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# Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 3, 2006**. Harvesting activities are in full swing for many row crops and several growers are reporting low yields in corn, sorghum, and soybeans. Some cattle producers are still hoping for enough hay growth to allow for a second cutting. County agents are continuing to report that there is a lack of rainfall across the state. Soil moisture was rated 41 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 16 percent adequate.

### Crop progress for week ending 09/03/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dent	100	100	97	99
Corn, mature	99	96	89	93
Corn, harvested	91	65	56	54
Cotton, open bolls	88	60	51	55
Cotton, harvested	5	1	--	1
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	88	85	89	86
Rice, headed	100	99	100	100
Rice, mature	55	44	52	65
Rice, harvested	16	8	5	16
Sorghum, coloring	100	100	100	100
Sorghum, mature	98	95	98	94
Sorghum, harvested	89	81	62	53
Soybeans, turning color	90	85	80	70
Soybeans, dropping leaves	80	72	63	54
Soybeans, harvested	70	54	35	28
Sweet potatoes, harvested	6	4	13	13
Watermelons, harvested	100	100	100	100

### Crop condition for week ending 09/03/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	10	18	34	34	4
Cotton	10	17	30	35	8
Hay	21	32	30	15	2
Livestock	10	15	46	26	3
Pasture	21	28	37	14	0
Peanuts	0	1	33	66	0
Rice	0	4	18	64	14
Sorghum	0	15	37	46	2
Soybeans	10	22	37	28	3
Sweet Potatoes	0	30	35	35	0

## County Agent Comments

“Cotton producers have defoliated 50-60 percent of the crop and pickers will be rolling in 7 days. Most of the group V soybeans have been harvested. Rice harvesting will begin this week.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Most of the corn and Group IV soybeans have been harvested. Irrigated corn yields have been better than expected. All soybean yields are below average. Early indications for rice yields are better than expected. It is too early to get a feel on cotton yields.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Temperatures have moderated into the low 90’s and a few scattered showers were received during the week. Harvest figures are very disappointing. It looks like there will not be enough time to get a decent second-cutting of hay that cattlemen were hoping for.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“The corn harvest is all but complete. The soybean harvest is underway. Yields are varied. The final tally should be available soon. Cotton fields are getting whiter as the days pass. There has been some defoliant applied and the harvest should begin soon.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Armyworms and the drought continue to be hot topics. Cattle producers are scrounging for hay and spraying armyworms. Armyworms are the worst we have seen in years! Ponds that used to water livestock are drying up. Many producers are utilizing well water.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“There have only been spotty showers. Some producers are harvesting hay. If we are not delayed by a major storm, we may have an opportunity to harvest enough to make it through winter until spring.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

“We missed the showers this week. Pastures are turning green but I am wondering if we will get enough growth for another cutting of hay. Cotton regrowth is going to be a problem this year!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“A good general rain continues to elude the northeast part of the state. Isolated areas received some rain in the past 7 days and conditions are improving in those areas. Other areas continue to be hot and dry. Feeding is normal in these areas. Hay shortages for the winter continue to be a major concern. Producers are making preparations to plant winter grazing.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Moisture is needed.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“The harvest continued in a very fast pace this past week. Corn has been completed with yields not quite what some producers expected. Soybean yields have been low on the dry-land beans but good on the irrigated. There have not been good yields reported on cotton so far but most of the harvested cotton is dry-land. Grain sorghum yields are below average. Rice yields are being reported as good with good weather for the harvest.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Hay producers are trying to scrap up as much hay as possible right now. I had hoped that we might have received some rain recently to promote some late fall growth and just maybe we could get a decent last cutting of hay. It doesn't look like that's going to happen. Row crops are being harvested with some disappointing yields.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Drought conditions still exist and livestock producers are feeling the crunch. Grazing is almost non-existent and hay yields are at the lowest levels since the 1930's.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Corn and hay harvesting continue. Beef producers are waiting on additional rain before breaking ground to plant winter forages. Timber landowners continue to see the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Pine and hardwoods that appeared to be in good condition after the storm are dying. Right now, everyone is waiting to see when and where the damage will end. The new growth on blueberry bushes continue to progress. This will be favorable for a good crop in 2007.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 09/03/06**

