

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 22, 2001**. Cool and dry conditions prevailed across most of the state. Soybean planting is progressing ahead of schedule. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 32 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	86	74	89	85	0	11	28	54	7
	Emerged	69	58	76	62					
Cotton	Planted	9	5	4	4	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	5	1	--	--					
Rice	Planted	43	32	18	45	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	26	12	0	11					
Sorghum	Planted	29	20	34	37	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	18	10	14	16					
Soybeans	Planted	45	33	9	15	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	29	19	1	4					
Watermelons	Planted	75	60	48	51	3	34	43	18	2
Wheat	Jointing	96	84	100	96	1	5	32	48	14
	Heading	58	28	94	67					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Blueberries						0	2	23	55	20
Cattle						1	7	28	54	10
Pasture						1	11	33	44	11

County Agent Comments

“Most producers are planting no-till corn and soybeans. Wheat is jointing and growing well. A few areas are still too wet to plant.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Corn planting is just now getting started. Land preparation for cotton planting is underway. The cold temperatures early in the week delayed pasture growth.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“The corn crop is growing rapidly and has a yellowish tint in many fields. This is attributed to roots not well developed enough to pick up enough fertilizer - it should correct itself in the next two weeks. Cotton producers are poised to begin planting in earnest as this last cool spell begins to return to more normal temperatures.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Forage crops have been actively growing due to warmer weather and adequate rainfall. Hay harvest will begin this week. Corn has emerged and is looking good. Plans are to begin planting cotton this week.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Cold weather slowed progress on planted crops and existing forages. Slight damage was noted on apples and peaches. Dry weather has allowed progress on field preparation. Cool season hay harvest is getting underway in earnest.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

Weather Summary from April 16, 2001 to April 22, 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	76	39	55			0.32		1	3.21				
Cleveland	83	41	62	63	-1	0.00	-1.33	0	3.94	76	45	62	0.19
Extreme/Average	83	39	59	64	-5	0.16	-1.05	1	3.58	76	45	62	0.19
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs													
Memphis	81	39	62	64	-2	0.00	-1.27	0	4.12				
Oxford	82	31	60	62	-2	0.00	-1.19	0	5.88				
Extreme/Average	82	31	61	63	-2	0.00	-1.25	0	5.00				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	81	35	57	62	-5	0.00	-1.23	0	3.46				
Corinth	79	32	58	63	-5	0.00	-1.20	0					
Iuka	80	28	55			0.14		1	3.97				
Pontotoc	80	33	58	63	-5	0.00	-1.26	0	3.46	66	58	62	0.20
Tupelo	80	34	59	63	-4	0.00	-1.19	0	7.19				
Verona	82	36	59			0.00		0	3.43	74	50	63	0.25
Extreme/Average	82	28	58	63	-5	0.02	-1.24	0	4.30	74	50	62	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	83	34	61	65	-4	0.03	-1.12	1	2.22				
Rolling Fork	84	37	61	66	-5	0.46	-0.60	1	3.37	83	60	72	0.15
Stoneville						0.28	-0.84	1	3.66				0.24
Yazoo City	84	34	60	67	-7	0.37	-0.82	1	1.58				
Extreme/Average	84	34	60	66	-6	0.29	-0.90	1	2.71	83	60	72	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage	82	33	60	65	-5	0.00	-1.26	0					
Jackson	82	36	62	65	-3	0.00	-1.28	0	1.77				
Winona	80	30	56	62	-6	0.04	-1.18	1	2.47				
Extreme/Average	82	30	59	65	-6	0.02	-1.24	1	2.12				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	86	37	59			0.00	-1.39	0		72	54	62	
Columbus													
State University	83	35	59	65	-6	0.10	-1.22	1	1.82	71	58	64	0.17
Extreme/Average	86	35	59	64	-5	0.05	-1.28	1	1.82	72	54	63	0.17
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	82	38	62			0.60		1	1.18	80	56	69	
Natchez	78	33	60	68	-8	0.16	-1.10	1	1.53				
Oakley						0.35	-0.84	1	1.81				
Vicksburg	83	38	62			1.30		1	2.69				
Extreme/Average	83	33	61	67	-6	0.60	-0.64	1	1.80	80	56	69	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	82	38	63	68	-5	1.16	-0.10	1	2.09				
McComb	82	36	63	66	-3	0.00	-1.26	0	1.65				
Extreme/Average	82	36	63	67	-4	0.58	-0.68	1	1.87				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	84	38	62	67	-5	0.46	-0.59	1	1.69				
Laurel	82	38	63	66	-3	0.23	-0.89	1	0.64				
Meridian	82	35	61	65	-4	0.01	-1.23	1	3.74				
Newton	82	33	59	64	-5	1.02	-0.23	1	4.30	82	51	64	0.14
Extreme/Average	84	33	61	66	-5	0.43	-0.76	1	2.59	82	51	64	0.14
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	89	38	64			0.06		1	1.06				
BiloxiAFB	81	43	66			0.00		0	0.92				
Gulfport	80	42	68	70	-2	0.22	-0.90	1	0.92				
Pascagoula	82	37	63			0.00		0	0.81				
Poplarville	86	37	63	68	-5	1.01	-0.13	2	2.77	84	63	72	0.22
Extreme/Average	89	37	65	69	-4	0.26	-0.79	1	1.39	84	63	72	0.22
State	89	28	61	65	-4	0.25	-0.97	1	2.63	84	45	66	0.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.