



Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 13, 2007**. Producers continued to make progress on row-crop planting and many are nearing the end with soybeans and cotton. Scattered showers helped improve crops in areas where they hit, although much of the State remains very dry. Blueberry producers in southern Mississippi have begun harvesting their crop. Soil moisture was rated 16 percent very short, 34 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 05/13/07

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	100	100	100	100
Corn, emerged	100	99	99	99
Cotton, planted	71	37	72	77
Cotton, emerged	35	11	63	60
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	60	42	44	56
Peanuts, planted	29	12	44	9
Rice, planted	95	87	95	91
Rice, emerged	85	61	92	80
Sorghum, planted	82	64	96	91
Sorghum, emerged	63	33	93	80
Soybeans, planted	88	72	93	82
Soybeans, emerged	70	47	88	71
Watermelons, planted	97	92	87	92
Winter Wheat, heading	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat, mature	18	4	1	5

Crop condition for week ending 05/13/07

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	1	2	18	66	13
Corn	1	5	29	51	14
Livestock	6	13	21	50	10
Pasture	5	15	42	34	4
Rice	0	0	12	78	10
Sorghum	0	0	4	94	2
Soybeans	0	1	26	62	11
Watermelons	0	7	26	67	0
Winter Wheat	4	7	29	47	13

Comments

“The only soybeans remaining to be planted are wheat beans. A very small amount of cotton remains to be planted and corn is beginning to silk. This area would benefit from 2 slow inches of rain RIGHT NOW!!!”

— Robert Martin, Issaquena

“Very few acres of soybeans and cotton are left to plant. With minor exceptions, the crops are up and looking good. So far, insect pressure is low to none. Some moisture samples of wheat will be cut this week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Scattered rainfall, in amounts varying from a quarter inch to over 3 inches, has helped alleviate dry soil conditions in much of this area; however, some portions still remain dry.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Winter grazing crops are waning with very slow summer grazing development. Some producers are actually feeding some of the recently cut cool season hay. Row crops are very dry. Newly emerged soybeans are at a critical stage and will need a good rain within 10 - 14 days to stay viable. Minimal relief was received with .2 - .4 inch of rainfall this week.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Ryegrass hay baling is winding down, and most cattle are in good condition heading into the summer; however, they might need hay, if we do not get some rain on pastures. Hay was a little short due to the dry conditions this spring. We hope this is not a sign of what's around the corner.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“Rain showers have helped crops make good progress. Growers are laying corn by and cleaning up crops. We don't have much planting to finish.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“The eastern half of the county got 2 - 5 inches of rain Thursday afternoon, while the western half got a trace. Most cotton is up and planting has just about been completed.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Most areas received some rainfall. Post emergence herbicides are being applied to corn and soybeans.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Scattered thunderstorms brought moisture to the areas not needing it. Areas which are drier are not in need of rain until the first spraying of chemicals are made to cleanup the weeds.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Some areas in corn fields are beginning to show some drought stress. Rain is needed for all crops. High temperatures and no rain have the county soils drying out rapidly.”

— Victor Lee, Simpson

“We need a rain!”

— Mike Steede, George

“We are very dry, county-wide.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“Rainfall average is still below normal; predictions for rain in the next week will provide essential moisture needed by crops. Producers have benefited from the extended growing season for cool season grasses to bale more hay than in past years.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Corn and watermelons are beginning to show signs of needed moisture. A general rain would help all crops. Highbush blueberries are being harvested and growers are looking to begin harvesting rabbit eye varieties in the next couple of days. The harvesting of cool season hay is nearly complete.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 05/13/07

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													
Cleveland	88	62	76	70	6	0.00	-1.12	0	1.95				
Lambert	93	63	78			0.42	-0.91	2	3.02				
Tunica	90	64	76	69	7	0.35	-0.98	3	1.50				
Extreme/Average	93	62	78	70	8	0.39	-1.00	2	2.16				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	89	56	74	68	6	0.63	-0.63	1	2.04				
Hickory Flat	89	54	72	66	6	0.94	-0.32	1	2.67				
Independence	89	58	73	67	6	0.54	-0.69	2	2.68				
Oxford	91	58	75	67	8	0.49	-0.81	3	2.18				
Extreme/Average	91	54	74	68	6	0.65	-0.61	1	2.39				
Northeast													
Booneville	88	54	73	67	6	0.15	-1.30	1	0.43				
Iuka				64		0.00	-1.44	0	0.72				
Ripley	88	55	72	66	6	2.03	0.77	1	3.90				
Tupelo	90	57	75			0.62	0.00	2	1.08				
Verona	94	52	73	68	5	1.27	0.16	3	1.65				
Extreme/Average	94	52	73	68	5	0.81	-0.45	2	1.56				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	90	63	76	71	5	1.23	-0.02	3	3.48				
Rolling Fork	90	63	77	70	7	0.15	-1.07	1	3.76				
Stoneville	90	62	77	71	6	0.24	-1.00	2	2.02				
Yazoo City	91	63	75	71	4	0.00	-1.33	0	1.00				
Extreme/Average	91	62	77	71	6	0.41	-0.86	2	2.57				
Central													
Canton	91	57	74	71	3	0.07	-1.31	1	0.27				
Carthage				69		0.00	-1.31	0	0.40				
Eupora				68		0.15	-1.04	2	0.49				
Lexington	91	57	74	68	6	0.40	-0.79	1	1.48				
Extreme/Average	91	57	74	69	5	0.16	-1.11	1	0.66				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	91	52	73	68	5	0.00	-1.26	0	1.03				
Houston	91	49	71	67	4	0.76	-0.50	2	0.97				
Philadelphia				69		0.00	-1.24	0	0.60				
State University	92	52	74	69	5	0.05	-1.10	1	0.56				
Extreme/Average	92	49	74	69	5	0.20	-1.03	1	0.79				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	92	60	76	71	5	0.92	-0.18	2	3.38				
Natchez	89	60	75	72	3	0.18	-1.08	1	1.32				
Oakley	92	51	73	70	3	0.00	-1.10	0	2.59				
Vicksburg	89	64	76			0.00	0.00	0	2.66				
Extreme/Average	92	51	75	71	4	0.28	-0.78	1	2.49				
South-Central													
Collins	89	56	74	70	4	0.00	-1.40	0	2.15				
Columbia	90	50	75	71	4	0.00	-1.28	0	4.23				
Tylertown				71		0.00	-1.33	0	3.49				
Extreme/Average	90	50	74	71	3	0.00	-1.33	0	3.29				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg				71		0.00	-1.26	0	1.10				
Laurel	95	53	76	70	6	0.00	-1.26	0	2.21				
Newton	93	47	71	69	2	0.00	-1.00	0	2.15				
Extreme/Average	95	47	76	70	6	0.00	-1.17	0	1.82				
Coastal													
Gulfport	89	56	74	74		0.33	-0.99	2	2.04				
Picayune				72		0.00	-1.19	0	2.70				
Extreme/Average	89	56	74	73		0.17	-1.09	1	2.37				
State	95	47	75	70	5	0.31	-0.94	1	2.01				

DFN = Departure from Normal.