



## Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 20, 2005**. Producers throughout the state welcomed the rain that fell during the week. Wheat and other forages are beginning to perk up from the dry conditions during the last several weeks, but additional rain will be needed for pastures and fields to fully recover. Cattle producers are hopeful that recent rains will green up pastures and help alleviate the amount of hay being fed to cattle to supplement the lack of pasture growth needed for grazing. Soil moisture was rated 28 percent very short, 31 percent short, 35 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2004	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	Planted	100	79	88	87	0	8	76	16	0
	Emerged	70	32	68	69					
Cattle						10	28	32	24	6
Hay Supply						Short	Adequate		Surplus	
						38	58		4	
Feed Grain						9	90		1	

### County Agent Comments

“The crops are harvested, the fields are wet, and it is time to put the equipment into the tool shed and enjoy some hunting and the family. Happy Thanksgiving!”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Some showers are falling as I finish this report. I hope that the rains will continue to make up for the deficiency in rainfall that we have experienced so far this fall.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“We are finally receiving some much needed rain. However, it is doubtful that it will be enough, but every little bit helps. The moisture will be good for ryegrass fields.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“Roughly two-tenths to three-tenths of rain fell across parts of the county Tuesday evening, but strong winds Wednesday morning quickly wicked this moisture from the soil. Senior statesmen farmers who have been farming for seventy-plus years state this is the worst fall dry spell they have ever witnessed. No one can ever recall not having ryegrass and/or small grains ready for grazing by mid-November. Very little winter pasture has been planted due to extremely dry conditions and other challenges associated with Katrina. No green forage can be seen anywhere. Our beef and dairy producers desperately need rain and continued mild temperatures to get winter pastures planted and on the way for grazing next February. Hay supplies will be short and many producers will be forced to sell their cattle when hay supplies are exhausted.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

“We are still very dry. Cattlemen are having to depend on hay and supplemental feed to get them through this drought. We are on day 83 without measurable rain and are waiting on a good rain to get ryegrass up and growing. Farmers are still repairing fences and barns after Katrina.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“We received about ½ inch of rain last week. This will be enough moisture to germinate winter grazing, but not to sustain it. We are still very, very dry.”

— Victor Lee, Newton

“Rain! We finally began to get a shower Sunday night. This rain will begin to help replenish the needed moisture. The ryegrass that has been planted should begin to germinate and grow. Beef producers have been feeding hay for several weeks. If there is an extended winter, they could come up short next spring. Some producers sold their herd after the storm because of too much damage to pasture fences to overcome.”

— Allen McReynolds Wayne

“The harvest season has come to an end. We still have some modules of cotton to be ginned.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“We got anywhere from 3 to 5 inches of rain last week. It has stopped all fieldwork for the week. However, we really needed it since we had not received any rain since Rita.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rain, in enough quantity to replace lost soil moisture, fell over a 2-day period this week. Between 2 and 3 inches fell, but there is very little standing water remaining at this time. We will need much more rain before spring for next year’s crop.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Light rain was received over Saturday and Sunday with more expected. This should really help reduce fire hazards and improve winter grazing prospects. In many cases, cattlemen have been feeding hay for a couple of weeks.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“The recent rainfall was enough to help germinate ryegrass seeds for those producers who were able to plant. Frost on 11/18/2005 was major throughout the county. Beef cattle producers who were already feeding hay due to the drought may reap some benefits from ryegrass due to planting just after the measurable rainfall.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

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Weather Summary from November 14, 2005 to November 20, 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	82	28	52	52	0	1.02	-0.44	3	2.86				
Lambert	82	26	50			1.07	-0.18	3	2.52				
Tunica	82	28	51	51	0	0.34	-0.98	3	1.50				
Extreme/Average	82	26	51	53	-2	0.81	-0.52	3	2.29				
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	80	26	50	51	-1	1.39	+0.22	3	1.82				
Hickory Flat	79	22	49	49	0	1.37	-0.00	3	2.38				
Independence	80	20	48	50	-2	0.76	-0.42	3	1.95				
Oxford	79	23	52	51	+1	2.56	+1.25	3	3.90				
Extreme/Average	80	20	50	51	-1	1.52	+0.22	3	2.51				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	73	23	49	50	-1	1.05	-0.31	3	1.43				
Iuka	73	19	45	49	-4	1.59	+0.20	3	1.71				
Ripley	77	24	48	49	-1	0.88	-0.51	2	1.78				
Tupelo	80	28	54			2.66		3	2.78				
Verona				52		4.53	+3.38	3	4.84				
Extreme/Average	80	19	49	51	-2	1.55	+0.24	3	1.93				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	82	31	50	54	-4	3.59	+2.31	3	4.36				
Rolling Fork	83	26	54	54	0	0.50	-0.66	2	0.62				
Stoneville				53		1.37	+0.11	3	1.95				
Yazoo City	82	26	52	55	-3	1.45	+0.22	1	1.58				
Extreme/Average	83	26	52	54	-2	1.73	+0.45	2	2.13				
5. Central													
Canton	82	26	52	55	-3	1.23	-0.05	3	1.27				
Carthage	80	27	53	54	-1	0.54	-0.75	2	0.54				
Eupora	80	25	51	52	-1	1.67	+0.41	3	2.03				
Lexington	80	24	51	53	-2	1.43	+0.11	2	1.72				
Extreme/Average	82	24	52	54	-2	1.22	-0.06	3	1.39				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	79	28	51	52	-1	1.66	+0.54	3	1.79				
Houston	78	22	50	51	-1	3.07	+1.78	3	3.39				
Philadelphia	83	27	59	54	+5	1.80	+0.47	1	1.80				
State University				53		1.76	+0.64	3	1.80				
Extreme/Average	83	22	53	53	0	2.07	+0.83	3	2.33				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	84	28	55	56	-1	1.88	+0.76	3	1.98				
Natchez	82	28	53	57	-4	0.84	-0.50	2	0.94				
Oakley				54		1.96	+0.71	3	1.96				
Vicksburg	83	26	56			2.08		3	2.11				
Extreme/Average	84	26	55	56	-1	1.69	+0.45	3	1.75				
8. South-Central													
Collins				56		0.25	-0.93	1	0.46				
Columbia	83	29	56	56	0	0.52	-0.67	1	0.61				
Tylertown	83	29	55	58	-3	0.44	-0.72	2	0.49				
Extreme/Average	83	29	55	56	-1	0.40	-0.79	1	0.52				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.42		1	0.54				
Hattiesburg	85	30	59	57	+2	0.48	-0.82	1	0.54				
Laurel	84	31	55	55	0	0.29	-0.90	2	0.51				
Newton	84	25	58	54	+4	0.60	-0.66	1	0.68				
Extreme/Average	85	25	57	56	+1	0.44	-0.79	1	0.58				
10.Coastal													
Gulfport	78	33	60	60	0	0.05	-1.15	1	0.93				
Pascagoula	80	31	58	59	-1	0.10	-1.16	1	0.67				
Picayune				58		0.20	-1.01	1	0.20				
Extreme/Average	80	31	59	59	0	0.12	-1.14	1	0.93				
State	85	19	53	54	-1	1.19	-0.07	2	1.60				

DFN = Departure from Normal.