

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 15, 2001**. While warm weather earlier in the week allowed row crop farmers to plant their crops, rain later on in the week postponed planting. Rice and soybeans are being planted at a rate that is ahead of normal. 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	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	74	61	80	74	1	15	26	50	8
	Emerged	58	33	67	47					
Cotton	Planted	5	1	0	1	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	1	--	--	--					
Rice	Planted	32	14	3	23	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	12	--	0	0					
Sorghum	Planted	20	13	22	20	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	10	--	--	--					
Soybeans	Planted	33	24	2	8	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	19	6	--	--					
Watermelons	Planted	60	45	45	40	0	41	47	12	0
Wheat	Jointing	84	75	99	93	2	7	31	45	15
	Heading	28	8	82	49					
Blueberries						1	4	26	56	13
Cattle						1	10	32	49	8
Pasture						2	13	36	38	11

County Agent Comments

“We got about 2.5 inches of rain from Thursday to Sunday. This will keep us out of the field until next week. This will be good if the weather forecasters are right about the 31 degree weather later this week.”

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

“Good rains fell over the area during the later part of last week. Many cotton producers needed the rain to settle the fresh beds. During the early part of the week, excellent progress was made planting soybeans and rice. Limited acres of cotton and grain sorghum were also planted.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Corn planting was delayed this week because of rain. Pastures are in good condition but hay is still short. Most of the cotton land is ready for planting.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

“As soon as the predicted cold front passes, people who have not planted their crops will start to do so in earnest. Producers are happy that they can finally cut down on feed bills now that ryegrass fields are ready for grazing.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

“The warm weather of last week has greatly improved pasture conditions. Fertilizer and weed control sprays are going out on pastures. Many cattlemen are ending hay feeding. Field crop work is continuing but most row crops are yet to be planted in the county. All trees will be in full leaf by week’s end.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

Weather Summary from April 9, 2001 to April 15, 2001 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													
Cleveland	89	57	71			2.66		4	2.96				
Tunica	88	57	72	61	+11	3.43	+2.10	3	3.94	95	60	68	0.18
Extreme/Average	89	57	72	62	+10	3.05	+1.83	4	3.45	95	60	68	0.18
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs													
Memphis	87	57	72	62	+10	3.05	+1.74	5	4.12				
Oxford	90	56	71	60	+11	1.72	+0.59	3	6.23				
Extreme/Average	90	56	71	61	+10	2.39	+1.14	4	5.18				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	55	71	60	+11	2.18	+0.92	3	4.30				
Corinth	88	55	71	61	+10	2.96	+1.70	3					
Iuka	88	43	67			2.51		3	5.34				
Pontotoc	86	56	69	61	+8	2.41	+1.14	4	4.15	69	59	66	0.20
Tupelo	86	56	69	61	+8	2.55	+1.36	4	7.91				
Verona	87	57	70			1.19		3	4.45	80	60	70	0.21
Extreme/Average	89	43	69	61	+8	2.30	+1.04	3	5.23	80	59	68	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				64									
Greenwood	88	58	70	63	+7	1.23	+0.04	4	2.30				
Rolling Fork	89	58	72	64	+8	0.67	-0.45	2	2.11	89	70	78	0.15
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	88	59	73	65	+8	0.62	-0.60	2	1.85				
Extreme/Average	89	57	72	64	+8	0.84	-0.35	3	2.09	89	70	78	0.15
5. Central													
Carthage	87	63	75	63	+12	0.50	-0.76	1	4.29				
Jackson	86	62	74	64	+10	0.92	-0.41	3	2.40				
Winona	87	51	68	60	+8	1.47	+0.21	4	2.77				
Extreme/Average	87	51	71	63	+8	1.20	-0.07	4	2.59				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-1.46	0	3.29				
Columbus													
State University	88	55	73	63	+10	0.61	-0.72	3	3.07	75	66	70	0.17
Extreme/Average	88	55	73	63	+10	0.31	-1.07	2	3.18	75	66	70	0.17
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	87	62	76			0.05		1	1.16	87	59	76	
Natchez	86	64	76	67	+9	0.00	-1.29	0	1.71				
Oakley	88	60	76	64	+12	0.25	-0.97	1	2.43	89	70	80	
Vicksburg	86	60	74			0.93		1	1.84				
Extreme/Average	88	60	76	65	+11	0.31	-0.95	1	1.79	89	59	78	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	88	54	76	66	+10	0.00	-1.26	0	1.44				
McComb	87	60	77	65	+12	0.81	-0.49	1	1.80				
Extreme/Average	88	54	76	65	+11	0.41	-0.88	1	1.62				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	87	63	76	66	+10	0.20	-0.91	1	1.66				
Laurel	88	65	76	65	+11	0.04	-1.08	3	1.02				
Meridian	86	57	73	63	+10	1.71	+0.41	3	4.56				
Newton	87	57	73	63	+10	1.40	+0.10	2	4.14	78	64	71	0.19
Extreme/Average	88	57	75	64	+11	0.84	-0.40	2	2.85	78	64	71	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	89	62	76			0.00		0	1.45				
BiloxiAFB	86	64	77			0.16		1	1.35				
Gulfport	86	71	77	68	+9	0.00	-1.12	0	1.05				
Pascagoula	88	62	76			0.24		2	0.87				
Poplarville	88	65	77	66	+11	0.24	-0.95	1	1.80	89	64	76	0.17
Extreme/Average	89	62	77	67	+10	0.13	-0.97	1	1.29	89	64	76	0.17
State	90	43	73	64	+9	1.07	-0.18	2	2.87	95	59	73	0.17

DFN = Departure from Normal.