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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 26, 2002**. Cool weather has slowed progress of crops, while central and southern Mississippi still need rain. Soil moisture was rated 15 percent very short, 32 percent short, 48 percent adequate and 5 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	Silked	2	--	6	5	1	5	19	54	21
Cotton	Planted	93	82	99	96	6	16	41	31	6
	Emerged	84	60	91	83					
	Squaring	1	--	3	1					
Rice	Planted	98	91	99	97	0	11	22	65	2
	Emerged	92	81	94	88					
Sorghum	Planted	94	88	99	92	0	2	29	67	2
	Emerged	89	77	94	85					
Soybeans	Planted	87	72	94	83	1	3	25	59	6
	Emerged	75	57	87	69					
Wheat	Mature	40	16	54	49	0	18	43	30	9
	Harvested	4	1	5	9					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	85	71	90	78	9	12	32	30	17
		(Warm Season)	14	--	13					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	15	6	11	16	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	100	99	96	87	1	13	45	27	14
Cattle						2	7	25	55	11
Pasture						9	13	32	39	7
Blueberries						0	6	32	51	11

### County Agent Comments

“Cold wet weather is hurting the crops that have emerged and is taking the vigor out of the rest. Producers are encouraged by the Farm Bill but need good growing conditions to see crops improve.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“All farm activities gained speed this week as wet field conditions improved prospects for planting of cotton and soybeans. Cool nights continue to plague emerged and emerging cotton. Many fields of cotton planted without in-furrow fungicides are being replanted. Corn producers finished side-dressing nitrogen. Hay producers harvested much of the cool season forage crop. However, quality is severely reduced due to the late harvest.”

— Stanley Wise, Union County

“Cool weather has the cotton and rice crop looking bad. Additionally, the cotton crop is suffering from wind damage. Some cotton has been replanted. Thrips are being found in most of the cotton fields with many producers spraying to control the thrips. Some corn has been sprayed for first generation corn borers. Wheat harvest has started.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“We got a few showers late last week. However, we are still dry. Most of the cotton has been planted. We are beginning to see some irrigation in corn fields. Livestock and hay fields seem to be doing fine considering the dry conditions. Everything else is doing good.”

— Detric Brown, Scott County

“The forecasted Mississippi River stage will put about 20 percent of row crops under water. The remainder of crop land and pastures are very dry. Cotton suffered from cool nights. Corn is still hanging in, but it needs rain.”

— Terry Rector, Warren County

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**Weather Summary from May 20, 2002 to May 26, 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	83	49	67	73	-6	0.00	-1.19	0	7.01	79	56	69	0.22
Cleveland	85	48	66	74	-8	0.00	-1.12	0	5.11				
Tunica	87			72		0.00	-1.26	0	6.26	85	61	72	0.21
Extreme/Average	87	48	67	73	-6	0.00	-1.18	0	6.13	85	56	71	0.21
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	85	37	64	69	-5	0.70	-0.54	1	8.08	80	62	72	0.25
Memphis	86	49	68	73	-5	0.19	-0.93	2	3.98				
Oxford	86	42	66	71	-5	0.11	-1.15	1	12.32				
Extreme/Average	86	37	66	71	-5	0.33	-0.87	1	8.13	80	62	72	0.25
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	43	62	70	-8	0.12	-1.29	1	7.28				
Corinth	85	40	64	72	-8	0.20	-1.08	1	5.65				
Iuka	85	34	59	67	-8	0.00	-1.37	0	5.66				
Pontotoc	87	43	65	71	-6	0.00	-1.19	0	9.69	72	62	67	0.23
Tupelo	86	43	65	72	-7	0.00	-1.33	0	6.81				
Verona	87	45	64	72	-8	0.00	-1.07	0	10.12	88	52	71	0.27
Extreme/Average	87	34	62	71	-8	0.05	-1.14	0	7.54	88	52	69	0.25
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	85	49	68	74	-6	0.00	-1.35	0	2.50	79	85	80	
Rolling Fork	89	47	68	74	-6	0.00	-1.15	0	3.10	94	63	79	0.21
Stoneville	83	49	65	75	-10	0.00	-1.14	0	3.05	86	61	74	0.31
Yazoo City	86	46	67	74	-7	0.00	-1.21	0	3.36				
Extreme/Average	89	46	67	74	-7	0.00	-1.14	0	3.00	94	61	78	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage	86	43	64	73	-9	0.00	-1.15	0	1.47				
Greenwood	87	44	68	75	-7	0.25	-0.93	2	1.80				
Jackson	87	44	68	74	-6	0.00	-1.01	0	1.19				
Winona	83	39	60	69	-9	0.04	-1.08	1	1.84				
Extreme/Average	87	39	65	73	-8	0.07	-1.02	1	1.58				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-1.01	0	0.70				
Columbus	86	42	62	73	-11	0.00	-0.91	0	1.75				
State University	85	43	63	72	-9	0.00	-1.05	0	3.32	79	64	70	0.22
Extreme/Average	86	42	63	72	-9	0.00	-1.02	0	1.92	79	64	70	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	47	67	74	-7	0.00	-1.09	0	0.32	80	61	69	
Natchez	84	44	68	75	-7	0.75	-0.44	1	1.69				
Oakley				73		0.00	-1.05	0	2.68				
Vicksburg	84	48	67			0.00		0	3.30				
Extreme/Average	89	44	67	74	-7	0.19	-0.98	0	2.00	80	61	69	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	88	45	67	75	-8	0.00	-1.23	0	0.69				
McComb	89	48	69	74	-5	0.02	-1.17	1	1.05				
Extreme/Average	89	45	68	74	-6	0.01	-1.18	1	0.69				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	91	44	66			0.46		1	0.86				
Hattiesburg	90	48	67	74	-7	0.00	-1.15	0	1.29				
Laurel	88	44	65	73	-8	0.00	-1.15	0	1.85				
Meridian	87	40	65	73	-8	0.00	-1.04	0	1.13				
Newton	88	39	62	72	-10	0.00	-0.85	0	1.09	83	59	71	0.25
Extreme/Average	91	39	65	73	-8	0.09	-0.89	0	1.24	83	59	71	0.25
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	81	42	63	75	-12	0.00	-1.23	0	0.35				
BiloxiAFB	84	54	70			0.00		0	0.83				
Gulfport	93	51	68	77	-9	0.00	-1.27	0	0.95				
Pascagoula	88	44	66			0.00		0	0.43				
Poplarville	90	49	68	75	-7	0.00	-1.23	0	0.54	92	62	81	0.28
Extreme/Average	93	42	67	76	-9	0.00	-1.12	0	0.62	92	62	81	0.28
State	93	34	66	73	-7	0.08	-1.03	0	3.01	94	52	72	0.25

DFN = Departure from Normal.