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# Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 10, 2008**. Scattered showers and thunderstorms across the state were a welcomed relief to producers, yet several areas remain under moderately dry to abnormally dry conditions. Although the moisture enhanced row crop and pasture conditions, it may be too late for corn and some early planted soybeans. Armyworms have invaded pastures and hayfields in some areas. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 33 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

**Crop progress for week ending 08/10/08**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	100	99	100	99
Corn, dent	96	90	98	90
Corn, mature	49	36	62	53
Corn, harvested	4	1	8	7
Corn Silage, harvested	59	51	89	85
Cotton, squaring	100	100	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	97	93	98	97
Cotton, open bolls	2	--	4	5
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	78	72	65	73
Peanuts, pegging	100	100	98	---
Rice, headed	69	50	96	92
Rice, mature	2	--	15	9
Sorghum, heading	96	94	100	100
Sorghum, coloring	68	61	78	87
Sorghum, mature	18	6	31	42
Soybeans, blooming	100	98	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	93	89	96	97
Soybeans, turning color	10	4	29	39
Soybeans, dropping leaves	1	--	15	20
Sweet Potatoes, planted	100	100	100	100
Watermelons, harvested	100	98	99	99

**Crop condition for week ending 08/10/08**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	4	9	23	45	19
Cotton	3	5	25	54	13
Hay	3	8	27	53	9
Livestock	5	10	25	51	9
Pasture	6	18	29	40	7
Peanuts	0	0	6	89	5
Rice	0	3	11	49	37
Sorghum	1	6	19	51	23
Soybeans	3	10	29	46	12
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	10	72	17

## Comments

“While some areas of Bolivar county received some much needed rain, some areas still remain dry. Some farmers have begun cutting off wells and draining rice fields. It looks like we may be harvesting rice towards the end of the month.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“The county got about a half-inch of rain Sunday, and the weather cooled down. The cool weather will help the beans about as much as the rain.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“We have been getting some scattered showers, but some areas are still dry and yields will be affected.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“The rain we got a week ago caused some shed in the cotton, especially the irrigated cotton. Insects are light with the exception of an egg lay. We will have to see how this pans out.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“We received some much needed rain this week. Armyworms have been attacking hay fields and pastures.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah

“Light showers over the weekend have brought some relief to dry conditions.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“We got about a half-inch of rain over most of the county this weekend. It will help, but we need some more. Aerial applicators have been busy spraying all crops for insects.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Fall armyworms are hitting our pastures and hayfields pretty hard. Good moisture from scattered showers has really helped our late non-irrigated crops. Corn will be harvested in the next couple of weeks. Cotton, corn, soybeans, and rice are holding up pretty good as well.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Crops are responding well to recent rains. Many areas of Tunica county have received their fourth rain in as little as two weeks. Some early dry land soybeans were too far gone, but the recent rainfall has been ideal for some grain sorghum and later planted soybeans.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica

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— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rainfall across most of the area last week improved the condition of all crops. Corn is near physiological maturity. Insect pressure remains light in soybeans.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“We are finally getting some rain, but it’s too late to help the corn, early planted soybeans, and early maturing soybeans. The rain will be beneficial for cotton and later soybeans. Grain sorghum and corn harvest will be in full swing once the fields dry out.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Showers and thunderstorms dropped varied amounts of rainfall over the county. This is a slight relief to crops. We could still use a nice general rain to help crops. We have started grain harvest on older corn and grain sorghum.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Most of the area has now received enough rain to get crops out of trouble; however, it came too late to significantly help the older corn.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Scattered showers helped some forage growth in some areas this past week. Armyworms are in our area now, but they aren't as bad as expected. According to the weatherman, it looks like a wet week ahead, which will be good for pastures, hayfields, and late planted soybeans.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Corn harvest has started. We have been asking for rain. The corn harvest began and so did the rain. Although we had to get out of some of the fields because of the rain, we will get back in the fields as soon as the weather allows. The yields look good at this point.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Dry weather this week has been beneficial for producers baling hay, but has been hard on pastures as grass is getting limited. Peanuts and cotton are looking good.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

**(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)**

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 08/10/08**

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	
<b>Upper Delta</b>													
Cleveland	99	69	84	82	2	0.59	0.25	2	1.65				
Lambert	98	62	81			0.47	-0.21	1	2.30				
Tunica	96	65	82	81	1	2.24	1.67	3	2.75				
Extreme/Average	99	62	82	82		1.10	0.57	2	2.23				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Batesville	94	61	79	80	-1	1.14	0.49	3	2.19				
Hickory Flat	97	57	78	79	-1	2.67	1.83	1	3.25				
Independence	95	59	80	80		1.00	0.30	2	1.92				
Oxford	95	60	79	80	-1	0.52	-0.27	2	5.78				
Extreme/Average	97	57	79	80	-1	1.33	0.59	2	3.29				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	97	59	79	79		0.48	-0.29	2	1.87				
Ripley	97	58	78	79	-1	0.68	-0.02	1	1.61				
Tupelo	96	67	83			1.57	0.00	1	4.86				
Verona	96	63	80	81	-1	1.77	0.97	1	4.66				
Extreme/Average	97	58	80	80		1.13	0.22	1	3.25				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Moorhead	93	66	80	82	-2	1.64	1.02	5	3.75				
Rolling Fork	95	64	82	82		0.19	-0.46	2	2.03				
Stoneville	97	70	84	82	2	0.33	-0.14	2	0.90				
Yazoo City	98	65	81	82	-1	1.18	0.35	1	2.97				
Extreme/Average	98	64	82	82		0.84	0.19	3	2.41				
<b>Central</b>													
Eupora	94	59	79	80	-1	0.00	-0.68	0	3.05				
Kosciusko	92	63	79	81	-2	1.11	0.21	2	5.22				
Winona	91	59	78	78	0	0.36	-0.37	2	2.17				
Extreme/Average	94	59	78	80	-2	0.49	-0.28	1	3.48				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	97	60	80	80		0.58	-0.06	1	3.06				
De Kalb	95	58	79			0.14		1	3.01				
Macon	96	62	81	81	0	0.12	-0.73	1	2.45				
State University	95	61	81	81		0.03	-0.76	1	2.01				
Extreme/Average	97	58	80	81	-1	0.22	-0.52	1	2.63				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Crystal Springs	96	63	80	82	-2	0.00	-0.77	0	2.94				
Natchez	94	64	80	82	-2	0.26	-0.58	3	1.83				
Oakley	97	64	80	81	-1	0.05	-0.81	1	3.42				
Vicksburg	94	66	81			0.72	0.00	1	2.95				
Extreme/Average	97	63	80	82	-2	0.26	-0.72	1	2.79				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	97	61	81	81		0.35	-0.59	1	1.30				
Columbia	97	64	82	82	0	0.77	-0.31	2	3.79				
Monticello	101	63	84	81	3	0.51	-0.41	3	2.02				
Raleigh	94	59	79			0.22		2	2.20				
Extreme/Average	101	61	82	81	1	0.46	-0.44	2	2.33				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Hattiesburg	94	63	80	82	-2	1.23	0.08	2	4.61				
Laurel	96	62	81	81		1.77	0.79	2	3.04				
Newton	95	52	77	80	-3	0.03	-0.88	1	2.75				
Waynesboro	98	60	82	81	1	0.60	-0.20	1	2.26				
Extreme/Average	98	52	80	81	1	0.91	-0.05	2	3.17				
<b>Coastal</b>													
Extreme/Average													
<b>State</b>	101	52	81	81		0.75	-0.05	2	2.84				

DFN = Departure from Normal.