

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 30, 2000**. Corn harvest is nearing completion in most parts of the state. Planting of all other spring row crop progressed rapidly in many parts of the state due to the over all dry weather conditions. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	95	90	95	91	0	11	29	52	8
	Emerged	83	77	78	76					
Cotton	Planted	19	5	19	16	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	3	--	7	5					
Rice	Planted	36	20	71	73	0	1	39	59	1
	Emerged	9	0	26	36					
Sorghum	Planted	53	35	43	50	0	1	18	78	3
	Emerged	24	15	16	30					
Soybeans	Planted	24	10	26	24	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	7	1	13	12					
Wheat	Heading	98	95	94	81	0	2	19	63	16
	Mature	1	0	0	1					
Watermelons	Planted	61	48	69	65	--	--	--	--	--
Blueberries						1	4	18	62	15
Cattle						0	8	20	59	13
Pasture						0	10	23	54	13

### County Agent Comments

“Rains received the middle of last week slowed field preparation and planting, but tractors were rolling again by week’s end. Producers are rapidly completing corn planting and beginning cotton and soybean planting. Ryegrass hay is being harvested.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“Ryegrass hay producers had a good week to harvest their crop. Pastures and cattle are in good shape. Soil moisture seems adequate for now, but concerns for subsurface soil moisture still exist.”

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

“Producers were able to complete planting corn in most areas of the county. Fields are being prepared to plant soybeans and cotton.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Soil temperature remains cool; however, cotton is being planted. We missed the forecasted rains for last Thursday night, which allowed planting to continue.”

— Ann Ruscoe, Coahoma County

“Farmers were back in the field Wednesday. The planting pace has accelerated for all crops. Producers need good weather a good 10 days running.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

### Weather Summary from April 24, 2000 to April 30, 2000 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	81	44	64	66	-2	0.44	-0.68	2	3.69	79	59	67	0.33
Cleveland	81	47	62			0.68		2	3.49				
Tunica	82	50	64	65	-1	0.68	-0.65	2	4.04	81	55	68	
Extreme/Average	82	44	63	66	-3	0.60	-0.66	2	3.74	81	55	67	0.33
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	82	40	61	63	-2	1.70	+0.45	3	4.34	74	57	65	0.26
Memphis	80	48	63	66	-3	0.21	-1.05	1	3.32				
Oxford	82	41	61	63	-2	1.23	-0.01	2	4.65				
Extreme/Average	82	40	62	65	-3	1.05	-0.21	2	4.10	74	57	65	0.26
3. Northeast													
Booneville	77	44	59	64	-5	1.34	+0.08	3	5.28				
Corinth	79	41	60	65	-5	0.90	-0.36	3	4.66				
Iuka	77	35	56			1.22		3	7.22				
Pontotoc	75	42	60	65	-5	0.78	-0.47	3	5.72	74	60	65	0.18
Tupelo	79	43	62	65	-3	0.66	-0.60	3	5.00				
Verona	79	44	61			E0.66		2	6.76	79	56	64	0.20
Extreme/Average	79	35	59	65	-6	E0.93	-0.33	3	5.77	79	56	65	0.17
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	85	48	65	68	-3	0.18	-1.03	1	3.35	84	65	74	
Greenwood	81	44	62	67	-5	0.23	-0.96	2	3.36				
Rolling Fork	83	48	65	68	-3	0.35	-0.70	1	2.61	87	63	71	0.15
Stoneville	80	48	63	67	-4	0.53	-0.59	1	6.36	79	57	67	0.18
Yazoo City	81	45	62	69	-7	0.56	-0.70	1	3.35				
Extreme/Average	85	44	63	68	-5	0.37	-0.82	1	3.81	87	57	71	0.16
5. Central													
Carthage	74	41	61	67	-6	0.22	-1.04	1	5.57				
Jackson	82	43	62	67	-5	0.03	-1.23	1	6.46				
Winona	77	37	57	64	-7	0.95	-0.24	3	7.40				
Extreme/Average	82	37	60	66	-6	0.40	-0.86	2	6.48				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	80	47	62			0.25	-1.04	1	3.27	76	52	64	
Columbus	81	43	61			0.24		3	4.19				
State University	80	42	61	67	-6	0.43	-0.82	4	5.72	74	60	66	0.17
Extreme/Average	81	42	62	66	-4	0.34	-0.93	3	4.50	76	52	65	0.17
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	82	48	64			0.80		1	5.25	86	60	71	
Natchez	82	45	63	70	-7	0.62	-0.64	1	7.90				
Oakley				68		0.69	-0.49	1	8.08				
Vicksburg	78	49	63			0.55		1	6.89				
Extreme/Average	82	45	63	68	-5	0.67	-0.57	1	7.03	86	60	71	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	80	49	65	69	-4	1.56	+0.34	1	6.58				
McComb	83	47	65	68	-3	0.13	-1.18	2	2.14				
Extreme/Average	83	47	65	68	-3	0.85	-0.41	2	4.36				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.93		3	3.42				
Hattiesburg	81	46	63	69	-6	0.96	-0.16	3	3.23				
Laurel	80	46	62	68	-6	0.72	-0.41	2	3.00				
Meridian	81	41	61	66	-5	0.35	-0.82	2	2.50				
Newton	80	42	61	66	-5	0.77	-0.40	1	4.51	62	53	56	0.17
Extreme/Average	81	41	62	68	-6	0.70	-0.43	2	3.31	62	53	56	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	85	48	67			0.87		1	2.17				
Biloxi AFB	86	55	70			0.78		2	2.24				
Gulfport	83	52	68	71	-3	1.01	-0.13	1	2.09				
Pascagoula				71		E0.71	-0.32	2	1.78				
Poplarville	83	48	66	70	-4	0.40	-0.76	1	2.09	90	63	74	0.24
Extreme/Average	86	48	68	70	-2	E0.75	-0.34	1	2.07	90	63	74	0.24
State	86	35	63	67	-4	E0.65	-0.57	2	4.69	90	52	66	0.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.