



Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 8, 2003**. Recent showers throughout the state have helped crops continue to grow. The planting of summer row crops is nearing it's conclusion. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 11 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2002	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	29	8	29	28	1	9	20	52	18
	Planted	98	94	99	99					
Cotton	Emerged	93	86	96	96	2	9	26	46	17
	Squaring	10	4	16	22					
Rice	Planted	99	96	100	100	0	3	18	58	21
	Emerged	95	93	98	98					
Sorghum	Planted	100	99	99	99	0	4	20	56	20
	Emerged	99	95	96	93					
Soybeans	Planted	94	90	94	93	1	7	26	51	15
	Emerged	89	82	89	87					
	Blooming	16	6	11	12					
Wheat	Mature	90	64	91	91	0	7	44	39	10
	Harvested	40	13	50	51					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	50	30	33	41	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	93	85	95	94	2	3	31	53	11
Hay (Warm Season)		30	23	24	23					
Watermelons	Planted	100	99	100	93	0	8	30	53	9
Cattle						2	4	19	61	14
Pasture						2	7	24	56	11

County Agent Comments

“Rain and ideal growing conditions have all crops looking very good. We have thrip problems, but other than that we are in good shape. Wheat harvest should wind up this week.”

— Don Respons, Bolivar

“Farmers have a few days to plant soybeans. All crops are growing well, but there are still some fields that are too wet for planting.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Corn is greening up after a wet spring. pastures look good. applications of herbicide being applied to RR beans. Cotton is slow due to cool nights. Crops are looking better.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“The corn crop was really suffering from the heavy rains which occurred earlier in the spring. With the drier conditions we have been experiencing lately, some of the corn does seem to be recovering to some extent. Plantings of most of our other crops have been pushed back as well due to the wetter than normal conditions. Much of the summer hay harvest is also behind due to the frequent rains.”

— Stacy Brown, Monroe

“Farmers are busy harvesting hay. The last of the late corn was planted. Insect pressures are high and farmers are preparing to spray truck crop fields.”

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln

“After all the flood water left, we have been needing a rain. Fortunately we received about 2 inches today (6/6/2003). Some producers had quit planting because it was too dry.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Weed and insect control are the main topics in the farming community. It is a late crop in many areas and it will be vital to promote constant growth potential in all crops.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Cotton is growing well now, but fields look bad due to seedling cotton and 7 node cotton in the same field. This is going to be a tough crop to manage!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rain stopped planting, but aided crop emergence. Cotton and soybeans are late. Hay harvesting has been delayed all week. Cool-season hay yields are down.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss

“Some valuable showers fell in the county Monday and again on Friday. This time of the year rain showers are always helpful unless we are in a waterlogged situation. Some replanting has taken place but as a whole we are in fair shape.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Cotton development is slow, this is due to the low heat units. The cool nights and cool days will continue to slow growth. Cotton does look good in this county. Insect levels have been low.”

— Theresa Sanders, Hinds

“Backwater flooding is receding, allowing replanting of soybeans behind flood-killed beans, cotton and corn. With the exception of flooded fields, most of county could use a rain.”

— Terry Rector, Warren

“Although we did receive some light scattered showers on Monday and Friday of this past week, soil conditions continue to be terribly dry over most parts of the county. Pastures and crops are suffering. Summer hay harvest has begun, but will be short lived without rainfall to promote additional forage growth.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

“Recent showers have greatly helped our crop situation. We're getting just enough to keep things growing without getting too wet. Pastures are responding to moisture as are cotton and peanuts. Cool season hay has been harvested.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“We received much needed rains over most of the county.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Afternoon showers have brought our soil moisture up and all crops are looking good right now. Pastures and hay fields are growing good now and most have had an application of fertilizer.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“Going into the Spring, We were concerned with excessive dry weather that hampered crops and livestock and going into the Summer, we have had excessive rain that has begun to take its toll.”

