

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 4, 2000**. Spring row crop planting is near completion in most parts of the state. Dry conditions prevail across most of the state. Soil moisture was rated 23 percent very short, 44 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	23	6	16	11	2	6	26	54	12
Cotton	Planted	99	97	99	99	0	4	24	58	14
	Emerged	96	92	96	96					
	Squaring	13	2	8	17					
Rice	Planted	98	96	100	100	0	2	31	55	12
	Emerged	91	83	98	98					
Sorghum	Planted	99	97	99	95	0	2	21	68	9
	Emerged	95	94	91	89					
Soybeans	Planted	91	85	89	85	0	4	24	58	14
	Emerged	83	77	81	76					
	Blooming	6	--	4	1					
Wheat	Mature	92	70	85	76	0	6	30	47	17
	Harvested	48	14	46	26					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvest	96	87	91	85	5	15	29	42	9
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvest	18	14	23	18					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	50	25	42	29	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	90	88	87	92					
Blueberries						0	2	53	44	1
Cattle						2	5	29	54	10
Pasture						12	17	28	37	6

County Agent Comments

“Rainfall over the weekend stopped wheat harvesting, but was very beneficial to spring seeded crops. Wheat yields are much better than I thought they would be.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“We need a good general rain. Seedling disease and insect pressure are still present in most crops, but are most noticeable in young cotton.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Lack of moisture continues to be a problem. The threat of rain has given everyone high expectations for a good general rain today. Grasshoppers continue to be a problem in no-till soybeans and the grasshoppers are now spreading to pastures.”

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“Hot, dry weather continues. We need a rain in the next week or we are going to be in critical shape. Corn is twisting up by noon. Peanuts and cotton seem to be doing well so far. Pastures are getting short and some beef producers may be feeding hay soon. Ponds are really low.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

Weather Summary from May 29, 2000 to June 4, 2000 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				76		E0.10	-0.99	1	1.99				0.28
Cleveland	95	63	79			0.18		1	1.68				
Tunica				75		E0.10	-1.02	1	1.96				
Extreme/Average	95	63	79	76	+3	E0.13	-0.95	1	1.88				0.28
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				72		E0.10	-0.94	1	0.81				0.26
Memphis	93	61	77	76	+1	0.00	-0.94	0	1.71				
Oxford	92	54	75	72	+3	0.02	-1.01	1	1.24				
Extreme/Average	93	54	76	74	+2	E0.04	-1.00	1	1.25				0.26
3. Northeast													
Booneville	90	58	74	73	+1	0.08	-0.97	1	1.71				
Corinth	93	57	75	74	+1	0.00	-0.94	0	1.20				
Iuka	90	51	72			0.00		0	1.85				
Pontotoc	89	58	74	73	+1	E0.50	-0.53	1	1.52	82	58	76	0.27
Tupelo	93	58	76	74	+2	0.13	-0.94	2	0.35				
Verona	92	58	77			0.22		1	1.34	89	69	80	0.29
Extreme/Average	93	51	75	74	+1	E0.16	-0.87	1	1.52	89	58	78	0.28
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	94	64	78	77	+1	0.00	-0.98	0	1.25	97	82	90	
Greenwood	92	57	77	76	+1	0.55	-0.53	3	1.50				
Rolling Fork	95	62	79	76	+3	0.12	-0.86	1	1.73	103	80	91	0.24
Stoneville				77		0.00	-0.96	0	1.92				0.31
Yazoo City	93	60	77	77	0	0.00	-0.98	0	2.19				
Extreme/Average	95	57	78	77	+1	0.13	-0.88	1	1.72	103	80	90	0.25
5. Central													
Carthage				75		0.01	-0.90	1	1.02				
Jackson	95	59	78	76	+2	0.44	-0.42	2	1.30				
Winona	89	53	72	72	0	0.12	-0.83	1	1.53				
Extreme/Average	95	53	75	75	0	0.19	-0.75	1	1.28				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	93	60	77			E0.10	-0.67	1	0.50	88	71	80	
Columbus	93	55	74			E0.12		2	0.85				
State University	93	57	76	75	+1	0.18	-0.69	1	1.09	89	74	82	0.23
Extreme/Average	93	55	76	75	+1	E0.14	-0.76	1	0.80	89	71	81	0.23
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	63	79			0.00		0	1.60	99	75	87	
Natchez	93	62	78	77	+1	0.25	-0.84	1	2.15				
Oakley				76		0.00	-1.02	0	1.05				
Vicksburg	92	63	79			0.00		0	1.53				
Extreme/Average	95	62	78	76	+2	0.06	-1.01	0	1.58	99	75	87	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	95	63	79	77	+2	0.01	-1.05	1	1.49				
McComb	97	64	80	76	+4	0.04	-1.06	1	0.27				
Extreme/Average	97	63	80	76	+4	0.03	-1.03	1	0.88				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	1.30				
Hattiesburg	93	64	78	77	+1	0.00	-1.06	0	0.34				
Laurel	96	59	78	76	+2	0.00	-0.94	0	0.22				
Meridian	93	57	76	75	+1	0.01	-0.83	1	3.35				
Newton	90	55	73	74	-1	0.00	-0.77	0	0.86	73	68	71	0.26
Extreme/Average	96	55	77	76	+1	0.00	-0.88	0	1.19	73	68	71	0.26
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis		60				0.00		0	0.04				
BiloxiAFB	93	70	81			0.00		0	0.86				
Gulfport	94	67	80	79	+1	0.00	-1.06	0	0.02				
Pascagoula				78		0.00	-1.19	0	0.21				
Poplarville				77		0.00	-1.03	0	2.75				0.32
Extreme/Average	94	60	80	78	+2	0.00	-1.08	0	0.78				0.32
State	97	51	77	75	+2	E0.09	-0.90	1	1.27	103	58	81	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.