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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 26, 2006**. Mild, dry weather has allowed producers to bring wheat planting near to a close. Cool-season vegetables and winter forages are responding well to the weather. Cattle have also responded well as a result of the improved growing conditions. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/26/06

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	100	100	99
Peanuts, harvested	98	97	--	--
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	98	95	100	99
Winter Wheat, planted	91	74	100	95
Winter Wheat, emerged	75	60	86	80

Crop condition for week ending 11/26/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	11	14	31	42	2
Winter Wheat	0	5	40	47	8

Comments

“There is very little fieldwork going on now. Some late wheat is being planted. Cattlemen are feeding and some are still concerned about hay supplies running out too soon.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Some dirt work to straighten up ruts took place this week. Everything is out of the field.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“The wet weather finally broke which allowed most of the intended wheat acreage to be planted. Wheat planting will be completed this week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Many sweet potatoes did not mature before frosts shut down growth. Top corn and soybean lines are being booked up quickly. Cotton acreage should decline due to higher prices from grains.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Last week's sunshine and pleasant daytime temperatures really gave ryegrass fields the boost that they needed.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“Ryegrass is responding to mild temperatures and adequate moisture. A little 'summer' hay was cut just prior to the freezing temperatures a week ago. Other than feeding livestock and fertilizing winter grazing, most farm operations have ceased.”

— Victor Lee, Simpson

“Most ryegrass is off to a good start but fields that have light soils are drying out again and need rain. I saw two fields of summer grass this week that were cut for hay even though the yield and quality will be low. Winter greens are looking good for vegetable farmers.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Dry conditions have allowed growers to get back in the field to finish planting wheat and continue fall tillage.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Wheat is up and growing well. Some farmers have turned cattle onto ryegrass fields. Cattle are in good to excellent condition. There is good moisture in the soil.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

“If it stays dry until Wednesday, producers will finish planting wheat. Cotton producers should finish harvesting the remaining cotton.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Producers are evaluating the 2006 crop season and making plans for next year. Wheat is growing well.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Early planted wheat is tillering. Fields that were rutted during harvest are still too wet for tillage.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Dry weather this week has allowed a large portion of the wheat planting to be completed. There has been no tillage since the holidays.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“The few scattered fields that had not been harvested should be completed now as a result of several rain free days. Some livestock producers have taken advantage of the weather to get one last cutting of hay that had grown up prior to the frost.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Recent frosts have ended all hopes for a last cutting of hay, even though warmer, daytime temperatures have stimulated winter forage growth. Livestock body conditions are presently good or adequate in most cases at this time.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Mild and sunny weather has boosted cool-season forage growth which will help stretch winter hay supplies.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Fall temperatures and rainfall have been excellent for cool-season vegetables and winter forages. Most winter forages are keeping up with the grazing pressures and cool-season vegetables are abundant.”

— Billy Joe Lee, Pearl River

“Ryegrass is continuing to look excellent. This has been the best coverage in the past two years for grazing. Heavy frosts were recorded in the area with hard freezes from temperatures in the twenties.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/26/06

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	72	28	47	50	-3	0.00	-1.46	0	1.98				
Lambert	75	26	47			0.00	-1.31	0	6.75				
Tunica	70	28	48	49	-1	0.00	-1.34	0	4.04				
Extreme/Average	75	26	47	51	-4	0.00	-1.39	0	6.75				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	72	25	45	49	-4	0.00	-1.25	0	4.08				
Hickory Flat	73	23	43	47	-4	0.00	-1.42	0	4.54				
Independence	72	22	43	48	-5	0.00	-1.23	0	4.20				
Oxford	74	24	46	49	-3	0.00	-1.35	0	3.79				
Extreme/Average	74	22	44	50	-6	0.00	-1.33	0	4.20				
Northeast													
Booneville				48		0.00	-1.42	0	5.24				
Iuka	71	20	42	47	-5	0.00	-1.48	0	4.31				
Ripley	72	23	43	47	-4	0.00	-1.46	0	3.65				
Tupelo						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Verona	73	27	46	50	-4	0.00	-1.23	0	4.35				
Extreme/Average	73	20	44	49	-5	0.00	-1.39	0	3.65				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	80	29	49	52	-3	0.00	-1.33	0	2.78				
Rolling Fork	76	27	49	52	-3	0.00	-1.19	0	1.38				
Stoneville	72	29	49	51	-2	0.00	-1.31	0	2.56				
Yazoo City	71	28	44	53	-9	0.00	-1.26	0	0.28				
Extreme/Average	80	27	49	53	-4	0.00	-1.33	0	0.00				
Central													
Canton	72	26	45	53	-8	0.00	-1.30	0	1.75				
Carthage				52		0.00	-1.33	0	2.43				
Eupora	73	25	44	50	-6	0.00	-1.31	0	3.49				
Lexington	74	18	45	51	-6	0.00	-1.33	0	2.08				
Extreme/Average	74	18	45	52	-7	0.00	-1.33	0	2.08				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	73	26	45	50	-5	0.00	-1.17	0	6.16				
Houston	73	22	44	49	-5	0.00	-1.36	0	5.28				
Philadelphia				52		0.00	-1.33	0	0.92				
State University	73	22	45	51	-6	0.00	-1.16	0	2.65				
Extreme/Average	73	22	45	52	-7	0.00	-1.26	0	5.72				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	76	30	51	55	-4	0.00	-1.21	0	1.78				
Natchez				56		0.00	-1.40	0	2.68				
Vicksburg	75	27	47			0.00	0.00	0	3.08				
Extreme/Average	76	27	49	55	-6	0.00	-1.27	0	2.43				
South-Central													
Collins	72	29	47	54	-7	0.00	-1.19	0	8.70				
Columbia	75	31	48	55	-7	0.00	-1.24	0	3.62				
Tylertown	78	30	49	56	-7	0.00	-1.19	0	4.72				
Extreme/Average	78	29		55		0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	74	30	49	56	-7	0.00	-1.29	0	3.04				
Laurel	74	29	48	54	-6	0.00	-1.19	0	5.52				
Newton				52		0.00	-1.26	0	2.21				
Extreme/Average	74	29	48	54	-6	0.00	-1.26	0	5.52				
Coastal													
Gulfport	70	34	52	59	-7	0.00	-1.23	0	7.87				
Picayune				57		0.00	-1.26	0	3.20				
Extreme/Average	70	34	52	58	-6	0.00	-1.26	0	0.00				
State	80	18	47	53	-6	0.00	-1.30	0	4.13				

DFN = Departure from Normal.