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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, June 11, 2006**. This week's biggest concern is the lack of rain. Both crops and pastures are suffering greatly. The areas that did receive a little rainfall are still in need of more. Farmers are irrigating when possible. Operators are continuing to treat for pests. Soil moisture was rated 53 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 14 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2005	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	70	43	25	38	0	4	30	50	16
Cotton	Emerged	99	98	98	98	0	5	24	61	10
	Squaring	40	11	17	24					
Peanuts	Planted	100	96	--	--	1	10	38	23	28
Rice	Emerged	100	99	100	99	1	6	14	70	9
Sorghum	Heading	6	2	0	1	0	0	7	93	0
Soybeans	Planted	99	99	99	98	0	7	24	57	12
	Emerged	98	97	97	95					
	Blooming	55	42	32	27					
Wheat	Mature	100	98	97	95	0	2	18	56	24
	Harvested	92	56	51	53					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	97	94	94	95	3	11	23	46	17
		(Warm Season)	22	14	27					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	60	40	38	41	0	0	20	50	30
Watermelons	Planted	100	100	100	100	0	17	58	24	1
Blueberries						0	1	13	64	22
Cattle						6	9	25	42	18
Pasture						8	27	29	33	3

County Agent Comments

"The hay harvest is in full swing. We're finishing up soybean plantings, but some will have to wait for a rain. In some parts of the county, conditions are very dry. Cotton is looking a lot better."

— Danny Owen, Tishomingo

"Crops have begun to show signs of stress from dry weather. We need a rain this week to keep the crops from stressing further."

— Eddie B. Harris, Humphreys

"Extremely dry weather and high temperatures are beginning to take their toll on pastures and fields. A good soaking rain is definitely needed."

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

"The lack of rain has become serious. Pastures are very poor and gardens are not producing well. High temperatures over the weekend will not help."

— Amanda Woods, Marion

"Lack of rainfall continues to be a problem. Soil moisture is becoming shorter as the days without measurable rain continue. Livestock is beginning to show the stress with pasture grasses being strained from overgrazing. Watermelons are smaller this year, compared to last year, due to lack of rainfall at the crucial growth stage."

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

"We are very dry. Growers are watering everything they can. Wheat harvest is over and yields were good."

— Don Respass, Bolivar

"Producers are watering everything they can. Dry-land crops are showing signs of drought stress."

— Mack Young, Quitman

"A lot of hay has been cut because it sure has been hay cutting weather. Rain is badly needed in all areas of Tallahatchie County. Irrigation pipes are going out for cotton and will be utilized soon."

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We are extremely dry over about 60% of the county. Plant bugs are beginning to show in the older cotton. A rain would do more good than anything.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Planting is finishing up, but all crops are in need of a rain. Scattered showers have been infrequent.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Most areas need rainfall for all crops. Post emergence herbicides appear to be effective at this time.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“The south half of county needs rain; some parts of the county received a rain last Sunday. I am seeing more tomato disease this week. Some trees are stressed from the lack of water. Winter hay harvest is complete with above average yields.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Some cotton farmers have applied their layby herbicides. Non-irrigated crops are hurting for water.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Hot and dry is the cry from all over the county. Irrigating young soybeans has helped their growth. Corn and grain sorghum that are not watered are suffering. Cotton is growing well even with the drier conditions. Aphids and plant bugs are being treated. Some cotton fields have spider mites in spots.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Conditions are very dry! Early spring rains caused plant roots to grow near the surface. With temperatures in the mid-to-upper 90's, our forages are burning up in pastures and hayfields. Several small pockets across the district have had a little shower or two that helped temporarily. There are more cases where there hasn't been any rain in over a month.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Everyone is reporting dry conditions. A lot of hay fields were harvested over the week. The aftermath is dry stubble. We will need a good rain to bring these fields back into production. Row crops are suffering. Much of the corn is tasseling and is in need of a better than average rainfall. We will need a good rain within a couple of weeks to get a normal yield on corn.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“We are dry! We need rain, badly. The soil is extremely dry. The crops are showing negative effects from no moisture. Wheat harvests, for the most part, are completed. Yields look pretty good in most fields. Pasture grasses are definitely showing negative effects of the dry weather. The hay harvest is done and with no rain, the next cutting will show decreased yields.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“We are about a week or two away from being in a virtual drought. We really need a good general rain throughout the county. Some pastures are getting short. Very little hay has been harvested. Cotton and peanut planting is winding up. Horseflies are very bad in cattle and horses. Some pine beetle activity is showing up.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“We need rain. I heard a farmer this weekend state that he wished that a small tropical storm would blow in so we could get some moisture.”

