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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 21, 2002**. Drier weather has allowed farmers to rapidly plant spring row crops. Soil moisture was rated 12 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 18 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	84	61	84	83	0	3	20	65	12
	Emerged	60	40	67	63					
Cotton	Planted	5	--	8	5	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	19	3	41	40	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	3	--	24	10					
Sorghum	Planted	22	3	28	30	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	90	77	94	96	2	18	37	38	5
	Heading	50	16	53	68					
Watermelons	Planted	70	55	73	54	0	5	13	82	0
Hay						0	4	33	49	14
Cattle						0	3	22	63	12
Pasture						0	6	28	54	12
Blueberries						0	3	20	64	13

County Agent Comments

Growers were able to get a lot of field work completed last week. A shower Sunday night will not keep them out of the field very long. Emerging crops look good.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Everyone is planting, burning down, fertilizing, etc. Corn planting will be almost finished by Monday. Beans are going in the ground now and cotton will start Monday if we miss Sunday's rain.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

“We had an excellent week for field work. Many cotton producers got started planting cotton. Excellent progress was made with soybean, rice and grain sorghum planting. Corn planting was completed. Some disease problems are developing in the wheat, especially leaf rust and stripe rust.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“The absence of rain this week has allowed fields to dry so that corn planting can continue. Bottom land is still too wet to plant. Pastures and hay fields are growing good following the abundance of rain.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

“Scattered showers last night brought some needed moisture. Ryegrass is looking good. Producers are getting ready to start baling ryegrass hay.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

“Rain continues to delay most field operations. Producers harvesting ryegrass for baleage made headway last week. Row crop farmers were out of the fields until Thursday.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

“Everyone is trying to spray pastures for weed control. Some farmers are putting out fertilizer on summer pastures. Cattle are in the best shape they have been in for the past 3 years. Some producers are holding calves due to price on feeder cattle being lower.”

— Mike Keene, Perry County

“We're just about to dry out in time for the next rain. It's sprinkling now (Monday morning) as I finish this report. Livestock looks good as pastures begin to grow and produce adequate forages. Most of the corn has been planted that will be planted this year.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

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Weather Summary from April 15, 2002 to April 21, 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	85	64	75	63	+12	0.00	-1.19	0	5.65	81	58	69	
Cleveland	85	62	75	62	+13	0.00	-1.20	0	4.33				
Tunica	90	60	77	62	+15	0.00	-1.33	0	3.67	78	61	71	0.17
Extreme/Average	90	60	75	64	+11	0.00	-1.20	0	4.55	81	58	70	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				59		0.00	-1.20	0	4.52				0.20
Memphis	88	64	76	63	+13	0.22	-1.13	1	2.80				
Oxford	90	60	76	61	+15	0.00	-1.19	0	4.82				
Extreme/Average	90	60	76	63	+13	0.07	-1.17	0	4.05				0.20
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	61	74	61	+13	0.00	-1.19	0	5.93				
Corinth	88	62	74	63	+11	0.00	-1.19	0	4.62				
Iuka	88	53	70	58	+12	0.00	-1.16	0	4.54				
Pontotoc	86	61	73	61	+12	0.00	-1.28	0	4.59	75	66	70	0.20
Tupelo	87	60	74	62	+12	0.00	-1.12	0	4.17				
Verona	89	62	74	61	+13	0.00	-1.19	0	5.11	85			0.21
Extreme/Average	89	53	73	63	+10	0.00	-1.26	0	4.83	85	66	70	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	89	67	77	64	+13	0.00	-1.33	0	5.96	87	81	82	
Rolling Fork	88	64	76	64	+12	0.00	-1.29	0	4.76	95	72	84	0.17
Stoneville	87	66	76	64	+12	0.00	-1.26	0	5.84	88	61	76	0.20
Yazoo City	87	59	74	65	+9	0.00	-1.37	0	3.56				
Extreme/Average	89	59	76	66	+10	0.00	-1.19	0	5.03	95	61	81	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage	88	60	72	63	+9	0.00	-1.33	0	4.44				
Greenwood	87	64	75	64	+11	0.00	-1.33	0	4.05				
Jackson	86	60	75	64	+11	0.00	-1.40	0	4.22				
Winona	86	55	70	59	+11	0.00	-1.26	0	4.17				
Extreme/Average	88	55	73	64	+9	0.00	-1.26	0	4.28				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	89	60	74			0.00	-1.33	0	2.99	74	63	68	
Columbus	90	63	75	63	+12	0.01	-1.29	1	3.13				
State University	89	59	75	62	+13	0.00	-1.30	0	4.37	80	65	72	0.18
Extreme/Average	90	59	74	64	+10	0.00	-1.33	0	3.50	80	63	70	0.18
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	86	59	73	65	+8	0.00	-1.40	0	5.99		65	80	
Natchez	84	62	74	66	+8	0.02	-1.38	1	6.33				
Oakley				64		0.00	-1.38	0	4.16				
Vicksburg	86	63	75			0.00		0	2.87				
Extreme/Average	86	59	74	66	+8	0.01	-1.24	0	4.84		65	80	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	86	62	75	65	+10	0.00	-1.37	0	5.45				
McComb	87	62	75	66	+9	0.00	-1.33	0	7.06				
Extreme/Average	87	62	75	67	+8	0.00	-1.26	0	6.26				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	90	52	73			0.37		1	3.23				
Hattiesburg	87	60	75	66	+9	0.00	-1.26	0	3.59				
Laurel	86	60	73	64	+9	0.00	-1.19	0	3.92				
Meridian	88	59	73	64	+9	0.00	-1.27	0	2.18				
Newton	89	57	72	62	+10	0.00	-1.38	0	2.80	80	63	71	0.16
Extreme/Average	90	52	73	66	+7	0.07	-1.12	0	3.14	80	63	71	0.16
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	87	60	73	66	+7	0.00	-1.21	0	3.04				
Biloxi AFB	82	64	74			0.00		0	4.39				
Gulfport	82	62	73	68	+5	0.00	-1.14	0	5.16				
Pascagoula	86	58	72			0.00		0	4.41				
Poplarville	90	60	75	66	+9	0.00	-1.23	0	6.10	89	68	77	0.26
Extreme/Average	90	58	73	68	+5	0.00	-1.05	0	4.68	89	68	77	0.26
State	90	52	74	65	+9	0.02	-1.20	0	4.44	95	58	74	0.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.