	Planted	22	--	34	31	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						2	6	37	51	4
Pasture						0	9	25	56	10
Hay Supply						Short		Adequate		Surplus
						28		58		14
Feed Grain						3		97		0

County Agent Comments

“High, sandy soils are about the only fields that can be planted for now due to the heavy rains that have been dominating our weather lately. Burndown applications worked well in most places. We are just waiting for clear and sunny weather.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Producers are applying burndown herbicides to continue planting corn.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“We could have started planting Thursday but held off due to the forecast of rain Friday. We received ½ to 1 inch of rain Friday and hope we can start planting on Monday or Tuesday.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada “We have passed the "ideal" planting date for corn without being able to plant the bulk of the crop in this area. At this time, growers still intend to plant their planned corn acreage; however, continued delays could force some of them to change to other crops.”

— Ernest E. Flint, Attala

“Producers are beginning to cut ryegrass. Corn planting should resume this week with some drier weather. Hay and pastures held up through the winter and cattle are in good shape.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“It is too wet for any fieldwork. Ryegrass is really beginning to grow and most cattle producers have plenty of grazing. Fall and spring calf crops look good.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“April showers bring May flowers. The month of May should be a real bouquet from the rain received just on April 1. Many reports of 6-10 inches were reported in south Mississippi. Ryegrass is still growing very rapidly and we are even starting to see some greening up of bahia and bermuda grass in certain areas.”

— Stan Pace, Stone

“The wheat crop is as sorry as I have seen. Late planting and excessive rains are the culprits.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Rust (mostly strip rust) is being found in some wheat fields. Corn planting is behind schedule.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

Additional comments appear on the Internet at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>

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Weather Summary from Mar 28 , 2005 to Apr 3 , 2005 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston				57		1.42	+0.02	1	3.95				
Cleveland	79	43	57	57	0	0.75	-0.51	4	2.70				
Tunica				57		0.27	-1.06	2	3.21				
Extreme/Average	79	43	57	58	-1	0.81	-0.52	2	3.29				
2. North-Central													
HickoryFlat	79	31	55	55	0	1.20	-0.15	3	3.32				
Calhoun City	79	33	57	57	0	0.50	-0.83	4	3.42				
Independence	79	34	55	56	-1	1.64	+0.45	4	3.86				
Oxford	81	33	58	56	+2	0.39	-0.90	3	2.99				
Extreme/Average	81	31	56	57	-1	0.93	-0.40	4	3.40				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	76	41	56	56	0	0.84	-0.50	4	2.80				
Iuka	76	28	53	53	0	0.94	-0.44	4	2.91				
Ripley	78	32	54	55	-1	0.97	-0.38	2	2.95				
Tupelo	78	38	58			0.53		3	2.16				
Verona	81	37	57	57	0	1.25	-0.08	4	3.60				
Extreme/Average	81	28	55	57	-2	0.91	-0.45	3	2.88				
4. LowerDelta													
Moorhead	82	44	59	60	-1	0.81	-0.55	4	3.23				
RollingFork	84	43	61	59	+2	0.80	-0.60	2	3.35				
Stoneville	78	42	57	59	-2	0.63	-0.69	2	3.00				
YazooCity	84	39	59	61	-2	0.30	-1.22	3	3.25				
Extreme/Average	84	39	59	60	-1	0.64	-0.75	3	3.21				
5. Central													
Canton	82	35	58	61	-3	0.55	-0.85	3	4.59				
Carthage	83	34	57	59	-2	0.71	-0.69	4	4.48				
Lexington	82	34	58	59	-1	0.62	-0.77	4	3.74				
Eupora	80	35	58	57	+1	1.58	+0.13	3	3.89				
Extreme/Average	83	34	58	59	-1	0.87	-0.56	4	4.18				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	78	37	59	57	+2	1.06	-0.30	5	3.26				
Houston	80	32	57	56	+1	0.80	-0.60	3	3.16				
Louisville				58			-1.47	0					
StateUniversity	79	36	59	58	+1	1.20	-0.20	3	3.92				
Extreme/Average	80	32	59	59	0	1.02	-0.38	4	3.45				
7. Southwest													
CrystalSprings	82	40	59	61	-2	1.84	+0.43	3	6.75				
Natchez				63		1.75	+0.21	1	5.98				
Oakley	82	38	61	60	+1	1.11	-0.38	1	7.35				
Vicksburg	82	45	61			0.89		3	4.87				
Extreme/Average	82	38	60	61	-1	1.40	-0.07	2	6.32				
8. South-Central													
Collins	79	40	61	61	0	6.83	+5.41	2	11.05				
Columbia				62		3.95	+2.48	2	6.03				
Tylertown	76	37	60	63	-3	4.92	+3.54	3	6.63				
Extreme/Average	79	37	61	62	-1	5.23	+3.76	2	7.90				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	82	38	62			5.24		3	7.97				
Hattiesburg	79	36	61	62	-1	6.20	+4.80	4	7.97				
Laurel	80	39	60	61	-1	5.57	+4.23	3	8.85				
Newton	80	31	57	59	-2	3.05	+1.57	3	7.12				
Extreme/Average	82	31	60	61	-1	5.02	+3.59	3	7.98				
10.Coastal													
Gulfport	75	48	64	64	0	5.77	+4.52	3	6.84				
Poplarville	79	40	61	62	-1	8.55	+7.18	2	11.30				
Waveland	76	41	61	62	-1	2.09	+0.58	3	4.97				
Extreme/Average	79	40	62	63	-1	5.47	+4.13	3	8.14				
State	84	28	59	60	-1	2.22	+0.82	3	5.19				

DFN = Departure from Normal.