

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, June 4, 2006**. Mississippi is still in need of rain. Scattered showers helped the crops that received it, but more rainfall would benefit the condition of all row crops. Farm operators have been treating fields for insects and weeds. Soil moisture was rated 18 percent very short, 32 percent short, 47 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2005	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	43	10	12	14	1	5	24	52	18
Cotton	Planted	100	98	99	98	3	8	23	57	9
	Emerged	98	90	95	94					
	Squaring	11	--	3	8					
Peanuts	Planted	96	86	--	--	0	5	9	44	42
Rice	Planted	100	99	100	99	1	6	14	71	8
	Emerged	99	97	100	98					
Sorghum	Emerged	100	99	100	98	0	1	4	95	0
Soybeans	Planted	99	98	98	95	1	6	23	58	12
	Emerged	97	96	95	91					
	Blooming	42	15	19	15					
Wheat	Mature	98	75	86	82	0	3	19	54	24
	Harvested	56	12	8	22					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	94	83	90	90	0	12	20	47	21
		(Warm Season)	14	8	19					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	40	20	25	28	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	100	98	100	99	0	0	53	44	3
Blueberries						0	0	18	64	18
Cattle						2	5	32	48	13
Pasture						5	16	36	26	17

County Agent Comments

“All crops look better since we've gotten scattered showers and high temperatures the last couple of weeks. Hay harvest is in full swing and the quality is pretty good.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Most corn is silking and needs additional rain to begin filling grain. Post emergence herbicides are being applied to cotton and soybeans.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Some parts of my area received rain last week, but much of the area still has not received enough rain to bring crops out of drought stress.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“We are really dry again. Rain is needed badly. Pastures are getting short. Very little hay has been put up so far. Peanuts and cotton are up and looking good but could benefit from some moisture. There have been some reports of beetles in pine trees .”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Rainfall over the weekend had a definite impact on all the crops in the county as well as pastures. More rainfall is predicted for the week ahead and will be a plus for producers.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Crops look much better. Wheat is being harvested and yields have been very good. Insect pressure is light in cotton and soybeans.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar

“Most of the county remains dry. Showers have hit about 30 percent of the county. Wheat harvest should be finished this week. Our cotton crop has made a drastic turn-around in the last two weeks.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“We got some rain at the end of the week that should benefit all crops. More rain is in the forecast which would be beneficial for crops and vegetables.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Cotton has really turned around from two weeks ago. I have had one report of spider mites on cotton this week. Scattered rains have helped but most of the county could use a general rain.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Normal, early June activities are taking place. Farm operators are applying nitrogen to cotton, controlling weeds in row crops, and running the irrigation systems. We are getting dry and need a good general rain.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Some showers fell in isolated areas last week. Cotton is growing well. A good bit of soybean irrigation is taking place. Insects are being treated in cotton and soybeans across the county.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“For the most part, we are in a temporary drought presently. Some areas of the Southwest district have had some small showers that have revived the forages. Other parts are starting to crisp. It has been good hay cutting weather and many have been taking advantage of the opportunity. If the temperatures approach predicted highs and we don't get some rain by the weekend, we will be in a semi-critical state.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Some scattered thunderstorms amounting to one-half to three-fourths inch were received in the county on Memorial Day. Most of the county is dry and waiting on a rain.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Dry! All crops could use a good rain. Corn is beginning to show stress, and summer pastures are lagging behind due to the lack of moisture.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“The number of soybean fields blooming is increasing, as well as the number of soybean fields showing an increase in the number and density of stink bugs. These numbers need to be monitored/watched closely. Treatments have been applied on some fields and other fields might need treatments based on future scouting data collected. Many of the corn fields are tasseling. The corn looks good and seems to be on the way to maturity. Right now, the corn crop looks good. Cotton looks good for the most part. There were some fields that had trouble planting. The seedlings were damaged as they tried to break through the crusted soil. Thrip numbers are high in several areas. For these, watching and treating should be done as necessary. Plant bug numbers need to be watched; they seem to be increasing. Scouting of these fields need to be conducted frequently to protect the crop from these insects.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“We have had only a few scattered showers this week. Forest lands remain at high risk for damage from fire. Pastures and hay fields are dry. Most corn fields look good considering the drought. Watermelons and blueberries look good overall. Repairing and replacing fencing and facilities continues along with debris cleanup.”

