



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 November 6, 2005**. Minimal relief arrived during the week as isolated showers fell over parts of the state, but the rain received did not help to alleviate the need for precipitation. With the exception of cotton and sweetpotatoes, most row crops have been harvested. Dairy and beef cattle desperately need a good rain to perk up pasture and forage growth. Grazing time continues to be hampered and there is growing concern that the current hay supply will not hold out until the end of winter. Soil moisture was rated 81 percent very short, 17 percent short, and 2 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2004	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	99	96	88	87	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	100	99	100	94	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	98	95	86	94	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						19	39	19	18	5

County Agent Comments

“Growers need rain to get wheat up. All crops have been harvested.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar

“It is as dry as a powder house. Crops are under the shed and deer are on the move.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We had excellent weather to harvest crops. We still have a few fields of soybeans and cotton left to harvest.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Dry conditions have delayed wheat planting. Fall tillage continues despite fuel costs.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Dry, dry and more dry.”

— Gary Taylor, Yazoo

“DRY! It is about as dry as I have seen it. Cool-season grazing has been dramatically impacted. Producers are feeding hay and the last cutting was greatly reduced due to drought. If we have a hard winter, hay supplies could be limited.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah

“It is extremely dry! No winter grazing due to dry conditions has cattle producers facing increasing feed cost for this winter.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin

“I think we have, as of today, gone 46 days without measurable rain in most areas. We did have a little sprinkle on Saturday. It was just enough to spot up the dust on my windshield. The cool-season grazing is in terrible shape. We hope that when it rains the rest of that seed will germinate. Maybe this will give the cattle producers some late-season grazing. Farmers are looking at field preparation for the next growing season.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“We got a good .25 inch of rain over most of the county, which should help get winter forage crops up.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“The lack of rainfall continues to be a problem. Beef cattle producers are already feeding hay and supplements. Ryegrass has not been planted due to a lack of rainfall and until measurable rainfall is received, there is no likelihood of planting. Early frost has enhanced the fire danger that was already present from debris and downed trees. Timber is being cut at record levels by landowners trying to salvage what they can. Some stands of timber that survived Camille in 1969 and Frederic in 1979 are completely down.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“No rain again this week! Winter grazing and food plots are suffering greatly.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Most harvests are complete with yields above average for the county. Rain on Sunday was a welcome site for winter pastures, but may be too late for earlier planted grasses.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Most row crop producers have finished their fall tillage work and need a good rain.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Some cotton gins are still ginning, but most are through for the year. Most fieldwork has been completed until spring.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Brief rain showers that moved through the area have contributed little to soil moisture. Although helpful, these showers have actually been harmful to germinating cool-season crops in some cases since seed may germinate, then dry out and die.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“A few rain showers have arrived, but they were scattered.”

— Kay Emmons, Montgomery

“Cattle producers are feeding hay in the absence of fall grazing and pasture grass. The situation is getting critical as the drought lingers.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Crop harvest is complete. Conditions are extremely dry and fire hazards to timberland are a big concern.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“We received a much needed rain, but it was not enough to sustain ryegrass planting after emerging.”

Perry Brumfield, Lincoln

“We received about 2/10 of an inch of rain on Saturday that barely settled the dust for a brief time.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“Beef and dairy producers are in desperate need of rainfall to allow immediate establishment of ryegrass and/or small grain grazing pastures. Having no cool-season grazing available at this late date is forcing producers to feed large quantities of hay to sustain cattle. As hay supplies become exhausted, many producers will be forced to reduce cattle numbers or completely sell out of the dairy and/or beef cattle production business. The ill-effects of the drought and devastation of Hurricane Katrina have dairy and beef producers in the worst financial condition most of them have ever experienced.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

DRY!”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

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Weather Summary from October 31, 2005 to November 6, 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	83	39	61	57	+4	0.45	-0.65	1	0.49				
Lambert	82	37	62			0.48	-0.52	3	0.48				
Tunica	75	40	60	56	+4	0.62	-0.47	2	0.67				
Extreme/Average	83	37	61	57	+4	0.52	-0.55	2	0.55				
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	74	32	55	56	-1	0.10	-0.81	2	0.10				
Hickory Flat	81	30	57	54	+3	0.51	-0.56	2	0.58				
Independence	82	33	60	55	+5	0.45	-0.51	3	0.45				
Oxford	82	34	60	55	+5	0.61	-0.48	3	0.62				
Extreme/Average	82	30	58	56	+2	0.42	-0.63	3	0.44				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	78	41	59	54	+5	0.33	-0.74	1	0.33				
Iuka	77	26	53	53	0	0.07	-1.01	1	0.07				
Ripley	79	31	57	53	+4	0.45	-0.64	2	0.45				
Tupelo						0.11		2	0.11				
Verona	81	34	60	56	+4	0.29	-0.60	2	0.29				
Extreme/Average	81	26	57	55	+2	0.25	-0.80	2	0.25				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	83	41	62	59	+3	0.48	-0.55	3	0.50				
Rolling Fork	88	36	63	58	+5	0.12	-0.92	1	0.12				
Stoneville	84	40	62	58	+4	0.39	-0.64	2	0.39				
Yazoo City	84	36	59	59	0	0.08	-1.03	1	0.08				
Extreme/Average	88	36	61	59	+2	0.27	-0.81	2	0.27				
5. Central													
Canton	84	32	59	59	0	0.00	-1.10	0	0.00				
Carthage	81	31	58	58	0	0.00	-1.06	0	0.00				
Eupora				56		0.11	-0.93	2	0.11				
Lexington	82	33	59	57	+2	0.13	-0.98	2	0.13				
Extreme/Average	84	31	58	58	0	0.06	-1.01	1	0.06				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	81	34	58	56	+2	0.07	-0.92	1	0.07				
Houston				55		0.08	-0.92	2	0.08				
Philadelphia				58		0.00	-1.12	0	0.00				
State University				57		0.04	-0.91	1	0.04				
Extreme/Average	81	34	58	57	+1	0.06	-0.97	1	0.06				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	84	41	63	60	+3	0.00	-0.88	0	0.00				
Natchez	84	34	60	61	-1	0.08	-1.06	1	0.08				
Oakley	81	29	57	58	-1	0.00	-1.07	0	0.00				
Vicksburg	84	37	63			0.03		1	0.03				
Extreme/Average	84	29	61	60	+1	0.03	-1.00	1	0.03				
8. South-Central													
Collins				59		0.21	-0.79	1	0.21				
Columbia	83	36	61	60	+1	0.09	-0.89	1	0.09				
Tylertown	82	36	61	62	-1	0.05	-0.97	1	0.05				
Extreme/Average	83	36	61	60	+1	0.12	-0.88	1	0.07				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	81	34	58			0.24		2	0.24				
Hattiesburg	80	39	64	61	+3	0.06	-1.03	1	0.06				
Laurel	79	38	61	59	+2	0.22	-0.75	3	0.22				
Newton	78			57		0.05	-1.00	1	0.05				
Extreme/Average	81	34	61	59	+2	0.14	-0.86	2	0.14				
10.Coastal													
Gulfport	77	46	63	64	-1	0.86	-0.03	2	0.86				
Poplarville				62		0.00	-0.96	0	0.00				
Waveland				62									
Extreme/Average	77	46	63	63	0	0.43	-0.53	1					
State	83	26	60	58	+2	0.20	-0.83	2	0.18				

DFN = Departure from Normal.