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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 6, 2008**. Inclement weather blanketed the state last week producing tornadoes in some areas. The Delta area is experiencing flood-like conditions, with over one thousand acres being under water. Flood stages are at alarming levels, and a considerable amount of wheat acreage has been impacted due to the rain. The wet weather has halted most fieldwork. Corn planting is underway and limited acreage of soybeans and grain sorghum has been planted. Increasing fuel, fertilizer, and feed prices are continuing to concern producers. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 41 percent adequate and 41 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 04/06/08

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	58	--	92	72
Corn, emerged	42	--	79	41
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	2	--	5	2
Rice, planted	1	--	12	7
Sorghum, planted	3	--	7	7
Soybeans, planted	3	--	21	18
Soybeans, emerged	1	--	11	5
Watermelons, planted	50	--	47	40
Winter Wheat, jointing	85	--	86	83
Winter Wheat, heading	4	--	34	16

Crop condition for week ending 04/06/08

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	17	79	3
Corn	1	2	61	30	6
Livestock	5	14	32	35	14
Pasture	2	7	32	45	14
Winter Wheat	1	3	19	50	27

Comments

“Wet conditions last week stopped all row crop work by growers. We need some dry weather so farmers can get back in the field.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Heavy rains over the past week have delayed most fieldwork. Pastures are greening up and producers are making fertilizer applications.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Spring pastures are developing very well. Ryegrass and fescue pastures are growing favorably; however, some producers have chosen not to apply nitrogen due to the high cost. Soil moisture received has been good, which is helping to re-charge sub soil moisture that was depleted during the 2007 drought. The market prices are terrible and some producers are considering liquidating their herds due to increasing feed, fuel, and fertilizer prices.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Some winter wheat in low lying areas has been damaged by excess water. Rainfall has prevented all fieldwork.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Aerial applications of fertilizer to wheat is complete. Due to heavy rain this week, most fields are now standing either standing in water or have flooded. Producers fear some early burndown and fertilizer applications were useless. Folks are just sitting and watching the rain.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Flooding is a problem in the Delta, with over one thousand acres under water. Rising flood waters will impact more acreage.”

— Phillip Vandevere, Yazoo

“Rain delayed all field work last week.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“It has been raining for a week. We’ve had 6.3 inches of rain in the last 5 days and it is still falling. It will take us at least a week to dry out and start back planting.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“There is too much rain for. Some growers have planted corn, while other growers are waiting for dry soils so they can begin planting corn. Limited acreage of soybeans and grain sorghum have been planted.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Heavy rains fell on Friday ending any hopes of returning to the field during the weekend.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Wet fields and continued rainfall are delaying the planting of corn and soybeans, and eventually cotton.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Corn planting began this week in some areas and soybeans will soon follow suit. Many burndown applications have been made.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“We received at least 3 inches of rain last week and winter weeds have really flourished. Wet conditions have hampered most field work.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Corn planting is well underway, with early planting beginning to emerge. Pastures are greening up, and cattle are in good shape.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“We were in need of rain and received over 5 inches in most areas, which was too much.”

— Mike Steede, George

“Recent rainfall has left many low areas extremely wet. Producers cannot get into these areas. Pastures are providing increased grazing for cattle.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 04/06/08

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Lambert	82	42	58			4.56	3.41	5	5.77				
Tunica	76	46	57	58	-1	1.89	0.56	3	4.74				
Extreme/Average	82	42	58	58		3.23	1.99	4	5.62				
North-Central													
Independence	76	39	55	57	-2	3.38	2.22	5	6.98				
Oxford	80	42	57	57		3.05	1.79	5	6.27				
Extreme/Average	80	36	56	57	-1	3.22	2.01	5	6.63				
Northeast													
Ripley	72	40	54	56	-2	4.77	3.44	5	8.41				
Tupelo	78	43	58			3.51	0.00	5	5.57				
Verona	79	45	59	58	1	3.07	1.77	4	5.11				
Extreme/Average	79	40	57	57		3.78	2.61	5	6.36				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	80	47	61	61		5.41	4.07	5	7.02				
Rolling Fork	83	49	67	60	7	5.23	3.84	3	5.98				
Stoneville	82	47	62	60	2	5.69	4.39	6	6.51				
Yazoo City													
Extreme/Average	83	47	63	60	3	5.44	4.10	5	6.50				
Central													
Canton	80	47	64	61	3	4.04	2.64	3	5.21				
Eupora	83	40	60	58	2	2.81	1.39	3	4.14				
Forest 3 S	84	55	68	61	7	1.35	-0.12	3	2.70				
Extreme/Average	84	40	64	60	4	2.73	1.30	3	4.02				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	80	44	61	58	3	1.92	0.60	4	2.69				
Philadelphia	82	46	65	60	5	2.85	1.45	3	3.22				
State University	83	47	62	59	3	3.58	2.19	4	4.82				
Extreme/Average	83	44	63	59	4	2.78	1.41	4	3.58				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	83	48	67	62	5	1.36	-0.08	3	2.73				
Natchez	84	51	67	63	4	1.14	-0.37	2	2.29				
Vicksburg	83	51	66			2.12		2	2.77				
Extreme/Average	84	48	67	63	4	1.54	-0.23	2	2.60				
South-Central													
Collins	85	51	70	61	9	0.80	-0.58	3	2.10				
Columbia	84	52	70	62	8	2.31	0.85	4	3.55				
Tylertown	83	53	69	63	6	0.83	-0.52	2	2.25				
Extreme/Average	85	51	70	62	8	1.31	-0.08	3	2.63				
Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	83	54	69	63	6	2.06	0.68	3	2.80				
Laurel	84	52	68	61	7	2.03	0.74	3	2.81				
Newton	82	40	64	59	5	1.77	0.30	4	2.75				
Extreme/Average	84	40	67	61	6	1.95	0.57	3	2.79				
Coastal													
Gulfport													
Pascagoula 3 NE													
Picayune													
Extreme/Average													
State	85	39	63	60	3	2.89	1.52	4	4.48				

DFN = Departure from Normal.