

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 13, 2001**. Temperatures were warmer than normal with limited precipitation in some parts of the state. Insects are becoming a problem in the northern half of the state. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 30 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 5 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	100	98	100	98	0	5	23	58	14
	Emerged	95	91	97	94					
Cotton	Planted	90	72	77	66	0	4	27	60	15
	Emerged	69	40	54	40					
Rice	Planted	94	84	73	87	0	2	22	60	16
	Emerged	79	60	53	67					
Sorghum	Planted	94	83	81	76	0	3	17	61	19
	Emerged	78	57	71	64					
Soybeans	Planted	85	74	58	54	1	5	28	51	15
	Emerged	70	56	43	37					
Watermelons	Planted	92	88	84	78	0	8	35	45	12
Wheat	Jointing	100	99	100	100	1	5	30	44	20
	Heading	98	95	100	97					
	Mature	6	2	11	12					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	5	2	4	7	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	72	52	61	46	0	4	33	43	20
Blueberries						0	1	23	46	30
Cattle						0	4	25	58	13
Pasture						0	9	36	42	13

### County Agent Comments

“It has been nearly three weeks since most of the county has received any appreciable rainfall. Most of the cotton and rice has been planted and we are waiting on a rain to complete soybean planting. We are also seeing some major damage from cutworms, armyworms and in some cases salt marsh caterpillars to cotton.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica County

“Cotton producers are off to a very good start. Crop emergence in no-till plantings has been excellent. Hay harvesting is also going at a rapid pace. Home gardeners are taking advantage of the favorable weather to catch up on plantings.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“We need a rain. Some cotton producers are running their center pivot irrigation systems to activate their herbicides and to help germinate the cotton seed that is laying in the dry soil. Rice producers are flushing their rice. Corn producers are also irrigating their corn.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“It seems as if we have hit a dry spell. The last three weeks have been pretty dry, only isolated showers have occurred and that was during the last week. Cool season hay has been cut for the most part. Warm season hay producers and vegetable growers are looking for more than isolated showers.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

**Weather Summary from May 7, 2001 to May 13, 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				70		1.62	+0.43	3					
Cleveland	85	55	72			0.85		1	1.37				
Tunica	89	60	74	69	+5	0.10	-1.23	1	0.87	93	67	78	0.15
Extreme/Average	89	55	73	70	+3	0.86	-0.40	2	1.12	93	67	78	0.15
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	85	46	68	66	+2	1.05	-0.28	2	1.05	82	65	73	0.20
Memphis	85	58	72	70	+2	0.86	-0.33	2	1.72				
Oxford	85	58	72	67	+5	0.47	-0.93	4	1.40				
Extreme/Average	85	46	71	68	+3	0.79	-0.53	3	1.56	82	65	73	0.20
3. Northeast													
Booneville	82	50	69	67	+2	0.23	-1.12	2	1.48				
Corinth	83	57	71	68	+3	0.43	-0.83	1	1.67				
Iuka	84	45	67			0.62		1	1.62				
Pontotoc	83	54	71	68	+3	0.53	-0.66	5	1.87	74	67	70	0.21
Tupelo	84	52	69	69	0	1.34	-0.01	3	2.95				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	84	45	69	68	+1	0.63	-0.69	2	1.92	74	67	70	0.21
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	86	53	72	70	+2	0.01	-1.22	1	1.07				
Rolling Fork	88	58	74	71	+3	0.00	-1.10	0	0.64	96	72	84	0.20
Stoneville	87	57	74	71	+3	0.52	-0.60	2	1.60	89	69	78	0.26
Yazoo City	85	57	72	72	0	0.82	-0.51	2	2.53				
Extreme/Average	88	53	73	71	+2	0.34	-0.89	1	1.59	96	69	81	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage	86	53	71	69	+2	0.10	-1.10	1	0.68				
Jackson	86	57	71	70	+1	1.16	-0.08	2	1.81				
Winona	82	47	67	67	0	0.29	-0.85	1	E1.33				
Extreme/Average	86	47	70	69	+1	0.52	-0.71	1	1.57				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.21	-0.83	1	0.76				
Columbus	88	55	73	69	+4	0.20	-1.01	4	E2.13				
State University	86	52	71	70	+1	0.40	-0.71	3	1.00	81	70	75	0.16
Extreme/Average	88	52	72	69	+3	0.27	-0.88	3	1.30	81	70	75	0.16
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	60	73			0.68		2	1.83	92	63	79	
Natchez	84	58	72	72	0	0.00	-1.30	0	1.76				
Oakley		52		71		0.76	-0.36	2	1.83	95	72	82	
Vicksburg	85	60	73			0.57		1	E3.39				
Extreme/Average	85	52	73	71	+2	0.50	-0.76	1	2.20	95	63	81	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	86	58	72	72	0	0.09	-1.13	1	1.75				
McComb	86	58	72	71	+1	0.28	-1.04	3	1.13				
Extreme/Average	86	58	72	71	+1	0.19	-1.07	2	1.44				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.66		1					
Hattiesburg	89	58	72	72	0	2.65	+1.46	2	3.95				
Laurel	85	57	71	71	0	0.62	-0.57	3	2.03				
Meridian	85	55	70	70	0	0.59	-0.47	4	1.82				
Newton	86	55	70	69	+1	0.35	-0.69	3	2.25	84	63	73	0.18
Extreme/Average	89	55	71	70	+1	1.05	-0.04	3	2.51	84	63	73	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	91	54	71			0.00		0	0.13				
BiloxiAFB	86	61	73			0.00		0	0.10				
Gulfport	84	59	72	74	-2	0.39	-0.73	2	0.71				
Pascagoula	89	51	70			0.52		2	0.59				
Poplarville	89	57	73	72	+1	1.35	+0.16	1	3.36	90	62	76	0.23
Extreme/Average	91	51	72	73	-1	0.45	-0.67	1	1.08	90	62	76	0.23
<b>State</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>-0.65</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0.20</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

"E" = Indicates Total Includes Estimated Daily Values.