— Billy Joe Lee, Pearl River

“Intermittent showers have help improve crop conditions. Farmers have been able to work in the fields without disruptions.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Corn looks great!! This will be the first full week of blueberry harvest. Watermelons are sizing up and should be ready in about 15 days. Cool season hay harvest is completed.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Weather Summary from June 2, 2003 to June 8, 2003 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				75		1.80	+0.56	2	9.11				
Cleveland	90	57	73	77	-4	1.13	-0.06	3	2.62				
Tunica	83	56	70	76	-6	0.91	-0.38	2	5.86	93	68	77	0.20
Extreme/Average	90	56	72	77	-5	1.28	+0.25	2	5.86	93	68	77	0.20
2. North-Central													
Batesville	85	55	71	75	-4	1.85	+0.59	2	9.42				
Calhoun City	79	54	69	74	-5	2.03	+0.92	3	6.76				
Independence	80	55	68	74	-6	2.87	+1.68	2	8.28				
Oxford				74		0.64	-0.52	2	3.64				
Extreme/Average	85	54	69	75	-6	1.85	+0.87	2	7.03				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	78	57	68	74	-6	1.24	+0.08	2	7.51				
Corinth City	82	54	68	76	-8	1.92	+0.87	2	6.03				
Ripley				73		0.94	-0.18	2	6.08				
Tupelo	87	55	71			1.64		4	4.39				
Extreme/Average	87	54	69	75	-6	1.44	+0.50	3	6.00				
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	92	59	76	77	-1	0.50	-0.50	1	2.78	94	76	85	
Rolling Fork	93	40	74	77	-3	0.44	-0.61	2	3.17	100	77	88	
Stoneville				78		1.17	+0.18	2	2.89				0.25
Yazoo City	89	59	75	77	-2	0.71	-0.30	2	2.35				
Extreme/Average	93	40	75	78	-3	0.71	-0.24	2	2.80	100	76	86	0.25
5. Central													
Canton	90	58	74	77	-3	0.33	-0.56	3	3.81				
Carthage	89	60	74	75	-1	2.21	+1.36	3	5.42				
Eupora	89	54	71	74	-3	3.79	+2.78	3	7.98				
Extreme/Average	90	54	73	76	-3	2.11	+1.24	3	5.74				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	85	61	71	74	-3	1.58	+0.51	4	5.30				0.16
Houston	87	50	69	74	-5	1.75	+0.49	3	5.94				
Louisville	88	59	72	74	-2	1.99	+1.10	3	4.18				
State University	88	57	72	75	-3	1.24	+0.27	2	6.31	81	74	77	0.18
Extreme/Average	88	50	71	76	-5	1.64	+0.78	3	5.43	81	74	77	0.16
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	62	76	77	-1	0.25	-0.99	1	3.89	97	68	82	
Natchez	89	65	77	77	0	0.35	-0.80	2	4.04				
Oakley	92	62	77	76	+1	0.59	-0.53	3	5.02	86	76	81	
Vicksburg	89	64	77			0.04		2	6.35				
Extreme/Average	92	62	77	77	0	0.31	-0.70	2	4.83	97	68	82	
8. South-Central													
Collins	90	63	77	76	+1	2.72	+1.71	4	6.47				
Columbia	92	66	79	78	+1	1.15	-0.00	3	2.37				
Tylertown	91	65	78	77	+1	1.31	+0.15	4	3.99				
Extreme/Average	92	63	78	77	+1	1.73	+0.73	4	4.28				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	92	65	78			3.21 E		4	7.56 E				
Hattiesburg	91	66	78	77	+1	1.03	+0.03	4	3.18				
Laurel	90	64	77	76	+1	1.20	+0.27	5	6.07				
Newton	90	58	73	75	-2	1.65	+0.81	3	3.89	88	70	77	0.18
Extreme/Average	92	58	77	77	0	1.77	+0.93	4	5.18	88	70	77	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	93	66	79	78	+1	1.60	+0.57	3	2.33				
Gulfport	88	71	80	79	+1	4.56	+3.43	5	8.90				
Pascagoula	87	69	78	77	+1	4.63 E	+3.39	4	9.71 E				
Poplarville	92	67	77	78	-1	3.78	+2.73	3	7.13	89	73	80	
Waveland	89	69	79	78	+1	3.42	+2.29	4	8.10				
Extreme/Average	93	66	79	79	0	3.60	+2.55	4	7.23	89	73	80	
State	93	40	74	76	-2	1.60	+0.66	3	5.39	100	68	80	0.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.