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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 14, 2008**. Remnants of Hurricane Gustav and the recent rains brought on by Hurricane Ike decreased fieldwork for several producers. The wet weather has slowed harvesting activities for corn, soybeans, and hay; and some producers are reporting deterioration in the quality of corn, soybeans, rice, and cotton. Sweet potato and peanut harvesting is underway for some producers in the state. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 48 percent adequate and 50 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 09/14/08

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	98	97	100	100
Corn, harvested	62	41	90	88
Corn, silage harvested	92	91	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	58	39	88	83
Cotton, harvested	0	0	4	9
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	87	86	92	92
Peanuts, harvested	4	0	16	--
Rice, headed	99	97	100	100
Rice, mature	85	66	98	88
Rice, harvested	20	8	62	50
Sorghum, coloring	99	96	100	100
Sorghum, mature	87	74	98	100
Sorghum, harvested	53	27	89	89
Sorghum, silage harvested	84	70	--	--
Soybeans, turning color	76	67	94	94
Soybeans, dropping leaves	51	40	81	82
Soybeans, harvested	18	10	43	60
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	5	2	32	28

Crop condition for week ending 09/14/08

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	8	16	21	40	15
Cotton	7	10	23	42	18
Hay	0	4	29	35	32
Livestock	2	4	21	60	13
Pasture	2	4	32	50	12
Peanuts	15	0	3	62	20
Rice	0	4	11	48	37
Sorghum	1	4	19	53	23
Soybeans	6	13	32	37	12
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	10	85	5

Comments

“Stink bugs are building in late beans. We need to miss this hurricane so we can get the rest of the corn out and start on the beans.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Two to three inches of rain from Ike has again stopped fieldwork for 3 - 4 days.”

— Robert Martin, Issaquena

“With the exception of a few localities, harvesting has not resumed since Hurricane Gustav. Those areas that missed the rains following Hurricane Ike may be able to resume work this week. Fields have sustained a lot of damage to grain even though lodging is not as serious as feared. The damage is from grain deterioration and seed sprouting.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“We're wet everywhere and running out of gas money quickly! Maybe it will dry up soon for crop producers to harvest their crops and cattlemen can plant winter forages.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Flood water damaged sizeable tracts of corn and peanut fields in the county.”

— Cliff Covington, Claiborne

“Well another storm has us out of the fields. Hopefully, we can return to the business of harvesting a crop after this storm.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Gustav & Ike spun off rain that will cause farmers to keep equipment out of the field for some time. Corn and peanut harvest will begin as soon as conditions allow for field equipment.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

“Some early beans around the county have been damaged due to all the rain we have been receiving.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“We had a pretty good harvest last week. Insects are present and being treated in soybeans. We should take some leaves off a few cotton fields this week.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Rain continues to slow harvest and cause damage to soybeans and corn.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“If these hurricanes don’t quit pounding us, we’re going to lose some of these soybeans to rot. Drying conditions are not very good for hay, corn, or soybeans.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rain delayed all fieldwork and harvesting of hay.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Cloudy conditions, high humidity, and rainfall have prevented drying and held grain moisture above harvest levels in corn and soybeans. Some seed deterioration has been observed in mature soybeans.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Due to wet weather, the quality of soybeans, cotton, corn, and rice continues to deteriorate with some lodging occurring. Most of the corn yields are good to excellent. Soybean yields are all over the board with a few loads of non-irrigated soybeans being rejected by the grain elevator due to excessive seed rot.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest has been in full swing for several days. Some damage and lodging losses have occurred.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Cotton is showing vivipary due to hurricanes. This is bad. Soybeans are rotting in fields due to rain. Corn left in field is not in good shape. Forages have mostly benefitted from the rain, except for the hay that has been rained on. Late planted row crops have benefitted from the rains.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“We need a break in the weather this week to put up a late cutting of hay and start harvesting corn. Field work has begun in preparation for planting ryegrass.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Rainfall the past two weeks has slowed activities in fields. Producers who have not completed baling hay are waiting to see if weather conditions will permit them to do so. All other crops and pastures have benefitted from recent rains.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 09/14/08

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	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	93	68	81	77	4	0.46	-0.28	3	8.42				
Lambert	93	65	80			0.58	-0.19	2	7.72				
Tunica	91	67	78	75	3	0.35	-0.28	2	6.86				
Extreme/Average	93	65	80	76	4	0.46	-0.25	2	7.67				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	90	68	79	75	4	0.77	-0.07	2	6.96				
Hickory Flat	91	57	77	73	4	0.30	-0.65	3	4.40				
Independence	89	63	77	74	3	2.69	1.85	3	7.05				
Oxford	91	64	79	74	5	1.04	0.18	3	6.00				
Extreme/Average	91	57	78	74	4	1.20	0.33	3	6.10				
Northeast													
Pontotoc	89	65	78	75	3	0.55	-0.43	3	6.94				
Ripley	89	57	76	73	3	0.23	-0.67	1	2.78				
Tupelo	92	70	80			0.31	0.00	2	4.36				
Verona	91	60	79	75	4	1.15	0.15	1	6.05				
Extreme/Average	92	57	78	74	4	0.56	-0.32	2	5.03				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	92	66	79	77	2	1.78	0.99	4	7.94				
Rolling Fork	93	63	81	77	4	0.15	-0.53	1	15.08				
Stoneville	95	68	81	76	5	1.85	1.10	3	13.79				
Yazoo City	93	63	80	77	3	0.08	-0.55	1	8.01				
Extreme/Average	95	63	80	77	3	0.97	0.25	2	11.21				
Central													
Canton	92	61	79	77	2	1.04	0.34	2	9.82				
Eupora	89	59	78	74	4	0.60	-0.31	1	5.91				
Kosciusko	88	61	78	76	2	1.86	1.02	2	9.74				
Winona	88	58	77	73	4	1.26	0.40	2	7.42				
Extreme/Average	92	59	78	75	3	1.19	0.36	2	8.22				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	89	61	78	75	3	2.40	1.54	3	6.64				
Macon	91	64	79	76	3	0.13	-0.77	3					
Philadelphia	93	66	82	76	6	0.20	-0.57	2	10.63				
State University	92	64	79	76	3	0.57	-0.27	2	6.89				
Extreme/Average	93	61	80	76	4	0.83	-0.02	3	8.05				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	91	68	81	77	4	0.03	-1.03	1	10.28				
Natchez	91	68	80	78	2	1.21	0.31	4	10.07				
Oakley	94	63	79	77	2	0.50	-0.20	1	13.63				
Vicksburg	91	63	80			0.06	0.00	1	14.54				
Extreme/Average	94	63	80	77	3	0.45	-0.31	2	12.13				
South-Central													
Collins	90	67	80	77	3	0.10	-0.88	1	7.41				
Columbia	94	68	82	78	4	1.76	0.76	5	8.37				
Monticello	93	67	82	77	5	0.17	-0.74	2	7.13				
Tylertown	88	61	76	78	-2	0.83	-0.15	3	0.83				
Extreme/Average	94	61	80	78	2	0.72	-0.25	3	5.94				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	91	70	82	78	4	0.71	-0.34	4	9.35				
Laurel	91	67	81	77	4	0.86	-0.19	4	11.67				
Newton	91	63	80	76	4	0.18	-0.66	3	9.03				
Waynesboro	93	69	83	76	7	1.55	0.44	2	10.09				
Extreme/Average	91	63	82	77	5	0.83	-0.19	3	10.04				
Coastal													
Extreme/Average													
State	95	57	80	76	4	0.80	-0.04	2	8.26				

DFN = Departure from Normal.