

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 27, 2001**. Summer row crop planting is virtually completed across the state. Insects continue to be a problem in many parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 4 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	Emerged	99	98	100	99	1	5	19	62	13
	Silked	6	4	5	4					
Cotton	Planted	99	97	96	96	0	5	19	61	15
	Emerged	92	85	90	86					
	Squaring	4	0	2	3					
Rice	Planted	99	98	95	98	0	2	19	61	18
	Emerged	95	91	81	90					
Sorghum	Planted	99	97	96	91	0	4	18	65	13
	Emerged	95	90	93	84					
Soybeans	Planted	95	91	84	82	1	5	31	50	13
	Emerged	88	78	74	8					
	Blooming	7	--	--	--					
Watermelons	Planted	96	94	88	87	1	13	47	33	6
Wheat	Mature	60	20	65	52	1	6	39	39	15
	Harvested	5	2	12	10					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	12	7	24	18	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	91	85	86	77	0	7	39	43	11
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	14	7	13	12					
Blueberries						0	1	31	46	22
Cattle						0	4	27	57	12
Pasture						1	11	38	41	9

### County Agent Comments

“The county received a little over an inch of rain this week. This will bring up some crops and slow the planting of those waiting for a rain. We are grateful for what we got, we will need more next week.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“We received some rain Sunday night and Monday morning in most areas of the county, which will help all crops including vegetables grow. Wheat is maturing and harvest is expected to begin soon. No major problems have been reported concerning insects in fields.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Rain throughout the holiday weekend has halted most hay activities and field work. Soybeans, cotton and corn are up and early indications look favorable for a good crop this year as long as adequate moisture is available.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn County

“All row crops benefitted from the rain this week. There are some reports of thrip damage on some of the late planted cotton. This is due to in-furrow insecticide not working because of dry weather conditions. The rain also put a halt to hay harvesting.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

**Weather Summary from May 21, 2001 to May 27, 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	90	53	70	74	-4	1.42	+0.24	3	3.04	82	60	66	
Cleveland	92	53	71			1.19		3	2.34				
Tunica	92	53	70	73	-3	1.59	+0.35	3	1.69	94	62	75	0.26
Extreme/Average	92	53	70	73	-3	1.40	+0.23	3	2.36	94	60	71	0.26
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs						1.92	+0.73	3	2.97				0.22
Memphis	87	51	66	73	-7	2.03	+0.99	2	4.47				
Oxford	90	47	67	70	-3	1.59	+0.35	3	2.16				
Extreme/Average	90	47	67	71	-4	1.85	+0.67	3	3.20				0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	87	51	65	71	-6	2.19	+0.96	3	2.57				
Corinth						1.57	+0.46	3	2.26				
Iuka	87	49	68			1.50		3	2.33				
Pontotoc	89	50	66	71	-5	2.03	+0.91	3	2.57	76	67	71	0.47
Tupelo	84	50	66	72	-6	1.40	+0.15	5	3.36				
Verona						2.07		3	3.23				0.30
Extreme/Average	89	49	66	72	-6	1.79	+0.62	3	2.72	76	67	71	0.37
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				75									
Greenwood	86	51	68	74	-6	1.91	+0.74	4	2.28				
Rolling Fork	87	55	72	74	-2	0.15	-0.90	1	1.07	93	72	82	0.25
Stoneville	90	54	72	74	-2	1.80	+0.75	3	2.66	90	65	78	0.31
Yazoo City	88	52	69	75	-6	0.72	-0.46	2	1.78				
Extreme/Average	90	51	70	75	-5	1.15	+0.02	3	1.95	93	65	80	0.26
5. Central													
Carthage	88	47	68	73	-5	0.85	-0.20	1	0.95				
Jackson	85	51	70	74	-4	1.53	+0.49	3	2.89				
Winona	86	45	65	70	-5	2.80	+1.76	2	3.22				
Extreme/Average	88	45	68	73	-5	1.73	+0.65	2	2.35				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	91	53	71			0.97	+0.12	2	1.18	85	66	74	
Columbus	94	50	70	73	-3	1.87	+0.85	5	2.07				
State University	91	50	69	73	-4	1.35	+0.39	2	1.86	88	68	77	0.38
Extreme/Average	94	50	70	73	-3	1.40	+0.39	3	1.70	88	66	75	0.38
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	51	71			2.48		2	3.16	96	66	80	
Natchez	87	55	72	75	-3	2.56	+1.36	3	2.56				
Oakley	88	52	72	74	-2	1.16	+0.09	1	1.92	100	67	83	
Vicksburg	89	55	71			0.89		2	1.53				
Extreme/Average	89	51	71	74	-3	1.77	+0.61	2	2.29	100	66	82	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	50	73	75	-2	0.20	-0.93	3	0.29				
McComb	91	46	72	74	-2	0.51	-0.70	4	0.80				
Extreme/Average	91	46	73	74	-1	0.36	-0.82	4	0.55				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.16		2	0.82				
Hattiesburg	93	49	74	75	-1	0.31	-0.86	3	2.96				
Laurel						0.43	-0.66	2	1.07				
Meridian	87	46	70	73	-3	2.13	+1.21	6	2.72				
Newton	90	46	69	72	-3	3.10	+2.22	4	3.45	84	62	75	0.24
Extreme/Average	93	46	71	74	-3	1.49	+0.52	4	2.55	84	62	75	0.24
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	91	47	74			0.00		0	0.00				
Biloxi AFB	86	55	75			0.00		0	0.10				
Gulfport	84	60	76	77	-1	0.00	-1.12	0	0.39				
Pascagoula	88	47	71			0.40		1	0.96				
Poplarville	93	51	74	75	-1	0.35	-0.75	2	2.26	98	70	83	0.30
Extreme/Average	93	47	74	76	-2	0.15	-0.97	1	0.74	98	70	83	0.30
State	94	45	70	73	-3	1.37	+0.27	3	2.09	100	60	77	0.34

DFN = Departure from Normal.