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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, October 1, 2006**. This week, conditions have been good for harvesting in most of the State. There have been a few scattered showers across the State, but some producers are waiting for an adequate amount of rainfall before planting their cool-season crops. In scattered areas, armyworms are still present. Soil moisture was rated 34 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 44 percent adequate.

Crop progress for week ending 10/01/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	100	99	97	96
Cotton, open bolls	99	97	96	95
Cotton, harvested	58	43	29	31
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	95	94	99	96
Peanuts, harvested	29	15	--	--
Rice, mature	100	98	100	100
Rice, harvested	91	84	75	80
Sorghum, harvested	100	100	100	99
Soybeans, turning color	100	99	100	98
Soybeans, dropping leaves	98	97	97	91
Soybeans, harvested	91	87	81	69
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	60	40	58	53
Winter Wheat, planted	19	8	--	10
Winter Wheat, emerged	4	--	--	3

Crop condition for week ending 10/01/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	11	17	27	32	13
Livestock	19	21	28	28	4
Pasture	21	27	29	16	7
Peanuts	0	2	17	81	0
Sweet Potatoes	0	3	27	50	20

Comments

“The harvest of all crops is moving at a rapid pace. Wheat producers are starting to plant wheat.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Recent rains have created false illusions for the fall hay harvest. Pastures have greened-up but growth is slow with cooler night time temperatures. Armyworms continue to be above threshold levels. Cool season grasses and small grains for grazing were heavily planted this week. Some ryegrass supplies are tight.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Soybean and corn harvesting continues with varied yields. Winter grass planting has begun with the few rains adding moisture to help germination.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“We could not get the needed rain this summer. Now, rains are interfering with the harvest. As an average, yields continue to be poor for non-irrigated crops, pivot irrigated crops yields are average, and furrow irrigated yields are excellent.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Cool temperatures slowed pasture growth and delayed cotton bolls from opening last week. The soybean harvest continues. Cotton harvesting should be underway this week. Scattered showers were received on Sunday with an outlook of hotter, more humid conditions for the week ahead.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“We are harvesting some hay and conditions do not look as bad as they did in Stone County. We have had scattered showers that helped the grass. There has not been enough water to restore the ponds that are low.”

— Judy Breland, Stone

“Excellent harvesting conditions are in effect.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“Dry conditions have allowed harvesting to move along nicely. Some wheat has been planted. Cotton yields are better on irrigated acres. Later maturing soybean yields are very good.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar

“The weather has been favorable for harvesting crops. Overall yields are below average. If the weather permits, harvest will be in full swing this week.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“A new group of fall armyworms hatched this week. Cotton picking continues with yields in the 500-700 pound range.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Soybean and cotton harvesting operations resumed after the recent rains and have continued with few problems. Yields in areas that received rainfall during the growing season are near normal.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Soil moisture is beginning to get short again, threatening cool season crops that have been planted. In general, scattered rains have not interfered seriously with the harvest of field crops.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“There still has been no rain. No more hay is being cut or winter forages being planted with much success.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Cooler temperatures were welcomed last week. Rain would have been more welcomed. Most of the county is still dry. Some areas have received several inches of rain in the past 2 to 3 weeks, but this is long since gone. Many producers have planted winter grazing and are awaiting rain. Many are waiting on the rain before they risk planting at this time.”

— Victor Lee, Simpson

“With recent rains, some beef cattle producers are able to cut some hay but hay supplies will still be short. Producers are also planting rye grass as cooler temperatures and rainfall has enabled them to overseed pastures.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/01/06

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	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	89	45	67	70	-3	0.00	-0.57	0	3.32				
Lambert	91	43	68			0.00	-0.69	0	3.46				
Tunica	86	46	67	70	-3	0.15	-0.48	1	2.33				
Extreme/Average	91	43	67	70	-3	0.05	-0.65	0	3.39				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	82	44	64	69	-5	0.38	-0.36	2	10.04				
Hickory Flat	83	41	61	68	-7	0.06	-0.76	1	5.15				
Independence	83	41	62	68	-6	0.14	-0.60	2	4.05				
Oxford	84	43	63	68	-5	0.00	-0.84	0	4.31				
Extreme/Average	84	41	63	69	-6	0.26	-0.54	2	7.05				
Northeast													
Booneville	85	43	67	68	-1	0.02	-0.78	1	3.85				
Iuka	82	38	60	66	-6	0.00	-0.88	0	1.33				
Ripley	81	42	62	67	-5	0.00	-0.82	0	7.16				
Tupelo	91	46	65			0.00	0.00	0	2.84				
Verona	84	45	65	69	-4	0.08	-0.77	2	7.40				
Extreme/Average	91	38	65	68	-3	0.03	-0.83	1	7.16				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	88	49	69	72	-3	0.01	-0.78	1	5.29				
Rolling Fork	91	45	70	71	-1	0.00	-0.77	0	1.86				
Stoneville	89	46	69	71	-2	0.00	-0.76	0	2.72				
Yazoo City	86	45	66	72	-6	0.00	-0.74	0	2.90				
Extreme/Average	91	45		72		0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Central													
Canton	87	42	65	71	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	3.27				
Carthage	86	42	64	70	-6	0.00	-0.75	0	2.33				
Eupora	84	42	63	69	-6	0.00	-0.88	0	7.56				
Lexington	91	42	65	70	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	4.01				
Extreme/Average	91	42	65	70	-5	0.00	-0.77	0	3.64				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	84	46	65	69	-4	0.00	-0.87	0	4.61				
Houston	83	41	63	68	-5	0.04	-0.80	1	11.29				
Philadelphia				71		0.00	-0.70	0	1.92				
State University	85	40	64	70	-6	0.00	-0.77	0	5.30				
Extreme/Average	85	40	64	70	-6	0.01	-0.79	0	7.07				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	48	69	72	-3	0.10	-0.85	1	3.98				
Natchez	88	43	67	73	-6	0.00	-0.84	0	1.55				
Oakley	88	43	67	71	-4	0.00	-0.64	0	1.52				
Vicksburg	86	46	68			0.00	0.00	0	2.15				
Extreme/Average	90	43	68	72	-4	0.05	-0.79	1	3.98				
South-Central													
Collins	85	49	67	71	-4	0.00	-0.90	0	4.40				
Columbia	86	50	69	73	-4	0.05	-0.82	1	3.19				
Tylertown	87	48	68	73	-5	0.30	-0.59	1	4.19				
Extreme/Average	87	48	68	72	-4	0.12	-0.75	1	3.93				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg				73		0.11	-0.76	2	3.28				
Laurel	85	48	67	72	-5	0.04	-0.85	1	2.33				
Newton	87	40	65	70	-5	0.00	-0.78	0	1.75				
Extreme/Average	87	40	67	72	-5	0.04	-0.82	1	2.33				
Coastal													
Gulfport	88	57	73	75	-2	0.00	-1.14	0	5.81				
Pascagoula 3 NE				74		0.00	-1.25	0	5.27				
Picayune	91	53	71	73	-2	0.00	-1.01	0	1.10				
Extreme/Average	91	53		74		0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
State	91	38	66	71	-5	0.07	-0.74	1	4.70				

DFN = Departure from Normal.