



# Weekly Weather Crop Report



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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 November 13, 2005**. As cotton and sweetpotato harvesting ends across the state, farmers are focused on salvaging fall plantings. The anticipation of much-needed rain this week is on the mind of farmers who have planted wheat and other winter forages. A lack of timely emergence of wheat and other forages is causing concern, especially for cattle producers who desperately need pasture growth for grazing. Wheat farmers have slowed planting due to dry soils and very slow germination. Soil moisture was rated 85 percent very short, 4 percent short, and 11 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	100	99	93	92	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	79	--	65	74	23	65	7	5	0
	Emerged	16	--	41	55					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	100	98	88	96	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	17	39	32	11

## County Agent Comments

“Harvest has been completed. Soil moisture is so low that planting of wheat for grain and winter grazing has come to a halt.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Most fall tillage work was completed before the rainfall. Wheat planting was delayed due to dry conditions.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Dry weather is getting to be the only reporting factor in the crop report. Fieldwork has slowed due to catch-up and dry conditions.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“The dry fall has been fine for harvesting row crops, but terrible for almost every other form of agriculture, especially the establishment of cool-season grazing crops. As a result, little fall grazing will be available for cattle and valuable supplies of stored feed will have to be fed to herds.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Row crop harvest is complete. We need rain for fall pastures and winter grazing germination.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“They are predicting rain this weekend; we will keep our fingers crossed! Just a few more days of scrapping and cotton harvesting will be completed. The gins are almost finished ginning and bailing cotton for this season.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“The weather forecast for rain beginning 11/13 has everyone hopeful that a break will come that will allow producers to get the moisture they need to plant ryegrass and winter wheat. This area has a deficit of more than 8.5 inches of rainfall and every day without measurable rainfall raises the fire potential tremendously. The last measurable rain was on August 29.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“We have very poor pasture conditions from dry weather following the storm and are already feeding hay in many instances.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

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Additional comments appear on the Internet at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>

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Weather Summary from November 7, 2005 to November 13, 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	86	36	65	55	+10	1.39	+0.05	1	1.84				
Lambert	85	35	64			0.97	-0.19	1	1.45				
Tunica				54		0.53	-0.70	1	1.20				
Extreme/Average	86	35	64	55	+9	0.96	-0.27	1	1.50				
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	84	30	60	53	+7	0.33	-0.73	1	0.43				
Hickory Flat	83	31	59	51	+8	0.50	-0.75	1	1.01				
Independence	84	31	61	52	+9	0.74	-0.35	1	1.19				
Oxford	85	33	60	53	+7	0.73	-0.49	1	1.34				
Extreme/Average	85	30	60	54	+6	0.58	-0.62	1	0.99				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	40	60	52	+8	0.05	-1.18	1	0.38				
Iuka	82	27	56	51	+5	0.05	-1.21	1	0.12				
Ripley	82	31	58	51	+7	0.45	-0.81	1	0.90				
Tupelo						0.01		1	0.12				
Verona				54		0.02	-1.01	1	0.31				
Extreme/Average	86	27	58	53	+5	0.14	-1.07	1	0.38				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	86	40	65	56	+9	0.29	-0.89	2	0.77				
Rolling Fork	89	31	66	56	+10	0.00	-1.11	0	0.12				
Stoneville	87	36	65	55	+10	0.19	-0.99	2	0.58				
Yazoo City	86	35	62	57	+5	0.05	-1.12	1	0.13				
Extreme/Average	89	31	64	57	+7	0.13	-1.06	1	0.40				
5. Central													
Canton	85	30	63	57	+6	0.04	-1.18	1	0.04				
Carthage	87	32	62	56	+6	0.00	-1.20	0	0.00				
Eupora	86	31	60	54	+6	0.25	-0.91	2	0.36				
Lexington	85	32	63	55	+8	0.16	-1.07	1	0.29				
Extreme/Average	87	30	62	56	+6	0.11	-1.08	1	0.17				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	86	33	65	54	+11	0.06	-1.01	1	0.13				
Houston	85	28	60	53	+7	0.24	-0.93	1	0.32				
Philadelphia				56		0.00	-1.26	0	0.00				
State University				55		0.00	-1.06	0	0.04				
Extreme/Average	86	28	62	55	+7	0.10	-1.05	1	0.23				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	40	68	58	+10	0.10	-0.91	1	0.10				
Natchez	87	42	68	59	+9	0.02	-1.23	1	0.10				
Oakley	90	31	67	56	+11	0.00	-1.17	0	0.00				
Vicksburg	86	35	67			0.00		0	0.03				
Extreme/Average	90	31	68	58	+10	0.04	-1.11	1	0.08				
8. South-Central													
Collins				57		0.00	-1.10	0	0.21				
Columbia	88	36	67	58	+9	0.00	-1.10	0	0.09				
Tylertown	86	38	66	60	+6	0.00	-1.11	0	0.05				
Extreme/Average	88	36	66	58	+8	0.00	-1.11	0	0.07				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	0.12				
Hattiesburg				59		0.00	-1.23	0	0.06				
Laurel	86	36	65	57	+8	0.00	-1.10	0	0.22				
Newton	86	30	61	55	+6	0.03	-1.16	1	0.08				
Extreme/Average	86	30	63	58	+5	0.01	-1.14	0	0.14				
10.Coastal													
Gulfport	81	47	67	62	+5	0.02	-1.08	1	0.88				
Poplarville				60		0.00	-1.08	0	0.00				
Waveland				60									
Extreme/Average	81	47	67	61	+6	0.02	-1.14	1					
State	90	27	64	56	+8	0.18	-0.99	1	0.37				

DFN = Departure from Normal.