



Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 5, 2004**. Harvesting continues for most crops with cotton not far behind. Farmers were concerned about the impact of heavy rains from Hurricane Frances, but the rains were isolated and caused no crop damage. Pastures are showing signs of stress from the lack of adequate rain to keep up with livestock grazing. Hay fields and pastures are being sprayed to eliminate armyworms. Soil moisture was rated 24 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2003	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	100	99	100	100	2	4	19	48	27
	Mature	99	97	94	95					
	Harvested	71	56	58	65					
	Silage Harvested	99	98	100	100					
Cotton	Open Bolls	57	39	53	71	3	7	22	51	17
Rice	Mature	82	60	64	66	0	1	12	54	33
	Harvested	28	11	29	19					
Sorghum	Mature	98	90	92	94	0	1	15	69	15
	Harvested	65	45	47	59					
Soybeans	Turning Color	90	78	68	69	1	5	15	49	30
	Shedding Leaves	73	62	50	52					
	Harvested	49	38	31	23					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	82	76	88	86	3	14	32	42	9
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	7	2	27	18	2	8	37	43	10
Cattle						2	5	14	56	23
Pasture						5	7	25	54	9

County Agent Comments

“Rice and soybean growers had a good week for harvesting. Some late season soybeans were sprayed for stink bugs. Cotton harvest will begin this week.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar

“Harvesting is going well. We are about through with the Group IV beans. Corn has dried down in the field to the point where we can start on it this week, and we should be through with it by next week. Cotton is still about 7-10 days away from the first defoliant going out.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Harvesting is proceeding ahead of our normal schedule. There has been some cotton defoliated this week, but no harvest of cotton has occurred.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Some armyworm activity has been reported in cotton. Peanuts continue to look good, and cattle are in good shape with plenty of grazing. Lots of hay has already been put up.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Armyworms are on the increase everywhere in bermuda grass, signal grass, and tender bahia. Producers are currently spraying!”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Last week was a dry week and the forecast for this week shows no rain. As hay harvesting continues, pastures are beginning to show signs of stress from dry weather and the change of seasons. The corn crop is looking good. Armyworms are still a problem, especially in bermuda grass fields.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“Rainfall has been isolated across the area. Soybean and corn harvest have begun. Early planted cotton has been "cut out" and bolls are opening in some fields.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

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Weather Summary from August 30, 2004 to September 5, 2004 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	95	62	76	77	-1	0.73	-0.04	1	5.42				
Cleveland				78		0.00	-0.51	0	2.54				
Tunica				77		0.00	-0.58	0	1.25				0.18
Extreme/Average	95	62	76	78	-2	0.24	-0.41	0	3.07				0.18
2. North-Central													
Hickory Flat	88	59	74	76	-2	0.37	-0.52	1	2.35				
Calhoun City	85	63	74	77	-3	0.07	-0.70	1	3.91				
Independence	84	59	73	76	-3	0.03	-0.74	1	3.56				
Oxford	89	61	76	76	0	0.53	-0.31	3	2.71				
Extreme/Average	89	59	74	77	-3	0.25	-0.56	2	3.13				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	87	64	75	76	-1	0.95	+0.12	1	2.81				
Iuka	86	58	72	74	-2	0.11	-0.84	2	8.68				
Ripley	87	61	74	75	-1	0.15	-0.64	1	2.38				
Tupelo	88	64	76			0.06		2	3.64				
Verona				78		0.17	-0.81	2	2.99				0.16
Extreme/Average	88	58	74	77	-3	0.32	-0.53	2	4.38				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	91	65	78	79	-1	0.92	+0.27	1	2.69	93	75	84	
Rolling Fork	92	64	77	79	-2	0.40	-0.22	1	1.77				
Stoneville	91	64	77	79	-2	0.03	-0.58	2	2.15				0.19
Yazoo City	89	62	76	79	-3	0.00	-0.65	0	2.61				
Extreme/Average	92	62	77	79	-2	0.34	-0.29	1	2.31	93	75	84	0.19
5. Central													
Canton	89	62	76	79	-3	0.66	-0.02	2	3.47				
Carthage	88	63	76	78	-2	0.77	-0.05	2	9.93				
Lexington	85	61	74	77	-3	0.07	-0.58	2	3.12				
Eupora	88	64	76	76	0	0.77	-0.03	2	5.00				
Extreme/Average	89	61	75	78	-3	0.57	-0.20	2	5.38				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	88	66	76	77	-1	0.04	-0.71	1	2.48				0.13
Houston	86	58	74	76	-2	0.67	-0.18	2	3.55				
Louisville				77		0.39	-0.38	2	4.18				
State University	90	63	75	78	-3	0.27	-0.50	2	3.80	82	76	79	0.15
Extreme/Average	90	58	75	78	-3	0.34	-0.47	2	3.50	82	76	79	0.14
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	65	78	79	-1	1.61	+0.62	2	4.73	95	76	86	
Natchez	89	63	77	79	-2	0.27	-0.64	2	1.45				
Oakley	94	61	77	78	-1	0.25	-0.53	1	3.69	96	76	86	
Vicksburg	88	62	76			1.62		2	5.46				
Extreme/Average	94	61	77	79	-2	0.94	+0.03	2	3.83	96	76	86	
8. South-Central													
Collins	90	67	78	78	0	0.12	-0.84	2	1.73				
Columbia	92	67	79	79	0	0.11	-0.88	1	5.72				
Tylertown	89	67	79	79	0	0.35	-0.63	1	8.15				
Extreme/Average	92	67	79	79	0	0.19	-0.79	1	5.20				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	67	79			0.84		3	3.84				
Hattiesburg	91	68	79	80	-1	1.22	+0.17	3	4.17				
Laurel	91	68	79	79	0	0.05	-0.93	2	5.85				
Newton	91	61	75	78	-3	1.53	+0.69	1	5.30	85	73	79	0.17
Extreme/Average	94	61	78	79	-1	0.91	-0.01	2	4.79	85	73	79	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis				80		2.05	+0.72	2	4.72				
Gulfport				81		1.74	+0.25	3	4.99				
Poplarville	90	68	79	80	-1	3.04	+1.99	3	7.38	89	74	81	0.27
Waveland	89	70	80	80	0	1.48	-0.06	3	3.34				
Extreme/Average	90	68	79	80	-1	2.08	+0.71	3	5.11	89	74	81	0.27
State	95	58	77	78	-1	0.62	-0.24	2	4.13	96	73	82	0.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.