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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 11, 2007**. Cotton and soybean harvest is virtually complete, but winter forages and ryegrass are suffering due to the dry weather conditions. Wheat planting and fall tillage operations are ongoing with wheat planting being the major field activity occurring last week. Soil moisture was rated 31 percent very short, 43 percent short, 25 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/11/07

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	99	96	100	91
Peanuts, harvested	95	92	96	--
Soybeans, harvested	99	98	100	96
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	98	95	90	94
Winter Wheat, planted	76	39	63	63
Winter Wheat, emerged	40	20	49	41

Crop condition for week ending 11/11/07

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	8	11	25	46	10
Winter Wheat	0	0	35	64	1

Comments

“Late soybeans were being harvested last week and yields are below average. Wheat and ryegrass plantings have emerged.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“The northeast Mississippi area received 1.5 to 4 inches of rain 10 days ago and the pastures responded very well. Fall planted cool season grasses have germinated; however, more rain is needed to sustain the growth. Fertilizer prices are prohibitive, fuel prices are out of control, calf prices are off by \$.15 to \$.20 per pound, and the first frost fell over north Mississippi earlier this week. Producers are discouraged and approximately 20% are expected to exit the cattle business some time during 2008. This industry is hurting.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“The fall planted pastures need rain. Late hay harvest is ongoing, and soybean harvest and wheat planting have begun.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“The dry weather has been good for peanut and cotton harvest, but we need a rain for the winter forages.”

— Mike Steede, George

“We had our first frost this week and we are in need of rain.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“The drought continues! Farm ponds are drying up due to lack of rainfall. Early planted ryegrass is up but at a standstill due to the drought. Many producers have sprayed winter forage pastures to control grub worms! We need rain soon or hay supplies may not last through winter.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Wintry weather conditions this past week have halted summer grass growth. We need more rain. Row crop harvesting is nearing completion with better than expected yields.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“There are not many crops left to be harvested after another great week of good weather. More wheat was planted last week and a considerable amount of fall tillage was completed.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Wheat planting seems to be the main field activity that has occurred in the past week. Cotton, corn, soybeans, rice, and milo harvest is basically over. Cattlemen are making their final arrangements for storing winter feed and most have a good stand of wheat and ryegrass.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Harvest is near completion with a few potatoes and an isolated field of beans or cotton remaining. Winter grazing is the remaining major activity.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Last week’s dry weather allowed most growers to finish soybean and cotton harvest. Fall tillage operations are ongoing.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“With the exception of a lone field of cotton or soybeans, fall harvest work has been completed. Most of the wheat acreage has been planted. Some seed dealers have indicated that their wheat seed sales are up 50 to 300 percent.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest is almost complete. Fieldwork is beginning to occur as soil dries. Wheat planting is nearing completion.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Rye grass needs rain. Conditions have been very dry.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Cattle producers have planted ryegrass for the winter. Most pastures have good coverage and cattle grazing has begun. The first frost was November 7 with November 8 recording the coldest temperature of the fall thus far.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/11/07

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	80	31	56	56		0.00	-1.28	0	3.00				
Lambert	83	29	56			0.00	-1.12	0	3.49				
Tunica	80	33	55	54	1	0.00	-1.20	0	4.11				
Extreme/Average	83	29	56	55	1	0.00	-1.20	0	3.53				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	78	29	53	54	-1	0.00	-1.02	0	7.35				
Hickory Flat	77	26	49	52	-3	0.22	-0.99	1	11.40				
Independence	78	26	52	53	-1	0.42	-0.64	1	4.79				
Oxford	78	27	52	53	-1	0.23	-0.95	2	8.48				
Extreme/Average	78	26	52	53	-1	0.22	-0.90	1	8.01				
Northeast													
Ripley	76	26	50	52	-2	0.40	-0.81	1	8.20				
Tupelo	77	30	50			0.07	0.00	1	7.18				
Verona	78	30	50	54	-4	0.05	-0.94	1	7.68				
Extreme/Average	78	26	50	54	-4	0.13	-0.92	1	7.32				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	78	33	55	57	-2	0.01	-1.13	1	4.62				
Rolling Fork	77	31	56	57	-1	0.00	-1.09	0	3.55				
Stoneville	78	35	59	56	3	0.00	-1.14	0	2.77				
Yazoo City	78	31	54	58	-4	0.00	-1.15	0	4.35				
Extreme/Average	78	31	56	57	-1	0.00	-1.13	0	3.82				
Central													
Canton	79	28	54	57	-3	0.00	-1.19	0	2.60				
Carthage	78	28	53	56	-3	0.00	-1.16	0	1.89				
Eupora	77	28	51	54	-3	0.05	-1.08	1	1.42				
Lexington	78	28	53	56	-3	0.00	-1.20	0	3.10				
Extreme/Average	79	28	53	56	-3	0.01	-1.16	0	2.25				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	78	29	52	54	-2	0.00	-1.05	0	4.17				
State University	79	28	52	56	-4	0.00	-1.03	0	4.33				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	80	33	59	59		0.00	-0.97	0	1.94				
Natchez	78	32	56	60	-4	0.32	-0.90	1	1.94				
Oakley	80	26	52	57	-5	0.00	-1.15	0	2.56				
Vicksburg	77	32	57			0.00	0.00	0	4.13				
Extreme/Average	80	26	56	59	-3	0.08	-1.01	0	2.64				
South-Central													
Collins	76	33	56	58	-2	0.00	-1.08	0	3.60				
Columbia	77	34	57	59	-2	0.00	-1.08	0	3.13				
Tylertown	75	33	53	60	-7	0.00	-1.09	0	5.50				
Extreme/Average	77	33	55	59	-4	0.00	-1.08	0	4.08				
Southeast													
Beaumont	82	30	56			0.00	0.00	0	5.29				
Hattiesburg	77	45	62	59	3	0.00	-1.20	0	5.91				
Laurel	79	31	56	58	-2	0.00	-1.08	0	2.12				
Newton	77	26	50	56	-6	0.00	-1.16	0	2.05				
Extreme/Average	82	26	56	58	-2	0.00	-1.15	0	3.84				
Coastal													
Gulfport	73	38	59	62	-3	0.00	-1.05	0	8.16				
Extreme/Average	73	31	57	61	-4	0.00	-1.09	0	7.96				
State	83	26	54	57	-3	0.04	-1.07	0	4.73				

DFN = Departure from Normal.