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	96	62	79	78	1	0.08	-0.39	1	2.38				
Lambert	95	58	77			1.72	1.00	2	6.08				
Tunica	94	64	78	78		0.54	-0.02	2	3.59				
Extreme/Average	96	58	77	78	-1	1.72	1.11	2	0.00				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Calhoun City	92	60	75	77	-2	0.00	-0.77	0	1.82				
Hickory Flat	93	58	76	76		0.57	-0.30	1	6.87				
Independence	92	57	74	77	-3	0.64	-0.11	2	2.40				
Oxford	95	58	76	77	-1	1.72	0.88	2	3.00				
Extreme/Average	95	57	75	77	-2	1.18	0.39	2	2.40				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	94	63	78	76	2	0.90	0.09	1	1.64				
Iuka	93	56	74	74		0.94	0.01	2	2.21				
Ripley	92	58	75	76	-1	0.11	-0.64	1	3.41				
Tupelo	95	64	78			0.74	0.00	2	1.31				
Verona	95	64	80	78	2	0.70	-0.27	1	1.71				
Extreme/Average	95	56	77	77		0.62	-0.19	2	1.76				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Moorhead	94	64	79	79		0.03	-0.58	1	1.20				
Rolling Fork	98	62	80	79	1	0.00	-0.60	0	1.45				
Stoneville	96	63	79	79		0.06	-0.50	1	1.56				
Yazoo City	92	63	77	80	-3	0.18	-0.49	1	2.23				
Extreme/Average	98	62	79	79		0.02	-0.59	1	1.33				
<b>Central</b>													
Canton	95	61	79	79		0.76	0.08	3	1.37				
Carthage	94	64	79	78	1	0.30	-0.50	1	1.09				
Eupora	96	60	77	77		0.18	-0.58	1	1.51				
Lexington	97	61	78	78		0.00	-0.63	0	1.16				
Extreme/Average	97	60	78	78		0.31	-0.46	1	1.34				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	98	64	79	77	2	0.46	-0.27	2	0.98				
Houston	95	59	77	76	1	0.00	-0.81	0	0.38				
State University	96	59	76	78	-2	2.44	1.67	3	3.07				
Extreme/Average	98	59	77	78	-1	0.97	0.18	2	0.68				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Crystal Springs	95	65	80	79	1	0.61	-0.34	1	2.42				
Natchez	93	63	78	80	-2	1.90	0.99	3	3.53				
Oakley	98	60	79	79		0.72	-0.08	1	4.55				
Vicksburg	93	64	79			0.36	0.00	2	2.14				
Extreme/Average	98	60	79	79		0.90	-0.01	2	2.84				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	94	64	80	79	1	0.40	-0.54	1	2.46				
Columbia	94	66	80	80		0.96	-0.02	2	9.72				
Tylertown	93	64	79	80	-1	2.02	1.04	2	5.41				
Extreme/Average	94	64	79	80	-1	1.13	0.15	2	5.86				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	95	68	83	80	3	0.00	-1.05	0	2.04				
Laurel	95	66	81	79	2	0.22	-0.73	2	1.22				
Newton	97	59	79	78	1	0.03	-0.81	1	1.68				
Extreme/Average	97	59	81	79	2	0.22	-0.66	2	0.00				
<b>Coastal</b>													
Gulfport	93	68	82	81	1	0.10	-1.34	2	3.88				
Pascagoula 3 NE				80		0.00	0.00	0	1.20				
Picayune				80		0.50	-0.73	1	4.10				
Extreme/Average	93	68		80		0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
<b>State</b>	98	56	78	79	-1	0.73	-0.07	2	2.27				

DFN = Departure from Normal.