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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 28, 2002**. Dry weather has allowed farmers to finish corn planting and begin cutting hay. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 23 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 8 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	94	84	94	92	0	4	25	54	17
	Emerged	80	60	79	76					
Cotton	Planted	19	5	25	14	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	42	19	58	61	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	13	3	36	21					
Sorghum	Planted	37	22	50	46	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	14	5	33	24					
Soybeans	Planted	35	21	56	29	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	16	6	42	15					
Wheat	Jointing	97	90	98	98	1	11	37	41	10
	Heading	80	50	73	84					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	29	10	30	16	0	3	31	51	15
Watermelons	Planted	80	70	79	63	0	1	30	53	16
Cattle						1	2	23	62	12
Pasture						1	5	31	50	13
Blueberries						0	0	17	75	8

County Agent Comments

“Finishing corn planting. Just getting started planting cotton. Cold snap toward the end of the week will slow or stop growth of young seedlings. Cattle are grazing on fertilized winter grass and the beginnings of summer grass and are showing signs of improvement.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Corn planting should finish this week. Even though we've had a few light showers over the past few days, fields have been able to be worked. Pastures are in good shape with fertilization activities in full swing.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn County

“Growers took advantage of dry weather and warm temperatures to plant this week. Showers in the middle of the week didn't hinder planting. Pastures and winter hay look good.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Corn producers finished planting this week. Soybean planting got underway. Cotton producers are waiting out the cool weather that came into the area mid-week with plans to begin planting in earnest next week. Soil moisture is getting short in some fields. Light rains moved in Friday.”

— Stanley Wise, Union County

“A few drops of rain Friday, but not enough to stop farmers from planting cotton. Almost all of the corn has been planted. Livestock conditions are looking good. Most of the cool season hay has been cut and put up for storage.”

— Detric Brown, Scott County

“Ryegrass harvest for hay/haylage/baleage continues in full swing. Yields are satisfactory and weather conditions have worked wonderfully for curing haylage and baleage but cloudy conditions have slowed full curing of dry hay. Planting of early corn for silage is complete with beautiful stands emerged with most ready to be laid by. A few acres of late corn will be planted when rains replenish soil moisture. Soil conditions are getting dry and we could benefit from some good rain.”

—Lamar Adams, Walthall County

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Weather Summary from April 22, 2002 to April 28, 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	86	48	66	65	+1	0.97	-0.22	5	1.93	78	55	67	0.34
Cleveland	85	49	64	64	0	0.37 E	-0.82	3	1.19				
Tunica	87			64		1.08	-0.25	5	1.54	80	60	69	0.18
Extreme/Average	87	48	65	66	-1	0.81	-0.45	4	1.55	80	55	68	0.24
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	86	43	62	61	+1	0.54	-0.65	4	1.16		61	73	0.22
Memphis	87	52	67	65	+2	0.52	-0.81	4	1.05				
Oxford	83	48	63	62	+1	0.82	-0.38	4	1.99				
Extreme/Average	87	43	64	64	0	0.63	-0.63	4	1.40		61	73	0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	85	49	63	62	+1	0.32	-0.92	2	1.29				
Corinth				65		0.34	-0.88	3	1.84				
Iuka	84	38	60	60	0	0.31	-0.90	3	1.16				
Pontotoc	83	45	63	63	0	1.45	+0.1	5	2.84	75	62	69	0.22
Tupelo	84	47	64	64	0	0.65	-0.48	3	1.70				
Verona	86	49	64	64	0	1.36	+0.2	3	2.45	79	52	68	0.23
Extreme/Average	86	38	63	64	-1	0.74	-0.52	3	1.88	79	52	69	0.21
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	89	49	69	66	+3	0.40	-0.95	1	2.90	74	75	75	
Rolling Fork	89	50	68	66	+2	0.34	-0.92	3	2.58	92	67	79	0.13
Stoneville	87	47	67	66	+1	0.55	0.71	4	2.46	85	59	72	0.25
Yazoo City	86	52	68	67	+1	0.19	-1.14	2	2.41				
Extreme/Average	89	47	68	67	+1	0.37	-0.82	3	2.59	92	59	75	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage	85	50	66	64	+2	0.12	-1.21	1	3.13				
Greenwood	87	49	67	66	+1	0.48	-0.82	2	2.40				
Jackson	89	52	69	66	+3	0.16	-1.20	3	2.73				
Winona	83	43	62	61	+1	0.90	-0.33	5	2.63				
Extreme/Average	89	43	66	66	0	0.42	-0.84	3	2.72				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	89	52	68			0.41 E	-0.8		1.82	76	63	69	
Columbus	88	47	67	65	+2	0.34	-0.88	3	1.93				
State University	86	47	64	64	0	0.82	-0.44	4	2.75	82	61	71	0.22
Extreme/Average	89	47	66	66	0	0.52	-0.77	3	2.17	82	61	70	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	53	69	67	+2	0.35	-0.96	2	4.27	90	66	75	
Natchez	88	55	72	68	+4	0.00	-1.34	0	4.78				
Oakley	88	52	69	66	+3	0.24	-1.06	2	3.46	92	41	75	
Vicksburg	86	54	69			0.18		3	2.51				
Extreme/Average	88	52	70	68	+2	0.19	-1.03	2	3.76	92	41	75	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	87	57	71	67	+4	0.03	-1.30	1	3.67				
McComb	89	59	72	67	+5	0.01	-1.29	1	3.52				
Extreme/Average	89	57	71	68	+3	0.02	-1.24	1	3.60				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	91	53	70			0.00		0	2.07				
Hattiesburg	90	55	72	68	+4	0.00	-1.26	0	2.83				
Laurel	87	54	69	66	+3	0.03	-1.16	1	2.96				
Meridian	90	51	68	66	+2	0.02	-1.21	1	1.58				
Newton	87	50	68	64	+4	0.11	-1.17	3	2.65	80	59	68	0.17
Extreme/Average	91	50	69	67	+2	0.03	-1.12	1	2.42	80	59	68	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	88	61	73	68	+5	0.00	-1.23	0	0.81				
Biloxi AFB	84	64	75			0.00		0	2.65				
Gulfport				69		0.00	-1.19	0	2.42				
Pascagoula	86	60	74			0.00		0	2.14				
Poplarville	89	57	72	68	+4	0.00	-1.26	0	3.60	90	66	77	0.22
Extreme/Average	89	57	73	70	+3	0.00	-1.07	0	2.24	90	66	77	0.22
State	91	38	68	67	+1	0.35	-0.87	2	2.52		41	72	0.20

DFN = Departure from Normal.