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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, June 1, 2008**. Warmer temperatures and sufficient rainfall last week have proven to be beneficial for row crop planting activities and overall crop development. Many producers have nearly completed crop planting. Nitrogen applications are being applied to corn and cotton, and wheat harvest is just underway in some portions of the state. Soaring input costs of fertilizer, equipment, and fuels continue to concern producers. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 06/01/08

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	100	100	100	100
Corn, emerged	99	99	100	100
Corn, silked	8	1	34	17
Cotton, planted	90	77	100	98
Cotton, emerged	75	40	96	93
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	91	81	94	87
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	13	7	10	15
Peanuts, planted	90	80	88	--
Rice, planted	95	92	100	99
Rice, emerged	90	82	98	97
Sorghum, planted	91	79	99	100
Sorghum, emerged	79	63	95	97
Soybeans, planted	92	85	99	96
Soybeans, emerged	86	72	94	92
Soybeans, blooming	4	1	8	14
Sweet Potatoes, planted	16	5	52	31
Watermelons, planted	98	96	100	98
Winter Wheat, mature	78	67	89	78
Winter Wheat, harvested	15	2	34	23

Crop condition for week ending 06/01/08

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	2	3	7	77	11
Corn	1	2	19	65	13
Cotton	0	6	33	54	7
Hay	1	5	21	65	8
Livestock	4	6	22	49	19
Pasture	5	10	25	44	16
Rice	0	3	19	68	10
Sorghum	1	4	16	66	13
Soybeans	1	8	25	56	10
Watermelons	0	1	31	66	2
Winter Wheat	1	6	21	48	24

Comments

“Producers are planting late soybeans between showers. A small percentage of acres remain to be planted.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Ryegrass hay harvest is over and summer hay forages are really starting to grow since we finally got some warmer temperatures. Maybe we will have adequate rainfall this summer and have a good hay year. Pastures are not growing like ordinary because they aren't getting fertilized and sprayed as they have in the past. Input costs of fertilizer, chemicals, equipment and diesel fuel have gotten totally out of hand and many producers just aren't going to spray or fertilize their pastures.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Some areas received as much as 2 inches of rain on Sunday evening, which was a welcomed sight. Most fields and pastures were in need of a good rain.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“Area where soybeans are planted is still under water from Mississippi River flooding. No beans planted to date.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“Wheat crop is poor and many fields look to be a complete loss.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Growers had a good week of fieldwork. Most of our crops are in the ground and we should start wheat harvest this week.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“It would be nice to get an inch of rain.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Producers were able to get in the fields this week to plant soybeans. It is getting critical on a lot of this corn to get the last shot of fertilizer down before it gets too big for ground rigs.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rain delayed some Roundup on cotton. Little insect pressure right now, but the wheat and ryegrass are drying down so we are expecting **thrips** soon.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Soybean planting continued as fields dried enough for fieldwork. Some weed problems are developing in corn and soybeans due to delayed herbicide applications.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Producers are still behind on planting efforts due to continued rain. Some nitrogen has been applied to corn. Soybeans will have to be spot planted again in low areas due to water standing.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Most growers have completed most all planting activities with the exception of a few wet spots and some replant. Now they are turning their activities to controlling weeds in cotton and soybeans and applying nitrogen applications to the cotton crop. Wheat harvest is off to a good start with yield reports being better than anticipated.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Heavy rainfall midweek again stopped the **remaining** planting of crops. Wheat harvest will begin next week. Some grass control was conducted on all crops the first few days of the week.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“About 2 to 4 inches of rain fell across the county during the week. Warm weather is speeding up crop development. Frequent rain is making it difficult to harvest hay.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Cotton, corn and peanuts are looking good because most acreage is irrigated. Pastures and hay fields are short due to lack of moisture. Cattlemen are getting nervous because there is no significant rainfall predicted in the near future.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“All unirrigated crops are in stress due to the lack of rain. It looks like a reduced yield for most crops at best and forage production will take another hit.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“We need rain. Commercial tomato crop looks good with very little disease pressure. We should have ripe tomatoes by end of this week. Rye grass hay yields were good.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Producers are in the process of harvesting wheat. Peanuts are planted and fields are looking good. Corn fields are looking good and have recovered from late frost.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Blueberry harvest is in full swing. Early indications show that yields will be moderate to good. Corn, peanuts, soybean, and melons are progressing well. Cattle and warm season hay harvest are in good condition.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 06/01/08

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	94	67	79			0.98	-0.35	2	7.12				
Tunica	92	63	77	74	3	0.58	-0.70	1	1.42				
Extreme/Average	94	63	78	74	4	0.78	-0.53	2	4.27				
North-Central													
Holly Springs	91	63	75	71	4	3.08	1.89	3	6.92				
Independence	89	61	75	72	3	1.10	-0.11	2	5.38				
Oxford	92	64	77	72	5	0.46	-0.77	2	4.41				
Extreme/Average	92	61	76	72	4	1.55	0.34	2	5.57				
Northeast													
Corinth	90	63	75	74	1	3.15	1.97	3	6.65				
Ripley	90	62	74	71	3	2.60	1.44	3	6.15				
Tupelo	91	63	75			2.61	0.00	4	5.23				
Verona	93	64	77	73	4	1.97	0.85	3	5.83				
Extreme/Average	93	62	75	73	2	2.58	1.42	3	5.97				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	89	66	77	76	1	1.92	0.83	2	6.78				
Rolling Fork	94	68	81	75	6	0.29	-0.81	2	9.46				
Stoneville	92	68	79	76	3	2.12	1.04	1	6.27				
Yazoo City	91	68	78	76	2	3.29	2.17	2	9.28				
Extreme/Average	94	66	79	76	3	1.91	0.81	2	7.95				
Central													
Canton	92	67	77	76	1	5.06	3.99	1	10.84				
Eupora	91	63	76	73	3	1.88	0.79	2	5.35				
Kosciusko	92	65	77	74	3	1.63	0.61	2	4.71				
Extreme/Average	92	63	77	74	3	2.86	1.80	2	6.97				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	91	64	77	73	4	0.34	-0.81	2	3.26				
Macon	91	66	78	74	4	2.44	1.46	3	5.91				
State University	92	66	78	74	4	1.42	0.42	2	3.89				
Extreme/Average	92	64	78	74	4	1.40	0.36	2	4.35				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	68	80	76	4	0.08	-1.07	1	1.41				
Natchez	90	65	79	76	3	0.00	-1.19	0	3.92				
Vicksburg	90	70	79			2.00	0.00	1	5.18				
Extreme/Average	94	65	79	76	3	0.69	-1.13	1	3.50				
South-Central													
Collins	92	66	79	74	5	1.00	-0.15	1	3.60				
Columbia	94	68	80	76	4	4.52	3.33	2	6.98				
Raleigh	92	63	77			0.18		1	5.76				
Extreme/Average	94	63	79	75	4	1.90	1.59	1	5.45				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	92	66	78	76	2	0.51	-0.58	1	2.80				
Laurel	92	65	78	75	3	0.49	-0.55	2	3.78				
Extreme/Average	92	65	78	76	2	0.50	-0.57	2	3.29				
Coastal													
Extreme/Average						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
State	94	61	78	74	4	1.57	0.45	2	5.26				

DFN = Departure from Normal.