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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 12, 2006**. Winter crops are responding well to the mild, damp conditions. However, drier conditions are needed for final row crop harvesting. Cattlemen are beginning to graze winter forages as conditions become adequate. Soil moisture was rated 7 percent very short, 8 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/12/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	100	99	100	91
Peanuts, harvested	96	94	--	--
Soybeans, harvested	100	100	100	96
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	90	89	100	96
Winter Wheat, planted	64	60	68	71
Winter Wheat, emerged	50	40	14	45

Crop condition for week ending 11/12/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	12	17	28	35	8
Winter Wheat	0	0	20	72	8

Comments

“The rain has kept growers from planting more wheat. Most of our crops have been harvested and many gins have completed ginning.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Rains have kept producers out of the fields for the past 10 days. It has stopped harvesting and wheat planting.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“There are a few fields of soybeans and cotton to be harvested. Yields vary from field to field. Winter wheat is growing well.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Wheat planting is almost complete with above average acres planted this year. Producers are applying fertilizer to winter pastures because of the recent rainfall. Most crops have been harvested and some winter tillage has begun.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Rye grass is planted. Rain has been a blessing to our area and winter forages are up and doing well. Some producers have reaped the benefits of early grazing and this is greatly needed with the shortage of hay.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Moderate temperatures and soil moisture have been good for winter grazing crops. Some limited grazing of ryegrass and brassicas is helping those producers. Commercial green crops are looking good.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Peanut and cotton harvests are down to the end and look pretty good compared to our outlook in August. The recent rains have made a big difference in cool-season forages.”

— Mike Steede, George

“We did not gain any ground this week with harvesting. We still need about 5 days to finish the cotton. We cannot get the ground dry enough to hold up the pickers!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Some cotton and soybeans remain in the fields. Wheat is emerging and most fields appear to have adequate stands.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Rains Monday stopped all wheat planting with ground equipment. A good bit of wheat is being sown by air. Time will tell if this proves to be a sound practice this year. In years past it has been hit or miss.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Field conditions are deteriorating rapidly now, and those who are still harvesting are beginning to struggle with soft soil conditions. We need a clear period of 7 to 10 days to complete the cotton harvest.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Winter forages are growing rapidly with the combination of warm weather and lots of water. For the most part, cattle producers and wildlife enthusiasts were late planting winter forages because of the extreme drought conditions they faced earlier in the planting season. When the rains started, winter forages were planted and have been growing rapidly ever since.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“The hay harvest has been completed. Most winter forages have been planted and are growing well. Some producers have begun grazing winter forages.”

— Billy Joe Lee, Pearl River

“Pastures are looking good and producers have more grazing acreage than there was this time last year. Hay yields are short for the year. If mild weather holds, producers will benefit greatly. Fall vegetable crops are looking excellent, and the recent rains have provided moisture needed for the winter wheat crop.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“The ground has good moisture. Ryegrass is growing well. Temperatures are in a good range for winter forage growth. Blueberry plants have hardened off and plants have begun to defoliate.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/12/06

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	79	34	57	55	2	0.82	-0.49	3	7.66				
Lambert	80	33	57			2.50	1.36	3	9.04				
Tunica				54		1.34	0.12	3	3.81				
Extreme/Average	80	33	57	55	2	1.66	0.45	3	0.00				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	77	32	55	54	1	1.79	0.75	2	9.19				
Hickory Flat	83	30	55	52	3	1.23	0.00	4	5.85				
Independence	78	28	54	53	1	0.96	-0.12	4	5.40				
Oxford	79	30	56	53	3	1.45	0.25	4	6.65				
Extreme/Average	83	28	54	54		1.10	-0.08	4	5.40				
Northeast													
Booneville	79	40	58	53	5	2.17	0.96	3	10.10				
Iuka	76	36	56	51	5	1.75	0.51	3	6.82				
Ripley	78	34	53	52	1	1.21	-0.03	2	5.19				
Verona	78	35	56	54	2	1.58	0.57	2	8.35				
Extreme/Average	79	34	56	53	3	1.65	0.46	2	5.19				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	79	36	59	57	2	0.93	-0.23	5	8.56				
Rolling Fork	82	35	61	56	5	0.20	-0.90	2	11.75				
Stoneville	80	34	59	56	3	0.73	-0.43	2	9.79				
Yazoo City	80	34	58	57	1	0.03	-1.13	1	11.10				
Extreme/Average	82	34	59	57	2	0.83	-0.34	4	8.56				
Central													
Canton				57		1.56	0.35	1	12.47				
Carthage	80	36	57	56	1	1.62	0.44	1	9.70				
Eupora	79	31	54	54		1.06	-0.09	2	10.86				
Lexington	80	30	58	55	3	0.88	-0.34	1	13.20				
Extreme/Average	80	30	56	56		0.97	-0.20	2	13.20				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	80	40	58	54	4	2.34	1.28	3	11.04				
Houston	78	30	55	53	2	2.34	1.20	2	9.45				
State University	79	32	53	55	-2	1.11	0.07	2	12.61				
Extreme/Average	80	30	55	56	-1	1.93	0.79	2	10.25				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	82	35	61	59	2	1.17	0.18	2	10.08				
Natchez				60		1.50	0.27	2	11.58				
Oakley				56		0.00	0.00	0	6.64				
Vicksburg	81	35	60			1.89	0.00	2	13.52				
Extreme/Average	82	35	61	58	3	1.53	0.39	2	10.08				
South-Central													
Collins	79	38	61	58	3	3.20	2.11	1	10.30				
Columbia	81	38	61	59	2	2.56	1.47	1	9.19				
Tylertown	80	35	61	60	1	0.76	-0.34	1	6.47				
Extreme/Average	81	35	61	58	3	2.17	1.07	1	9.75				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg				59		0.00	-1.22	0	5.12				
Laurel	81	39	60	58	2	1.33	0.24	1	6.29				
Newton	81	33	56	56		1.21	0.04	2	7.12				
Extreme/Average	81	33	58	58		1.27	0.14	2	6.71				
Coastal													
Gulfport				62		1.04	-0.03	2	4.58				
Pascagoula 3 NE	78	40	64	61	3	0.00	-1.20	0	1.21				
Picayune	81	45	64	60	4	1.20	0.11	1	5.00				
Extreme/Average	81	40		61		0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
State	83	28	58	57	1	1.43	0.28	2	8.89				

DFN = Departure from Normal.