

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 6, 2001**. Hot and dry temperatures across most of the state have allowed farmers to get most of their crops in the ground. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 10 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	98	95	98	95	0	5	27	57	11
	Emerged	91	81	91	87					
Cotton	Planted	72	28	51	35	0	2	21	65	12
	Emerged	40	11	25	15					
Rice	Planted	84	61	59	77	0	2	22	58	18
	Emerged	60	38	31	47					
Sorghum	Planted	83	54	71	64	0	3	16	63	18
	Emerged	57	35	46	45					
Soybeans	Planted	74	58	44	35	0	5	28	52	15
	Emerged	56	44	25	21					
Watermelons	Planted	88	80	78	73	1	16	35	44	4
Wheat	Jointing	99	98	100	100	1	5	29	45	20
	Heading	95	76	100	93					
	Mature	2	0	3	4					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	2	1	1	5	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	52	32	53	29	0	5	31	46	18
Blueberries						0	1	20	53	26
Cattle						0	5	25	58	12
Pasture						0	8	34	45	13

County Agent Comments

“Soils have dried out and we need a rain. Many producers have quit planting soybeans and will wait for a rain. Cotton and rice are still being planting.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“Planting is going quickly and cotton is shooting out of the ground. We have good soil moisture but a small rain will help to kick the plants off and activate our chemicals and fertilizer.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada County

“Dryer fields allowed farmers to plant this week. Corn planting is almost complete and some cotton has been planted also. There is winter kill in homeowner landscapes and turf.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Cool season forage hay harvest and corn planting have ended. Soybean and cotton planting are in full swing. Corn that has emerged is growing rapidly with little insect pressure. A little shower wouldn't hurt anything.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“We have had good conditions for cutting and curing ryegrass hay. We are really dry and in need of rain. The corn crop is suffering due to lack of moisture. Pastures are really short of grazing. Some ryegrass hay that was just cut is already being fed due to lack of grazing. Producers are getting nervous as they reflect on last year's drought and how similar this year is to last.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones County

Weather Summary from April 30, 2001 to May 6, 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	85	56	71			0.00		0	3.18				
Tunica	88	61	74	67	+7	0.00	-1.34	0	4.20	90	67	77	0.22
Extreme/Average	88	56	72	68	+4	0.00	-1.26	0	3.69	90	67	77	0.22
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	86	50	68	64	+4	0.00	-1.27	0			66		0.29
Memphis	85	62	73	68	+5	0.01	-1.23	1	3.91				
Oxford	89	55	71	65	+6	0.00	-1.32	0	2.65				
Extreme/Average	89	50	71	66	+5	0.00	-1.30	0	3.28		66		0.29
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	52	69	66	+3	0.00	-1.32	0	3.43				
Corinth	85	53	69	66	+3	0.00	-1.26	0	4.20				
Iuka	86	46	66			0.00		0	3.51				
Pontotoc	84	57	70	66	+4	0.00	-1.24	0	3.75	72	65	69	0.26
Tupelo	84	53	69	67	+2	0.00	-1.32	0	4.16				
Verona						1.06		1	3.31				0.18
Extreme/Average	86	46	68	66	+2	0.18	-1.12	0	3.73	72	65	69	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	85	57	71	69	+2	0.00	-1.19	0	2.32				
Rolling Fork	87	59	73	69	+4	0.00	-1.05	0	2.50	91	73	82	0.23
Stoneville	88	59	74	69	+5	0.01	-1.11	1	3.82	88	66	77	0.29
Yazoo City	86	56	71	70	+1	0.09	-1.20	1	2.33				
Extreme/Average	88	56	72	69	+3	0.03	-1.17	1	2.88	91	66	80	0.24
5. Central													
Carthage	85	54	68	68	0	0.00	-1.26	0					
Jackson	85	54	70	69	+1	0.01	-1.25	1	1.57				
Winona	84	49	66	65	+1	0.00	-1.19	0	E2.51				
Extreme/Average	85	49	68	68	0	0.00	-1.26	0	2.04				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	86	54	70			0.00	-1.17	0		80	61	71	
Columbus	88	53	71	68	+3	0.00	-1.30	0	E2.11				
State University	86	51	69	68	+1	0.00	-1.18	0	1.21	82	69	75	0.22
Extreme/Average	88	51	70	68	+2	0.00	-1.22	0	1.66	82	61	73	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	54	70			0.00		0	1.20	88	64	77	
Natchez	84	54	70	71	-1	0.00	-1.28	0	1.76				
Oakley		53		69		0.00	-1.17	0	1.32	95	70	82	
Vicksburg	85	56	72			0.00		0	E3.75				
Extreme/Average	85	53	71	70	+1	0.00	-1.26	0	2.01	95	64	80	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	86	54	71	70	+1	0.00	-1.26	0	1.66				
McComb	84	54	70	69	+1	0.00	-1.33	0	1.66				
Extreme/Average	86	54	70	70	0	0.00	-1.27	0	1.66				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0					
Hattiesburg	85	55	71	70	+1	0.00	-1.17	0	1.50				
Laurel	87	54	70	69	+1	0.00	-1.19	0	1.45				
Meridian	85	53	68	68	0	0.00	-1.12	0	2.94				
Newton	85	52	68	68	0	0.00	-1.12	0	3.30	82	62	71	0.19
Extreme/Average	87	52	69	69	0	0.00	-1.12	0	2.30	82	62	71	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	83	54	69			0.00		0	0.13				
BiloxiAFB	82	59	71			0.00		0	0.26				
Gulfport	79	58	70	73	-3	0.00	-1.13	0	0.32				
Pascagoula	84	51	68			0.00		0	0.31				
Poplarville	87	56	71	71	0	0.55	-0.64	1	2.25	90	65	75	0.21
Extreme/Average	87	51	70	72	-2	0.11	-1.01	0	0.74	90	65	75	0.21
State	89	46	70	68	+2	0.02	-1.20	0	2.33	95	61	75	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

"E" = Includes Estimated Daily Values.