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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 12, 2002**. Rain in the northern part of the state has delayed fieldwork, while farmers in the central and southern areas are needing rain. Soil moisture was rated 13 percent very short, 24 percent short, 29 percent adequate and 34 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	Emerged	98	92	94	93	1	5	17	57	20
Cotton	Planted	70	56	87	63	0	7	18	66	9
	Emerged	50	29	65	37					
Rice	Planted	84	75	93	86	0	5	17	59	19
	Emerged	70	45	76	65					
Sorghum	Planted	76	57	92	78	0	2	12	76	10
	Emerged	57	38	75	64					
Soybeans	Planted	63	55	83	56	0	11	27	54	8
	Emerged	47	35	68	40					
Wheat	Mature	6	--	5	6	1	19	35	36	9
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	58	46	69	49	2	15	29	38	16
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	2	--	5	5	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	94	88	91	78	1	3	28	68	0
Cattle						2	4	25	60	9
Pasture						4	13	32	44	7
Blueberries						0	0	33	63	4

### County Agent Comments

“Today's rain will keep farmers out of the field a little longer. Round-up cotton needs spraying. Some thrips and cutworm control has gone out. Rice weed control has been delayed. We need some dry weather.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Rain on Friday finished up the week, and as I write this on Monday (5/13), it is raining. Some cotton is in need of replanting. Any cotton planted within 48 hours of preceding rains has rotted. Ryegrass hay that we have cut has had 2-3 inches of rain on it.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

“Heavy rains the first of the week halted planting. Some corn under water is beginning to stress. There have been many calls about the cicadae hatch and what harm it will do to plants and crops.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Dry weather continues to be the story for most of the county, except the extreme northern portions. Row crop work progressed rapidly with the cotton and soybean crops receiving the most attention. Pastures are slowing down growth due to low rainfall. We are about 8 inches below average for the year.”

— Glen E. Williams, Oktibbeha County

“We sure need the rain that is predicted. Very often, the cold fronts stall out north of us and we miss the rain.”

— Stan Pace, Hancock County

“We have rain for the first time in several weeks; this will help pastures as grass was starting to show signs of stress.”

— Walter Walker, Jackson County

“Rain is needed badly. Corn is starting to twist up from lack of moisture during the afternoon. Ryegrass has matured early this year.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin County

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**Weather Summary from May 6, 2002 to May 12, 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				70		0.91	-0.23	2	7.08	75	64	69	0.31
Cleveland	87	57	75	69	+6	1.95	+0.82	2	4.83				
Tunica	86			68		0.69	-0.64	3	5.71	82	61	73	0.17
Extreme/Average	87	57	75	69	+6	1.18	-0.08	2	5.87	82	61	71	0.21
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	85	55	70	65	+5	0.91	-0.35	3	5.81	81	67	74	0.18
Memphis	85	57	74	68	+6	0.68	-0.54	3	3.00				
Oxford	87	56	74	67	+7	2.19	+0.90	2	12.01				
Extreme/Average	87	55	73	68	+5	1.26	-0.07	3	6.94	81	67	74	0.18
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	56	71	66	+5	1.34	-0.10	3	6.79				
Corinth	85	57	72	68	+4	0.98	-0.35	2	4.39				
Iuka	85	54	70	64	+6	1.29	-0.14	2	5.42				
Pontotoc	85	58	73	67	+6	1.06	-0.15	2	10.61	78	65	73	0.21
Tupelo	87	63	75	67	+8	0.73	-0.58	3	6.99				
Verona	88	60	74	68	+6	1.42	+0.30	2	11.03	85	61	73	0.26
Extreme/Average	88	54	72	68	+4	1.14	-0.19	2	7.54	85	61	73	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	66	78	70	+8	0.20	-1.27	1	2.70	79	81	83	
Rolling Fork	91	60	78	70	+8	1.02	-0.21	2	2.43	95	73	85	0.15
Stoneville	90	60	77	70	+7	0.41	-0.84	1	2.69	88	64	77	0.25
Yazoo City	89	57	78	70	+8	1.25	-0.08	1	2.28				
Extreme/Average	91	57	78	71	+7	0.72	-0.52	1	2.53	95	64	81	0.20
5. Central													
Carthage	90	59	78	69	+9	0.06	-1.26	2	0.49				
Greenwood	88	67	77	70	+7	0.62	-0.64	2	1.49				
Jackson	91	67	79	69	+10	0.00	-1.18	0	0.42				
Winona	86	53	73	65	+8	0.65	-0.54	2	1.97				
Extreme/Average	91	53	77	69	+8	0.33	-0.91	2	1.09				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	90	57	77			0.00	-1.11	0	0.61	77	67	72	
Columbus	91	55	76	69	+7	0.14	-0.82	1	0.99				
State University	89	58	75	68	+7	0.02	-1.14	1	1.24	84	69	77	0.17
Extreme/Average	91	55	76	69	+7	0.05	-1.11	1	0.95	84	67	75	0.17
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	92	66	80	70	+10	0.00	-1.11	0	0.35	99	80	89	
Natchez	89	66	78	72	+6	0.00	-1.26	0	0.14				
Oakley	93	63	80	70	+10	0.00	-1.11	0	0.89				
Vicksburg	91	61	79			1.22		1	1.60				
Extreme/Average	93	61	79	71	+8	0.31	-0.95	0	0.75	99	80	89	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	67	79	71	+8	0.00	-1.29	0	0.03				
McComb	91	68	80	71	+9	0.00	-1.26	0	0.01				
Extreme/Average	91	67	80	71	+9	0.00	-1.26	0	0.02				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	0.37				
Hattiesburg	95	66	80	71	+9	0.00	-1.26	0	0.00				
Laurel	91	66	78	70	+8	0.02	-1.24	1	1.54				
Meridian	92	64	79	70	+9	0.01	-1.16	1	0.30				
Newton	91	63	78	68	+10	0.16	-0.85	1	0.27	87	70	79	0.27
Extreme/Average	95	63	78	70	+8	0.04	-1.06	1	0.50	87	70	79	0.27
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	91	64	78	72	+6	0.00	-1.33	0	0.00				
BiloxiAFB	90	77	83			0.00		0	0.00				
Gulfport	87	75	81	74	+7	0.00	-1.31	0	0.00				
Pascagoula	88	62	78			0.01		1	0.01				
Poplarville	95	68	81	72	+9	0.00	-1.33	0	0.00	95	78	92	0.26
Extreme/Average	95	62	80	73	+7	0.00	-1.12	0	0.00	95	78	92	0.26
State	95	53	77	70	+7	0.45	-0.77	1	2.29	99	61	80	0.20

DFN = Departure from Normal.