

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 9, 2000**. Wet conditions are hindering spring fieldwork in many parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	71	67	53	60	1	3	38	51	7
	Emerged	59	52	26	29					
Cotton	Planted	0	0	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	2	1	4	15	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum	Planted	3	2	6	12	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Planted	1	0	3	3					
Wheat	Jointing	97	83	86	86	0	2	16	64	18
	Heading	52	24	25	20					
Watermelons	Planted	35	28	25	26	--	--	--	--	--
Blueberries						4	8	30	42	16
Cattle						1	7	22	60	10
Pasture						1	8	30	52	9

### County Agent Comments

“Rains are keeping the ground wet. Growers are ready to plant.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Rain delayed all field work. Corn planting will continue when weather permits.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Rain has put a stop to field work. Lots of potatoes have been bedded. Wheat is looking good. Pastures are starting to look green.”

— Charles Fitts, Calhoun County

“The 8 ½ inches of rain has helped soil moisture but some corn went under water. Also, it will be a while before we can get into fields that were subsoiled.”

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

“We have had all the rain we need for a while. Two weeks of dry weather would be nice. The corn is yellow from lack of oxygen and cool nights. Wheat diseases are starting to show in many fields.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“It continues to be too wet for producers to complete planting corn and to prepare land for other row crops. Within the last two weeks, Madison County has received over 6 inches of rain.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

“Rain last week brought most field operations to a halt. Winter grazing is finally beginning to grow. Heavy frost with below freezing temperatures Saturday night and Sunday morning may have ruined the blueberry crop. Assessment of the damage will be done later today.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

### Weather Summary from April 3, 2000 to April 9, 2000 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													
Clarksdale				60		E2.29	+1.17	4	7.51				0.22
Cleveland	78	39	57			2.12		3	10.70				
Tunica	77	37	57	59	-2	1.73	+0.43	3	7.20	75	48	58	
Extreme/Average	78	37	57	60	-3	E2.05	+0.79	3	8.47	75	48	58	0.22
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	79	27	55	57	-2	1.49	+0.26	3	6.92	70	53	62	0.19
Memphis	76	32	55	60	-5	2.06	+0.80	3	6.50				
Oxford	79	30	56	58	-2	2.68	+1.49	3	9.59				
Extreme/Average	79	27	56	59	-3	2.08	+0.82	3	7.67	70	53	62	0.19
3. Northeast													
Booneville	78	32	54	58	-4	2.45	+1.17	3	7.69				
Corinth	80	30	55	59	-4	2.33	+1.07	3	6.51				
Iuka	76	26	52			3.82		3	9.05				
Pontotoc	76	32	53	59	-6	3.78	+2.45	3	12.06				
Tupelo	79	32	55	60	-5	3.00	+1.75	3	7.63				
Verona	79	33	56			4.50		3	11.81	68	48	58	0.22
Extreme/Average	80	26	54	59	-5	3.31	+2.02	3	9.13	68	48	62	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	84	34	59	62	-3	2.27	+1.00	3	14.95	79	58	68	
Greenwood	79	34	56	62	-6	2.09	+0.89	3	12.49				
Rolling Fork	82	38	59	62	-3	1.53	+0.35	3	9.74	81	58	69	0.19
Stoneville	79	39	58	61	-3	2.81	+1.68	3	14.64	71	51	62	0.22
Yazoo City	81	41	59	63	-4	E1.97	+0.70	3	14.53				
Extreme/Average	84	34	58	62	-4	E2.13	+0.89	3	13.27	81	51	66	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage				62		E3.90	+2.61	3	7.74				
Jackson	78	33	56	63	-7	5.04	+3.71	3	8.50				
Winona	77	28	53	58	-5	5.22	+3.92	3	13.29				
Extreme/Average	78	28	55	61	-6	E4.72	+3.39	3	9.84				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	79	39	59			1.16	-0.31	1	3.20	69	49	58	
Columbus	79	32	56			2.81		4	8.29				
State University	79	26	56	61	-5	4.08	+2.69	4	9.34	68	50	60	0.23
Extreme/Average	79	26	57	61	-4	2.68	+1.28	3	6.94	69	49	59	0.23
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	80	34	58			3.80		3	7.71	79	47	67	
Natchez	79	33	60	65	-5	3.63	+2.30	2	7.72				
Oakley	81	34	58	63	-5	5.69	+4.43	3	10.74	81	53	65	
Vicksburg	79	38	59			5.99		3	13.29				
Extreme/Average	81	33	59	64	-5	4.78	+3.49	3	9.87	81	47	66	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	81	35	60	64	-4	1.24	-0.02	2	3.99				
McComb	75	31	57	63	-6	1.13	-0.20	3	5.61				
Extreme/Average	81	31	59	64	-5	1.19	-0.14	3	4.80				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						E1.22		2	5.92				
Hattiesburg	82	33	59	64	-5	1.32	+0.16	4	3.96				
Laurel	78	35	58	63	-5	2.04	+0.86	3	5.76				
Meridian	79	30	55	62	-7	1.69	+0.32	3	6.47				
Newton	79	31	56	61	-5	3.29	+1.96	3	6.87	63	45	53	0.21
Extreme/Average	82	30	57	63	-6	E2.09	+0.80	3	5.77	63	45	53	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	83	37	62			0.96		1					
Biloxi AFB	82	43	63			0.51		1	6.26				
Gulfport	77	36	60	66	-6	0.48	-0.64	2	3.84				
Pascagoula	77	35	58	65	-7	1.05	-0.00	3	5.24				
Poplarville	81	34	60	65	-5	0.89	-0.30	2	2.99	78	57	67	0.21
Extreme/Average	83	34	60	66	-6	0.78	-0.35	2	4.58	78	57	67	0.21
State	84	26	57	62	-5	E2.76	+1.48	3	8.08	81	45	61	0.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.