— Mike Steede, George

“We are very hot and very dry. Hay will again be in limited supply for the coming year unless conditions improve. Corn that was planted early will have a significant reduction in yield. The lack of water on farms will become a problem.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“If it grows and it isn't irrigated, then it is in trouble. All non-irrigated crops are suffering. Pastures and hay fields are parched. With temperatures in the mid-90's, poultry growers are keeping a close watch on chickens.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“Showers have been hit and miss. There have been more misses than hits. It's extremely dry and crops are showing signs of it. All crops could use a good rain. Blueberry harvests continue on a good pace.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Weather Summary from June 12, 2006 to June 18, 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	96	62	82	79	+3	0.00	-1.14	0	0.09				
Lambert	96	61	80			1.20	+0.01	2	1.75				
Tunica	95	63	78	79	-1	2.21	+0.95	2	2.35				
Extreme/Average	96	61	79	79	0	1.71	+0.53	2					
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	92	60	78	76	+2	0.14	-0.91	1	1.12				
Hickory Flat	96	57	76	75	+1	1.27	+0.16	1	1.82				
Independence	96	58	77	76	+1	0.52	-0.60	2	1.22				
Oxford	97	60	79	76	+3	1.19	+0.13	1	1.69				
Extreme/Average	97	57	77	77	0	0.87	-0.25	1	1.69				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	98	63	80	76	+4	0.85	-0.16	1	1.56				
Iuka				73		0.10E	-0.78	1	0.74E				
Ripley	96	58	75	75	0	1.22	+0.17	1	1.58				
Tupelo	95	62	79			0.05		1	0.76				
Verona	97	57	78	77	+1	0.20	-0.88	1	1.46				
Extreme/Average	98	57	79	77	+2	0.30	-0.75	1	1.26				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	98	65	83	79	+4	0.24	-0.74	2	0.81				
Rolling Fork	97	65	81	79	+2	0.10E	-0.88	1	1.56E				
Stoneville	96	63	81	80	+1	0.00	-0.91	0	0.57				
Yazoo City	95	64	80	79	+1	0.00	-0.91	0	0.60				
Extreme/Average	98	63	81	80	+1	0.11	-0.87	1	1.07				
5. Central													
Canton	97	64	80	79	+1	0.54	-0.19	1	0.87				
Carthage	96	64	80	77	+3	0.32	-0.45	2	0.32				
Eupora	95	61	79	76	+3	0.19	-0.79	2	0.96				
Lexington	95	54	78	77	+1	1.04	+0.05	2	1.14				
Extreme/Average	97	54	79	78	+1	0.52	-0.39	2	1.14				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	97	64	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.98	0	0.30				
Houston	94	57	77	76	+1	0.06	-1.16	1	0.25				
Philadelphia				78		0.40E	-0.51	1	0.68E				
State University	97	60	80	78	+2	0.02	-0.89	1	0.54				
Extreme/Average	97	57	79	78	+1	0.12	-0.86	1	0.36				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	97	56	80	79	+1	0.00	-1.33	0	2.09				
Natchez	95	63	80	79	+1	0.10	-1.01	1	1.07				
Oakley				78		0.80E	-0.32	1	2.01E				
Vicksburg	95	65	81			0.18		1	0.18				
Extreme/Average	97	56	80	79	+1	0.30	-0.81	1	2.09				
8. South-Central													
Collins	97	67	82	78	+4	0.15	-0.76	1	0.48				
Columbia				79		0.00	-1.12	0	0.02				
Tylertown	98	67	82	79	+3	0.00	-1.12	0	0.06				
Extreme/Average	98	67	82	79	+3	0.08	-0.97	1	0.27				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	99	70	83	79	+4	0.01	-0.97	1	1.17				
Laurel	97	69	82	78	+4	0.01	-0.84	1	0.68				
Newton	98	64	81	77	+4	1.32	+0.45	2	1.56				
Extreme/Average	99	64	82	78	+4	0.45	-0.46	1	1.12				
10. Coastal													
Gulfport	92	70	81	80	+1	0.00	-1.12	0	0.50				
Pascagoula 3 NE				79					0.00				
Picayune				79		0.00	-1.09	0	0.00				
Extreme/Average	92	70		80									
State	99	54	80	78	+2	0.45	-0.57	1	1.16				

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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