— Clayton Rouse, Lamar

“Blueberries, watermelons, corn and hay could use a good, slow rain. Blueberry harvests continue to be at full operation. One of the leaders of the blueberry industry stated, ‘If the weather remains as is, the fresh berry harvest will be completed by mid-June. We are already harvesting late-season variety berries. We could use a rain from the system expected out of Texas this weekend. Presently we are working 6 and 7 days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day.’ The entire county could use rain, this weekend, from the expected system out of Texas.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Weather Summary from May 29, 2006 to June 4, 2006 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													
Cleveland	92	61	78	76	+2	0.09	-1.10	4	4.75				
Lambert	93	61	78			0.20	-1.12	1	2.54				
Tunica	91	61	78	75	+3	0.12	-1.19	4	3.04				
Extreme/Average	93	61	78	76	+2	0.11	-1.08	4	3.04				
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	89	60	75	73	+2	0.97	-0.16	2	4.44				
Hickory Flat	91	55	75	72	+3	0.50	-0.68	2	2.97				
Independence	89	55	74	73	+1	0.52	-0.67	2	2.99				
Oxford	91	57	76	73	+3	0.48	-0.72	3	2.62				
Extreme/Average	91	55	75	73	+2	0.62	-0.57	2	2.99				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	95	63	80	72	+8	0.66	-0.58	3	2.53				
Iuka	88	54	72	70	+2	0.53	-0.62	3	2.71				
Ripley	92	56	75	72	+3	0.36	-0.77	3	2.92				
Tupelo	94	62	79			0.65		3	2.65				
Verona	95	63	79	74	+5	0.91	-0.21	3	4.34				
Extreme/Average	95	54	77	73	+4	0.62	-0.59	3	3.03				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	92	62	79	76	+3	0.55	-0.51	2	2.67				
Rolling Fork	92	62	78	76	+2	1.46	+0.39	4	1.69				
Stoneville	94	63	79	77	+2	0.57	-0.46	3	2.30				
Yazoo City	91	60	77	77	0	0.60	-0.48	2	1.32				
Extreme/Average	94	60	78	77	+1	0.80	-0.31	3	2.18				
5. Central													
Canton	92	62	78	76	+2	0.32	-0.67	2	1.46				
Carthage	93	64	80	75	+5	0.00	-0.94	0	2.34				
Eupora	92	57	76	73	+3	0.64	-0.42	2	3.26				
Lexington	92	56	77	74	+3	0.10	-0.99	1	1.77				
Extreme/Average	93	56	78	75	+3	0.27	-0.74	1	2.52				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	94	60	79	73	+6	0.29	-0.82	3	1.94				
Houston	91	55	74	73	+1	0.19	-1.07	1	2.79				
Philadelphia	95	67	80	75	+5	0.28	-0.73	2	3.45				
State University	93	57	76	74	+2	0.42	-0.56	3	2.48				
Extreme/Average	95	55	77	75	+2	0.30	-0.75	2	2.62				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	63	79	76	+3	0.94	-0.25	3	3.42				
Natchez	90	58	77	76	+1	0.97	-0.22	5	1.15				
Oakley				75		0.71	-0.38	2	2.29				
Vicksburg	91	60	78			0.00		0	0.00				
Extreme/Average	93	58	78	76	+2	0.87	-0.26	3	2.29				
8. South-Central													
Collins	93	59	79	75	+4	0.33	-0.76	1	1.83				
Columbia	95	68	82	77	+5	0.00	-1.19	0	1.25				
Tylertown	94	56	79	76	+3	0.06	-1.13	1	0.57				
Extreme/Average	95	56	80	76	+4	0.13	-1.01	1	1.54				
9. Southeast													
Hattiesburg				77		1.16	+0.11	1	1.99				
Laurel	94	65	80	76	+4	0.58	-0.41	2	3.78				
Newton	95	55	79	74	+5	0.07	-0.77	1	3.67				
Extreme/Average	95	55	79	76	+3	0.33	-0.62	2	3.73				
10. Coastal													
Gulfport	92	66	80	78	+2	0.50	-0.67	2	0.74				
Picayune				77		0.00	-1.08	0	0.30				
Extreme/Average	92	66		78									
State	95	54	78	75	+3	0.46	-0.63	2	2.67				

DFN = Departure from Normal.