

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 3, 2001**. Wet conditions hampered field work throughout the state. Insects continue to be a problem in many parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 8 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	Silked	10	6	21	11	1	4	17	63	15
Cotton	Planted	100	99	99	98	0	4	19	59	18
	Emerged	98	92	95	95					
	Squaring	10	4	11	13					
Rice	Emerged	100	95	90	96	0	2	18	61	19
Sorghum	Emerged	98	95	95	88	0	3	14	65	18
Soybeans	Planted	98	95	90	87	1	5	28	50	16
	Emerged	95	88	82	78					
	Blooming	18	7	6	2					
Watermelons	Planted	98	96	90	90	3	9	27	57	4
Wheat	Mature	85	60	89	74	0	4	33	40	23
	Harvested	15	5	43	28					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	22	12	46	30	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	95	91	95	86	1	8	37	45	9
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	20	14	17	16					
Blueberries						0	2	30	41	27
Cattle						0	3	24	60	13
Pasture						1	11	36	43	9

### County Agent Comments

“Crops are looking good from the rain that fell most of the week. Forage crops have improved tremendously. Fields were too wet for any activities. Soybean planting will resume when ground conditions allow.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Moisture was a problem in the month of May. Though we have had showers, we have not had a general rain. Crops have been slow to grow and have had additional pressure from insects migrating off of native vegetation. Hopefully, June will provide good moisture and avoid a repeat of the 2000 season.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Cotton, corn and soybeans continue to look good as afternoon showers stimulate growth. Pastures and hay fields are growing at a very rapid pace. Livestock conditions are extremely good. A few diseases are showing up in yards and gardens. Cutworms began to be a problem in cotton and in some corn during the last week.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Additional showers hampered fieldwork, but no one is complaining. Memories of dry conditions from the last several years are still fresh on farmers minds. Blueberry harvest began this weekend. Berries are large on early varieties, but yields will be lower due to cold and midge problems earlier. Spraying for weeds and insects are the main jobs on farms. Some weeds are getting ahead of producers because rain has hampered field operations.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

### Weather Summary from May 28, 2001 to June 3, 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	87	58	73	76	-3	2.20	+1.10	4	5.24	78	60	70	
Cleveland	87	63	74			1.90		4	4.24				
Tunica	89	64	74	75	-1	1.40	+0.26	6	3.09	94	69	78	0.17
Extreme/Average	89	58	74	75	-1	1.83	+0.74	5	4.19	94	60	74	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs													
Memphis	84	61	72	75	-3	2.01	+1.06	5	6.47				
Oxford	85	57	71	72	-1	2.10	+1.04	5	4.26				
Extreme/Average	85	52	72	73	-1	2.06	+1.00	5	5.37	81	62		
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	54	70	73	-3	1.63	+0.56	4	4.20				
Corinth	85	48	69	73	-4	0.54	-0.42	5	2.80				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	82	57	71	73	-2	2.45	+1.41	6	5.02	79	68	72	0.31
Tupelo	81	58	70	74	-4	2.56	+1.46	5	5.92				
Verona	82	59	71			3.12		4	5.29	80	65	73	0.25
Extreme/Average	85	48	70	73	-3	2.06	+1.01	5	4.65	80	65	72	0.26
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	90	60	74	76	-2	1.52	+0.43	3	3.80				
Rolling Fork	93	62	77	76	+1	0.75	-0.24	3	1.82	95	78	82	0.19
Stoneville	93	64	76	76	0	2.42	+1.45	4	5.07	90	72	79	0.22
Yazoo City	89	61	74	77	-3	2.25	+1.24	2	3.94				
Extreme/Average	93	60	75	76	-1	1.74	+0.72	3	3.66	95	72	80	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage	89	54	73	75	-2	1.03	+0.1		1.9				
Jackson	91	57	75	76	-1	0.43	-0.4		3.3				
Winona	81	52	69	72	-3	2.14	E+1.1		5.3				
Extreme/Average	91	52	72	75	-3	1.20	+0.2		3.5				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.86	+0.0		2.0				
Columbus	86	56	72	75	-3	1.68	E+0.7		3.7				
State University	84	58	73	75	-2	1.48	+0.6		3.3	8	7	7	0.1
Extreme/Average	86	56	73	74	-1	1.34	+0.4		3.0	8	7	7	0.1
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	64	76			0.25		3	3.41	96	75	83	
Natchez	90	58	77	77	0	0.35	-0.75	1	4.06				
Oakley	90	60	76	75	+1	0.75	-0.28	2	2.67	95	70	83	
Vicksburg	90	64	76			0.24		2	1.77				
Extreme/Average	90	58	76	76	0	0.40	-0.68	2	2.98	96	70	83	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	60	78	77	+1	0.60	E-0.4		0.8				
McComb	95	56	78	75	+3	0.38	-0.7		1.1				
Extreme/Average	95	56	78	76	+2	0.49	-0.5		1.0				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	92	58	79	76	+3	0.47	-0.61	1	3.43				
Laurel	91	57	75	76	-1	0.93	-0.03	2	2.00				
Meridian	91	55	74	75	-1	1.33	+0.48	6	4.05				
Newton	89	54	73	74	-1	0.20	-0.59	3	3.65	83	67	75	0.16
Extreme/Average	92	54	75	75	0	0.73	-0.16	3	3.28	83	67	75	0.16
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	95	60	79			0.08		2	0.08				
Biloxi AFB	90	68	81			1.01		4	1.11				
Gulfport	90	66	80	79	+1	2.00	+0.93	1	2.39				
Pascagoula	90	60	79			1.27		5	2.23				
Poplarville	95	62	80	77	+3	0.08	-0.96	1	1.79	99	66	83	0.31
Extreme/Average	95	60	80	77	+3	0.89	-0.20	3	1.52	99	66	83	0.31
State	95	48	74	75	-1	1.20	+0.19	3	3.32	99	60	78	0.29

DFN = Departure from Normal.