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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 14, 2002**. Wet weather continues to delay crop planting. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 41 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	61	41	72	71	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	40	19	54	49	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	3	1	29	21	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum	Planted	3	0	19	17	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	77	61	83	91	3	18	36	37	6
	Heading	16	6	22	46	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	55	43	58	40	--	--	--	--	--
Hay						0	4	29	52	15
Cattle						0	4	22	61	13
Pasture						1	7	31	50	11
Blueberries						0	7	21	62	10

County Agent Comments

“The rain has finally ended and corn planting is just beginning. Rice and early soybeans are also being planted. Farmers are looking forward to the first full week without significant rain in the forecast.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica County

“Fields are too wet for planting. Pastures and wheat are looking much better. Home gardeners are planting as ground conditions improve.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“No field work took place this week. Corn has emerged very slowly due to cooler weather. With the warm temperatures we had at the end of the week, I look for all corn that has been planted to emerge and grow normally.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Wet conditions have left their mark on the wheat crop and have caused corn planting delays. With more rain expected this week, some producers are worried about getting the rest of their corn in the ground by the planting window.”

— Guy Wilson, Washington County

“Rain over the weekend will pretty much wind up the corn planting. Many producers are switching to grain sorghum. Cotton planting is expected to start as field conditions permit, but acreage is expected to be down significantly. Soybean acreage is expected to be up significantly-not because of expected profits but because of less expensive inputs.”

— Tommy Baird, Yazoo County

“Wet weather continued during the past week. Most bottomland soils are too wet to work. Some corn planting has begun. Pastures are growing well and spring weeds need spraying. Cattle conditions are improving and hay fed to cattle has decreased significantly in the last two weeks.”

— Glen E. Williams, Oktibeha County

“Rains slowed corn planting, but producers should be through this week. Ryegrass is being cut for haylage, and the quality and quantity look pretty good. Moisture is pretty adequate at this time. Producers are starting to fertilize summer pasture and fight flies. You can sure tell summer is just around the corner.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

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Weather Summary from April 8, 2002 to April 14, 2002 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	78	41	64	61	+3	0.96	-0.23	2	8.78	74	48	54	0.17
Cleveland	79	49	64	60	+4	0.53	-0.73	1	6.93				
Tunica	80	52	65	60	+5	0.46	-0.91	1	6.20	67	56	59	0.12
Extreme/Average	80	41	64	62	+2	0.65	-0.58	1	7.30	74	48	57	0.14
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				57		0.56	-0.70	1	7.04				0.12
Memphis	81	50	67	61	+6	0.31	-1.09	1	3.81				
Oxford	82	46	64	59	+5	1.17	-0.02	3	7.91				
Extreme/Average	82	46	66	61	+5	0.68	-0.58	2	6.25				0.12
3. Northeast													
Booneville	79	41	65	59	+6	0.96	-0.23	1	7.89				
Corinth	79	49	64	61	+3	1.46	+0.27	3	6.34				
Iuka	79	31	61	56	+5	0.70	-0.49	1	6.40				
Pontotoc	77	51	65	60	+5	1.33	-0.00	1	7.11	70	55	62	0.19
Tupelo	79	49	66	59	+7	1.04	-0.09	3	5.65				
Verona				60		1.05	-0.20	1	7.60				0.04
Extreme/Average	79	31	64	61	+3	1.09	-0.17	2	6.83	70	55	62	0.17
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	89	43	66	62	+4	2.50	+1.17	1	7.76	78	68	74	
Rolling Fork	84	52	67	62	+5	2.18	+0.85	2	6.27	83	62	71	0.15
Stoneville		47		62		1.90	+0.64	2	8.18	76	55	63	0.19
Yazoo City	82	48	66	63	+3	2.22	+0.81	1	5.31				
Extreme/Average	89	43	66	64	+2	2.20	+1.01	2	6.88	83	55	69	0.17
5. Central													
Carthage	80	49	66	61	+5	2.36	+0.97	3	5.69				
Greenwood	82	50	67	63	+4	1.90	+0.57	1	5.52				
Jackson	81	55	67	62	+5	2.53	+1.09	2	6.00				
Winona	79	49	63	57	+6	1.73	+0.42	2	6.47				
Extreme/Average	82	49	66	63	+3	2.13	+0.85	2	6.05				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						1.01	-0.32	2	4.11				
Columbus	82	35	66	61	+5	1.16	-0.17	2	4.20				
State University	80	32	65	61	+4	1.50	+0.17	3	5.97	71	54	63	0.14
Extreme/Average	82	32	65	62	+3	1.22	-0.17	2	4.76	71	54	63	0.14
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	80	55	67	64	+3	3.92	+2.46	2	7.21	81	57	69	
Natchez	80	54	67	65	+2	4.73	+3.28	3	7.43				
Oakley	82	52	67	62	+5	3.21	+1.77	2	6.16	83	60	71	
Vicksburg	81	53	67			2.26		2	4.78				
Extreme/Average	82	52	67	65	+2	3.53	+2.27	2	6.40	83	57	70	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	78	55	67	64	+3	2.84	+1.44	1	6.35				
McComb	81	58	69	64	+5	3.51	+2.14	1	7.98				
Extreme/Average	81	55	68	65	+3	3.18	+1.88	1	7.17				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	82	43	67			1.42		1	5.16				
Hattiesburg	84	56	69	64	+5	2.77	+1.45	3	5.18				
Laurel	78	52	67	63	+4	2.15	+0.96	5	5.24				
Meridian	80	54	67	63	+4	1.56	+0.21	4	3.19				
Newton	80	52	66	61	+5	2.16	+0.70	3	4.40	73	57	64	0.12
Extreme/Average	84	43	67	64	+3	2.01	+0.76	3	4.63	73	57	64	0.12
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	84	41	67	65	+2	0.81	-0.46	3	3.54				
Biloxi AFB	77	61	69			2.41		4	4.58				
Gulfport	78	58	68	66	+2	2.42	+1.25	3	5.47				
Pascagoula	81	56	68			1.82		6	4.42				
Poplarville	80	46	67	64	+3	3.57	+2.31	4	7.85	79	62	69	0.31
Extreme/Average	84	41	68	67	+1	2.21	+1.10	4	5.17	79	62	69	0.31
State	89	31	66	63	+3	1.99	+0.73	2	6.04	83	48	65	0.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.