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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 15, 2006**. Harvesting activities had little-to-no delays caused by rainfall this week. Conversely, cool, dry conditions have threatened winter crop progress. Armyworms are still a concern for grass producers across the northern half of the State. Soil moisture was rated 26 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 32 percent adequate.

Crop progress for week ending 10/15/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	100	100	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	100	100	99	99
Cotton, harvested	90	77	71	58
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	97	96	100	99
Peanuts, harvested	60	42	--	--
Rice, harvested	99	96	96	94
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	100	100	98
Soybeans, harvested	98	96	94	82
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	80	75	79	73
Winter Wheat, planted	26	25	--	21
Winter Wheat, emerged	10	9	--	10

Crop condition for week ending 10/15/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	16	16	26	40	2
Pasture	23	42	29	6	0
Peanuts	0	2	28	59	11

Comments

“We have almost finished harvesting. There are still some soybeans to cut.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Rains are predicted for today and producers have mixed emotions about rain. Most farm operators want to get through with the harvest, but those with wheat planted would like to see an inch or so of rain to bring their wheat up.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Fall armyworms have been a severe problem this year with food-plots, hayfields, and winter wheat and ryegrass. Hopefully the light frost we received Thursday night will end that cycle. Soybean and corn harvest is history for the most part. Irrigated cotton is being defoliated and harvested as operators try to beat the rain that we know is eventually coming.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“The harvest is continuing with yields falling under previous expectations in some situations. Winter wheat planting should finish up this week.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Fall disking has begun. Cotton harvesting continues with below-average yields.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Most growers have completed soybean and cotton harvest activities. Good progress has been made with fall tillage work, including fall applications of lime and fertilizer. Wheat land is ready for planting with a small percentage of the acreage planted. Most wheat growers are waiting for the optimal planting window before putting their wheat seed into the ground.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Armyworms are causing problems in sweetpotatoes, soybeans, lawns, and food-plots. Pressures are starting to decrease with cooler temperatures. Late-planted sweet potatoes probably will not mature in time for harvesting.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“We had a good week to harvest soybeans and cotton. Wheat planting is underway. Rain which is expected during the early part of the week will delay harvesting.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Fall armyworms hit ryegrass and food-plots heavily the first of this week. Cotton harvesting will be finished by the end of next week if we miss the rain forecasted for next week. Everyone is ready to get this crop behind them!”

— Stephen R. Winters Grenada

“Dry field conditions allowed significant progress in harvest operations for cotton and soybeans. Fall tillage operations continued because of the dry conditions.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“The harvest is all but over. This is probably the earliest harvest of all crops on record. Gins will be running for another month. Land preparation is taking place. Subsoiling, bedding and wheat planting are the main operations at this time. Yields have not been quite what producers were expecting overall. Rice yields were good-to-excellent. It is probably a record crop.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Soil moisture is again at a very low level and is threatening cool season grazing crops that have been planted. The dry weather has been ideal for the harvesting of cotton and the late maturing fields of other crops.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Dry and cool conditions during the week slowed the progress of cool season forage establishment. Soybean harvesting is winding down and cotton harvesting is underway. Corn and soybean yields were down 60-75 percent.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Producers are still cutting hay and will be for the next week. Some producers are still waiting for adequate rainfall to overseed ryegrass.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“It’s raining this morning, Monday, October 16. Forecasters predict one half inch of rainfall. It is welcomed by those beef farmers who have planted ryegrass. More ryegrass has been planted so far this fall than was planted the fall of 2004 and 2005. There is little to no grazing in the pastures and beef producers are offering hay to their cattle. Corn harvest is 70 percent complete.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/15/06

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	85	36	61	65	-4	0.00	-0.45	0	2.48				
Lambert	85	33	62			0.00	-0.63	0	1.53				
Tunica	81	36	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.69	0	2.04				
Extreme/Average	85	33	61	65	-4	0.00	-0.65	0	2.01				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	79	35	58	64	-6	0.00	-0.63	0	3.55				
Hickory Flat	80	29	57	62	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	3.07				
Independence	79	29	55	62	-7	0.00	-0.63	0	3.07				
Oxford	81	32	58	62	-4	0.00	-0.80	0	2.12				
Extreme/Average	81	29	57	63	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	0.00				
Northeast													
Booneville	85	34	61	62	-1	0.00	-0.70	0	2.57				
Iuka				60		0.00	-0.70	0	0.60				
Ripley	78	31	56	61	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	3.13				
Tupelo	81	40	62			0.00	0.00	0	1.06				
Verona	82	35	60	63	-3	0.00	-0.64	0	4.05				
Extreme/Average	85	31	59	63	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	4.05				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	83	39	63	67	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	5.02				
Rolling Fork	87	40	65	66	-1	0.13	-0.71	2	1.60				
Stoneville	84	37	65	66	-1	0.01	-0.69	1	2.54				
Yazoo City	83	41	63	67	-4	0.06	-0.83	1	2.76				
Extreme/Average	87	37	63	66	-3	0.00	-0.77	0	0.00				
Central													
Canton	83	38	61	66	-5	0.12	-0.58	1	2.08				
Carthage	83	39	64	65	-1	0.14	-0.56	1	1.28				
Eupora	80	35	59	63	-4	0.02	-0.75	1	2.11				
Lexington	82	37	60	65	-5	0.02	-0.71	1	2.51				
Extreme/Average	83	35	60	65	-5	0.05	-0.69	1	2.30				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	80	37	60	64	-4	0.00	-0.81	0	1.98				
Houston	79	32	57	62	-5	0.01	-0.67	1	3.12				
Philadelphia				65		0.00	-0.70	0	1.21				
State University	84	34	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	1.05				
Extreme/Average	84	32	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	1.52				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	86	43	66	67	-1	0.00	-0.71	0	2.50				
Natchez	85	41	65	68	-3	0.06	-0.78	2	1.56				
Oakley	87	45	67	66	1	0.01	-0.70	1	1.04				
Vicksburg	84	42	64			0.00	0.00	0	1.74				
Extreme/Average	87	41	65	67	-2	0.02	-0.75	1	1.74				
South-Central													
Collins	82	42	64	66	-2	0.00	-0.77	0	3.90				
Columbia	85	44	66	67	-1	0.25	-0.47	1	3.00				
Tylertown	83	42	65	68	-3	0.10	-0.74	2	2.53				
Extreme/Average	85	42	65	67	-2	0.12	-0.64	1	3.45				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	86	42	66	68	-2	0.23	-0.49	3	2.39				
Laurel	85	41	64	66	-2	0.01	-0.69	1	0.93				
Newton	85	34	60	64	-4	0.02	-0.68	1	0.92				
Extreme/Average	86	34	64	66	-2	0.01	-0.67	1	0.93				
Coastal													
Gulfport	85	53	71	71		0.17	-0.42	3	2.32				
Pascagoula 3 NE				69		0.27	-0.51	1	0.68				
Picayune	88	54	70	68	2	0.00	-0.66	0	0.00				
Extreme/Average	88	53	70	69		0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
State	88	29	62	65	-3	0.02	-0.70	1	2.14				

DFN = Departure from Normal.