

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 29, 2001**. The corn crop is almost all planted, while cotton and soybeans are both being planted ahead of the normal pace. Soil moisture was rated 7 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 20 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	95	86	94	92	0	7	26	55	12
	Emerged	81	69	82	76					
Cotton	Planted	28	9	17	12	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	11	5	--	--					
Rice	Planted	61	43	34	63	0	1	19	58	22
	Emerged	38	26	8	23					
Sorghum	Planted	54	29	50	50	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	35	18	23	26					
Soybeans	Planted	58	45	22	24	0	5	30	51	14
	Emerged	44	29	6	9					
Watermelons	Planted	80	75	59	62	1	23	44	31	1
Wheat	Jointing	98	96	100	99	1	4	29	45	21
	Heading	76	58	98	80					
	Mature	0	0	1	1					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	32	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Blueberries						0	1	22	52	25
Cattle						0	6	24	58	12
Pasture						1	9	29	47	14

County Agent Comments

“A lot of cottonseed went into the ground last week. I expect planting to be full speed this week. The soil moisture and temperature are at an almost optimum level.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Producers are planting corn and cotton as fast as they can. No-till acres will be the highest ever for our county. Gardens are late, but are catching up now. No major problems reported from insects or diseases.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“One and one-half inches of rain fell on the county Monday night. Temperatures have been somewhat cooler than normal for the past three days. Temperatures are expected to return to normal and no rain is scheduled for the next week. The bulk of the cotton crop is expected to be planted in the next 7 days.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Corn planting is nearing the end. Soybean and cotton planting should be in full swing by mid-week. Ryegrass hay harvest has been progressing at rapid pace. Pastures are improving with weed control and additional fertilizer.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Corn growers need to check their corn. We are finding corn root worms and army worms in this area. We need some rain!!”

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

Weather Summary from April 23, 2001 to April 29, 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	84	46	65			0.20		1	3.21				
Tunica	89	48	68	65	+3	0.77	-0.56	1	4.28	88	50	69	0.21
Extreme/Average	89	46	67	66	+1	0.49	-0.77	1	3.75	88	50	69	0.21
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs													
Memphis	86	47	67	66	+1	0.85	-0.41	1	3.94				
Oxford	89	39	65	63	+2	0.93	-0.30	2	6.30				
Extreme/Average	89	36	66	65	+1	0.89	-0.37	2	5.12				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	85	43	63	64	-1	1.25	-0.01	2	4.59				
Corinth	86	40	64	65	-1	1.24	-0.02	1					
Iuka	87	37	60			0.86		1	4.40				
Pontotoc	84	43	63	64	-1	1.34	+0.08	2	4.23	70	60	65	0.26
Tupelo	85	42	64	65	-1	1.61	+0.36	6	8.38				
Verona	88	45	65			1.06		1	3.99	82	55	67	0.22
Extreme/Average	88	37	63	65	-2	1.23	-0.03	2	5.12	82	55	66	0.24
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	87	44	66	67	-1	1.03	-0.16	2	2.43				
Rolling Fork	85	45	67	68	-1	0.18	-0.87	1	2.72	88	65	77	0.21
Stoneville	87	47	67	67	0	0.79	-0.33	1	3.99	84	58	70	0.25
Yazoo City	85	44	65	68	-3	1.25	-0.00	1	2.35				
Extreme/Average	87	44	66	68	-2	0.81	-0.38	1	2.87	88	58	73	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	82	42	64	66	-2	0.58	-0.68	2					
Jackson	86	45	65	67	-2	0.64	-0.62	2	1.73				
Winona	83	38	59	63	-4	E1.00	-0.19	1	E2.93				
Extreme/Average	86	38	63	66	-3	0.74	-0.52	2	2.33				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.55	-0.75	1					
Columbus	83	42	65	66	-1	0.93	-0.46	2	E4.46				
State University	86	44	64	66	-2	0.50	-0.76	1	2.02	77	62	68	0.22
Extreme/Average	86	42	64	66	-2	0.66	-0.62	1	3.24	77	62	68	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	83	46	65			0.55		2	1.20	85	57	71	
Natchez	83	44	65	70	-5	1.60	+0.34	1	1.76				
Oakley	84	42	66	67	-1	0.72	-0.47	1	1.32	91	58	75	
Vicksburg	82	46	65			E1.52		2	E3.78				
Extreme/Average	84	42	65	68	-3	1.10	-0.13	2	2.02	91	57	73	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	82	46	66	69	-3	0.50	-0.72	2	1.66				
McComb	84	46	65	68	-3	0.85	-0.45	2	1.66				
Extreme/Average	84	46	66	68	-2	0.68	-0.58	2	1.66				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.32		1					
Hattiesburg	83	45	65	69	-4	0.84	-0.28	2	1.51				
Laurel						1.18	+0.06	2	1.47				
Meridian	85	42	63	66	-3	1.22	+0.04	1	4.51				
Newton	83	42	62	66	-4	0.88	-0.30	2	4.70	77	56	66	0.19
Extreme/Average	85	42	63	68	-5	1.03	-0.11	2	3.05	77	56	66	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	84	43	66			0.07		1	0.13				
BiloxiAFB	82	54	68			0.10		1	0.26				
Gulfport	82	49	68	71	-3	0.10	-1.03	1	0.32				
Pascagoula	86	40	65			0.07		2	0.31				
Poplarville	85	48	67	69	-2	0.45	-0.70	2	1.70	87	60	73	0.24
Extreme/Average	86	40	67	70	-3	0.16	-0.92	1	0.54	87	60	73	0.24
State	89	36	65	67	-2	0.81	-0.41	2	2.92	91	50	70	0.21

DFN = Departure from Normal.

"E" = Includes Estimated Daily Values.