



Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending October 9, 2005**. With fall weather arriving in the state, time in the field was plentiful and well utilized. Rice and cotton harvesting progressed well compared to the past few weeks. The cool, dry conditions have been a blessing to some, but have caused concerns for those trying to prepare for winter forage planting, especially on ryegrass fields. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 32 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2004	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	99	97	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Cotton	Open Bolls	98	96	97	98	9	17	36	36	2
	Harvested	52	31	59	53					
Rice	Harvested	93	77	97	88	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	99	97	100	95	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	91	81	94	73					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	70	60	62	64	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	100	99	97	98	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						2	5	20	53	20
Pasture						0	11	20	22	47

County Agent Comments

“Cotton harvest is in full swing but yields are low. Most cotton is picking in the 650 -700 range with some in the 800 range. A lot of cotton has not "fluffed" out and is being dropped by the picker.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Harvest of all crops is progressing with cool, dry conditions.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Weather has been good for finishing the corn and soybean harvests, and for getting started with cotton harvesting. We need for it to stay this way for about another 3 weeks.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Cotton harvest was completed in the county this week. Soybeans continue being harvested. Pasture conditions are getting pretty dry. Some armyworm activity continues in hay and pasture land.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“We are still trying to salvage the corn crop, but harvest has been slow and has taken time away from harvesting cotton. The soybean harvest is also almost complete and yields, for the most part, look good. We are getting dry and the ryegrass pastures, in many areas, need some water. We do welcome the cooler temps and hope they are here to stay for a while.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“The lack of rainfall continues to be a problem for pastures in desperate need of moisture for planting and growth of rye grass. The lack of rainfall is a plus for producers who are rebuilding barns and sheds as well as repairing fences and for cotton picking.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“We still have litter from trees in fields and thus cannot make another hay cut even if the grass cooperates by growing. The hay situation for winter does not look good for producers who lost barns and/or had hay stacked. There are still a lot of fences down from trees that fell.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

“We are getting great harvest weather and are almost finished harvesting rice. We are making good progress with cotton harvest and need the good weather to continue.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar

“We had an excellent week to harvest corn, soybeans and cotton. Harvest aid chemicals are being applied to cotton.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

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Weather Summary from October 3, 2005 to October 9, 2005 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													
Cleveland	90	50	72	67	+5	0.01	-0.45	1	6.27				
Lambert	88	48	70			0.00	-0.63	0	3.52				
Tunica	89	47	70	67	+3	0.05	-0.58	1	3.65				
Extreme/Average	90	47	71	67	+4	0.02	-0.61	1	3.65				
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	86	49	70	66	+4	0.00	-0.64	0	1.87				
Hickory Flat	87	46	69	64	+5	0.05	-0.66	1	3.48				
Independence	86	47	68	65	+3	0.03	-0.62	1	2.71				
Oxford	89	47	71	65	+6	0.06	-0.72	1	4.49				
Extreme/Average	89	46	69	65	+4	0.04	-0.68	1					
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	50	70	64	+6	0.00	-0.71	0	5.74				
Iuka	86	48	66	62	+4	0.00	-0.76	0	3.98				
Ripley	85	46	68	64	+4	0.00	-0.71	0	2.98				
Tupelo	87	49	71			0.05		1	4.40				
Verona	91	51	72	66	+6	0.03	-0.68	1	3.10				
Extreme/Average	91	46	69	65	+4	0.02	-0.73	0	3.83				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	92	51	73	69	+4	0.02	-0.68	2	4.19				
Rolling Fork	93	52	73	68	+5	0.00	-0.82	0	3.97				
Stoneville	91	54	77	68	+9	0.00	-0.70	0	7.14				
Yazoo City	90	52	74	69	+5	0.00	-0.82	0	3.62				
Extreme/Average	93	51	74	68	+6	0.01	-0.76	1	4.98				
5. Central													
Canton	89	51	72	68	+4	0.00	-0.70	0	8.89				
Carthage	88	52	75	67	+8	0.00	-0.70	0	2.70				
Eupora	87	48	70	65	+5	0.00	-0.79	0	3.73				
Lexington	89	49	71	67	+4	0.10	-0.60	1	3.92				
Extreme/Average	89	48	72	67	+5	0.03	-0.70	0	2.70				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	88	53	71	66	+5	0.00	-0.84	0	6.01				
Houston	87	47	70	64	+6	0.05	-0.66	1	2.64				
Philadelphia				67		0.00	-0.70	0	3.04				
State University				67		0.00	-0.71	0	1.64				
Extreme/Average	88	47	71	67	+4	0.02	-0.70	0	6.01				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	52	73	69	+4	0.00	-0.79	0	3.33				
Natchez	91	51	73	70	+3	0.00	-0.84	0	8.00				
Oakley	93	50	73	68	+5	0.00	-0.70	0	5.31				
Vicksburg	90	53	74			0.00		0	4.09				
Extreme/Average	93	50	73	69	+4	0.00	-0.77	0	8.00				
8. South-Central													
Collins				68		0.00	-0.79	0	0.35				
Columbia	93	54	76	69	+7	0.00	-0.77	0	0.51				
Tylertown	91	53	75	71	+4	0.00	-0.84	0	1.09				
Extreme/Average	93	53	76	69	+7	0.00	-0.77	0	0.51				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	65	80			0.00		0	0.21				
Hattiesburg				70		0.06	-0.71	1	0.58				
Laurel	90	55	75	68	+7	0.00	-0.73	0	2.00				
Newton	88	48	71	67	+4	0.03	-0.68	1	3.64				
Extreme/Average	94	48	75	68	+7	0.01	-0.71	0					
10. Coastal													
Gulfport				73		0.00	-0.76	0	0.23				
Poplarville				71					0.00				
Waveland				71									
Extreme/Average				71									
State	94	46	72	68	+4	0.02	-0.71	0	4.45				

DFN = Departure from Normal.