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# Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 9, 2007**. Although light showers late in the week may have delayed harvest activities in some areas of the State, the precipitation helped to boost soil moisture levels and will benefit late-planted soybeans. Cotton defoliation activities will increase this week as the harvest of other crops begins to wind down. While some cattle producers are anticipating an adequate hay supply if a mild winter occurs, others will be short due to a small third cutting. Soil moisture was rated 31 percent very short, 35 percent short and 34 percent adequate.

**Crop progress for week ending 09/09/07**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dent	100	100	100	100
Corn, mature	100	100	100	98
Corn, harvested	84	73	93	78
Corn Silage, harvested	100	100	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	84	75	92	73
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	91	86	90	90
Peanuts, harvested	15	8	6	--
Rice, mature	94	88	76	78
Rice, harvested	41	20	37	32
Sorghum, coloring	100	99	100	100
Sorghum, mature	97	93	100	98
Sorghum, harvested	78	51	93	74
Soybeans, turning color	90	82	95	84
Soybeans, dropping leaves	73	63	88	70
Soybeans, harvested	34	28	76	50
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	25	10	16	19

**Crop condition for week ending 09/09/07**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	5	10	28	33	24
Cotton	2	5	27	49	17
Hay	5	10	26	38	21
Livestock	4	13	30	40	13
Pasture	17	23	32	26	2
Peanuts	0	0	33	66	1
Rice	0	0	10	65	25
Sorghum	2	7	12	60	19
Soybeans	2	5	18	43	32
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	16	60	22

## Comments

“Light showers have kept harvesting equipment out of the field. Rain should help late-planted soybeans.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Recent rains have stopped harvest, but combines will be back in the fields today. Producers are beginning to defoliate cotton and will begin picking in 7 - 10 days.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Weekend rains have helped bring soil moisture up but have slowed some harvesting activities.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Producers in northeast Mississippi were plunged back into a drought situation over the last three weeks. The late-fall third hay cutting will be small, leaving some producers short on hay. Very little soil moisture is available for cool-season grass planting. The fescue is in a deep dormancy and some of the fescue did not survive the 100 degree temperatures.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Afternoon thunderstorms are continuing to provide much needed moisture for pastures and fall vegetable crops. The cotton crop is looking good. Yields for peanuts are down due to a lack of moisture. Producers are still cutting and baling hay.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Corn harvest is winding down. Non-irrigated cotton is cutting out. Early MG Soybeans are out and a good bit of fall tillage is taking place. It is too early to tell how much will be planted to wheat this fall. I anticipate a large percentage – we’ll see.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Cotton defoliation will begin this week as the corn harvest winds down. The replant corn did not do as well as the corn we kept after the freeze.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rains and wet soils have slowed harvest activities and fall tillage work. Yields for corn, grain sorghum and soybeans continue to be excellent. Rice yields are running around average. By appearances, the cotton crop looks average at best.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Cloudy weather, showers and a one-half to one inch rain have halted all harvests except for some late afternoon thrashing of soybeans and rice. With the exception of some wheat beans, we need several weeks of sunny days to complete our grain harvest Cotton is popping open all over the county. I suspect some defoliation will take place next week.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“We missed last week’s rain front that helped the Delta, so we still need a general rain to finish the season. Sugarcane beetle damage is severe in sweet potatoes. Cotton has shed fruit during the dry, 100 degree temperatures.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Some rain was received in scattered locations, amounting to about one-half inch. About 50 percent of producers say they have adequate hay if the winter is not too bad. Corn harvest continues and cotton and soybeans continue to mature rapidly. Producers are gearing up for a big winter grazing planting season and hoping for fall rains to get it up.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Corn and hay continue to be harvested. Beef producers in Wayne County are pleased with their hay crop and indicate that they have adequate hay supplies for this winter. Grounds are being prepared for cool season forages. Cattle are in great condition.”

— 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 09/09/07**

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	94	72	83	77	6	0.16	-0.43	2	0.16				
Lambert	96	72	83			0.37	-0.40	3	0.42				
Tunica	96	71	82	76	6	0.98	0.36	3	1.00				
Extreme/Average	96	71	83	77	6	0.50	-0.16	3	0.53				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Calhoun City	93	69	80	76	4	0.18	-0.63	1	2.96				
Hickory Flat	93	68	80	75	5	0.85	-0.06	1	1.35				
Independence	95	69	81	75	6	0.22	-0.58	3	1.23				
Oxford	96	70	82	75	7	0.28	-0.56	4	1.38				
Extreme/Average	96	68	81	75	6	0.38	-0.46	2	1.73				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	93	69	80	75	5	0.25	-0.60	1	0.83				
Iuka	94	65	80	73	7	1.84	0.86	3	2.48				
Ripley	96	67	81	75	6	0.75	-0.10	1	1.05				
Tupelo	95	71	83			1.34	0.00	4	2.09				
Verona	96	70	82	77	5	0.82	-0.17	2	2.10				
Extreme/Average	96	65	81	75	6	1.00	0.00	2	1.71				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Moorhead	91	72	82	78	4	0.25	-0.48	4	1.30				
Rolling Fork	93	72	82	78	4	0.69	0.06	5	1.76				
Stoneville	93	72	82	78	4	0.94	0.26	3	4.37				
Yazoo City	93	68	81	79	2	2.43	1.80	5	2.60				
Extreme/Average	93	68	82	78	4	1.08	0.41	4	2.51				
<b>Central</b>													
Canton	94	71	81	78	3	0.23	-0.47	2	0.66				
Carthage	90	67	79	77	2	0.00	-0.84	0	1.82				
Eupora	95	67	79	76	3	0.08	-0.78	1	1.18				
Lexington	92	70	80	77	3	1.80	1.11	3	2.21				
Extreme/Average	95	67	80	77	3	0.53	-0.25	2	1.47				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	95	69	80	76	4	0.73	-0.08	3	1.37				
Columbus	96	66	82	78	4	0.02	-0.87	1	1.98				
Macon	93	70	81	77	3	0.32	-0.56	2	2.77				
State University	95	67	81	77	4	0.34	-0.47	1	1.52				
Extreme/Average	95	66	81	77	4	0.35	-0.50	2	1.91				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Crystal Springs	92	71	81	78	3	0.63	-0.41	4	2.63				
Natchez	93	70	81	79	2	0.88	-0.03	3	2.41				
Oakley	94	70	82	78	4	0.42	-0.33	3	2.25				
Vicksburg	92	71	82			2.02	0.00	2	2.65				
Extreme/Average	93	70	82	78	4	0.99	-0.26	3	2.49				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	93	69	81	78	3	0.20	-0.78	1	4.60				
Columbia	93	70	82	79	3	0.90	-0.13	3	7.37				
Tylertown	90	67	80	79	1	0.23	-0.75	1	1.94				
Extreme/Average	93	67	81	79	2	0.44	-0.55	2	4.64				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Hattiesburg	93	73	83	79	4	0.00	-1.05	0	0.45				
Laurel	98	69	83	78	5	2.11	1.08	2	4.41				
Newton	93	62	77	77		0.78	-0.06	1	2.55				
Extreme/Average	98	62	81	78	3	0.96	-0.01	1	2.47				
<b>Coastal</b>													
Gulfport	90	71	81	81		0.10	-1.45	1	5.30				
Pascagoula 3 NE	91	67	80	79	1	0.00	-1.63	0	0.00				
Extreme/Average	90	67	81	80	1	0.05	-1.54	1	2.65				
<b>State</b>	98	62	81	77	4	0.63	-0.33	2	2.21				

DFN = Departure from Normal.