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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 9, 2006**. Mississippi received another douse of scattered showers over the past week. In spite of that, some crops may still suffer a yield loss. Insect pressure is reported to be light in some areas. Grazing conditions are improving where there has been rainfall, but operators are feeding hay to cattle as needed. Soil moisture was rated 47 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 19 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	100	98	96	96	13	18	28	36	5
	Dough	80	70	58	66					
	Dent	36	5	8	24					
Cotton	Squaring	94	88	89	88	6	14	24	49	7
	Setting Bolls	57	41	35	46					
Peanuts	Pegging	34	24	--	--	0	16	57	27	0
Rice	Heading	11	7	9	12	1	4	12	68	15
Sorghum	Heading	86	66	71	69	3	4	9	83	1
	Turning Color	16	--	--	6					
Soybeans	Blooming	95	88	89	77	4	11	26	47	12
	Setting Pods	79	64	63	52					
Wheat	Harvested	100	100	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	100	100	100	100	17	32	26	25	0
		(Warm Season)	52	44	59					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	85	75	94	92	0	34	30	36	0
Watermelons	Harvested	75	58	54	52	35	17	35	13	0
Blueberries						0	0	5	95	0
Cattle						7	25	43	22	3
Pasture						18	41	30	11	0

County Agent Comments

“We still need rain. Growers are pumping water everywhere that they can. Insect pressure is light.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar

“Dry weather has caused crops to grow and develop slowly. We need some rain to replenish soil moisture. There has been no major problems in fields.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Some producers have sprayed for grasshopper control. Hay cutting continues with reduced yields. Rain is needed for late planted beans. Insect pressure is light on cotton.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Showers helped in the areas that got them. Irrigation started back even where one inch of rain fell. Insect pressure is low.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Scattered rains may have saved some crops from disaster in the short term. However, continued need for rain is a daily concern.”

— Kay Emmons, Montgomery

“Dry conditions continue across most of the state spurring some concern of hay and pasture shortages. A few areas have received some downpours but they seem to be in extremely isolated spots.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Most of the county is in need of rain badly. Parts of the county received a few isolated showers after the 4th of July weekend.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica

“Group 4 beans have podded up well but we do not have the moisture to fill them. The rain this week only gave us less than a half inch. Cotton is blooming but the question is whether the little bolls stay or shed!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Layby herbicides are being applied to cotton. Some late herbicide applications are being made in soybeans for morning glory and grass control. Insect activity is low at this time.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“We had another week of hit and miss rain showers with most fields being missed. There are many irrigation activities underway. Some weed and insect control work is being done.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Recent scattered rains have saved crops from immediate disaster, and may allow some early planted corn to mature reasonably well. However, the overall crop situation remains highly dependent upon our receiving continued rain.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Scattered showers provided moisture in a few areas, but most parts of the county are either dry or extremely dry. Hay production is suffering and pastures are short in most areas. Corn and beans are suffering from the drought as well.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Scattered rain showers were a welcomed event. We are still below average on rainfall in most areas. The rains came a little late for much of the corn crop. The beans benefitted, but we will have to wait and see how much. Cotton looks good at this point in time. Pastures are looking better, but they still need additional rain. It looks like, at this time, we are looking at possible hay shortages this fall and winter. Some cattle ranchers are feeding hay at this time.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Needed rain was received over the week. Everything is starting to show green. Pastures, gardens, and yards are all looking better.”

— Amanda Woods, Marion

“Recent rains have helped out, but much more is needed.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“Recent rains in the area have helped to improve grazing for some producers. Others are considering reducing their herds. Rainfall at this point is essential for producers to break even.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

Additional comments appear on the Internet at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>

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Weather Summary from July 3, 2006 to July 9, 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	95	61	79	82	-3	1.08	+0.19	1	3.47				
Lambert	98	59	80			0.26	-0.67	1	3.21				
Tunica	97	64	79	81	-2	0.25	-0.75	2	3.06				
Extreme/Average	98	59	79	82	-3	0.53	-0.51	1	3.14				
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	96	58	78	80	-2	0.41	-0.60	2	0.63				
Hickory Flat	98	59	78	79	-1	1.62	+0.53	2	3.55				
Independence	93	58	76	80	-4	0.60	-0.37	1	4.32				
Oxford	96	64	80	80	0	0.47	-0.51	2	2.46				
Extreme/Average	98	58	77	80	-3	0.51	-0.54	2					
3. Northeast													
Booneville	103	60	80	79	+1	1.90	+0.92	2	3.21				
Iuka	95	54	74	77	-3	0.46	-0.56	2	1.90				
Ripley	98	57	77	79	-2	0.44	-0.68	2	2.49				
Tupelo	98	61	81			1.68		3	2.17				
Verona	98	63	80	81	-1	2.74	+1.87	2	3.95				
Extreme/Average	103	54	79	80	-1	1.69	+0.65	2	3.95				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	94	64	80	82	-2	1.16	+0.01	3	2.58				
Rolling Fork	95	65	81	82	-1	0.47	-0.51	4	2.99				
Stoneville	93	63	80	82	-2	1.15	+0.17	2	2.45				
Yazoo City	95	63	80	82	-2	0.60	-0.34	1	1.40				
Extreme/Average	95	63	80	82	-2	0.85	-0.20	3					
5. Central													
Canton	95	64	79	82	-3	0.50	-0.33	2	2.92				
Carthage	96	65	80	80	0	0.39	-0.57	2	1.70				
Eupora	98	59	79	79	0	2.03	+1.05	1	3.33				
Lexington	98	62	79	79	0	1.88	+0.97	2	3.76				
Extreme/Average	98	59	79	80	-1	1.96	+0.91	2	3.55				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	99	64	82	80	+2	0.10	-0.83	1	0.94				
Houston	96	58	79	79	0	0.39	-0.64	3	0.89				
Philadelphia				80		0.33	-0.74	1	1.73				
State University	99	59	79	81	-2	0.14	-0.86	1	1.69				
Extreme/Average	99	58	80	81	-1	0.21	-0.84	2	1.17				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	67	81	81	0	0.55	-0.55	2	0.80				
Natchez	93	68	79	81	-2	2.45	+1.50	5	2.80				
Oakley				81		3.43	+2.51	2	4.68				
Vicksburg						0.42		1	2.74				
Extreme/Average	95	67	81	81	0	0.55	-0.50	2	0.80				
8. South-Central													
Collins	92	69	81	80	+1	1.63	+0.55	2	2.88				
Columbia	93	70	82	81	+1	2.24	+0.98	5	2.51				
Tylertown	93	68	81	81	0	2.76	+1.43	4	4.18				
Extreme/Average	93	68	81	81	0	2.21	+1.02	4	3.53				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	96	70	81	81	0	3.71	+2.48	4	4.44				
Laurel	94	69	81	81	0	0.26	-0.94	2	1.61				
Newton	98	63	80	80	0	0.40	-0.70	2	2.50				
Extreme/Average	98	63	81	81	0	1.46	+0.23	3	1.61				
10. Coastal													
Gulfport	89	74	82	82	0	0.82	-0.71	3	2.71				
Pascagoula 3 NE				80			-1.60	0	0.00				
Picayune				81			-1.46	0	1.00				
Extreme/Average	89	74		82									
State	103	54	80	81	-1	1.12	+0.04	2	2.36				

DFN = Departure from Normal.