

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 17, 2001**. Dryer conditions allowed row crop farmers in many parts of the state to work their fields. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 17 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	54	40	66	47	1	2	15	60	22
	Dough	19	5	--	--					
Cotton	Squaring	59	33	62	55	1	4	20	59	16
	Setting Bolls	6	2	--	--					
Rice	Heading	1	0	0	1	0	3	22	55	20
Sorghum	Heading	11	2	3	4	0	3	15	66	16
Soybeans	Planted	100	99	98	93	1	4	26	51	18
	Emerged	99	98	95	88					
	Blooming	39	32	28	20					
Wheat	Mature	99	91	100	93	2	15	38	33	12
	Harvested	61	25	94	74					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	40	25	94	74	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	99	98	100	97	1	10	34	46	9
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	33	29	33	31					
Watermelons						4	15	37	41	3
Blueberries						2	2	22	48	26
Cattle						0	3	18	65	14
Pasture						1	6	27	50	16

County Agent Comments

“The weather has been good this week and allowed growers to harvest wheat, start cleaning up weedy crops, and finish planting. Plant bugs have been treated in some cotton.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Hot weather and windy conditions are drying soil very rapidly. The county needs a good general rain.”

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“Farmers had a productive week controlling weeds in cotton and soybeans. Many growers finished side-dressing their cotton with nitrogen.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“With Allison, Hancock county received quite a bit of needed moisture. Water levels are up but total rainfall is still at a deficit level. Many producers are currently applying fertilizer to stimulate grass production and herbicides for weed control management. Cattle are doing well but high temperatures and high humidity are increasing rapidly.”

— Stan Pace, Hancock County

“The rain in the past two weeks has caused flooding in the low areas and has caused some corn, soybeans, and some cotton to be damaged.”

— John Wilson, Itawamba County

Weather Summary from June 11, 2001 to June 17, 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						0.55	-0.43	1	6.14				0.35
Cleveland	92	65	79			0.40	E	1	4.62				
Tunica	94	66	81	78	+3	0.50	-0.43	1	3.86	102	70	87	0.28
Extreme/Average	94	65	80	79	+1	0.48	-0.48	1	4.87	102	70	87	0.27
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	91	55	76	75	+1	0.09	-0.76	1	3.82	91	71	87	0.25
Memphis	94	64	80	79	+1	0.19	-0.64	1	5.33				
Oxford	91	60	77	76	+1	0.85	+0.08	2	6.84				
Extreme/Average	94	55	78	77	+1	0.38	-0.49	1	6.09	91	71	87	0.25
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	66	77	76	+1	0.73	-0.09	1	8.16				
Corinth						0.00	-0.77	0	3.65				
Iuka	91	53	74			0.60		2	7.32				
Pontotoc	88	65	77	76	+1	0.04	E-0.92	1	8.23	85	73	79	0.19
Tupelo	92	62	79	77	+2	0.08	-0.77	1	5.82				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	92	53	77	77	0	0.29	-0.55	1	6.47	85	73	79	0.19
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	92	60	79	79	0	0.07	-0.91	1	4.88				
Rolling Fork	94	63	79	79	0	0.50	-0.41	1	3.92	100	80	90	0.24
Stoneville	93	65	80	80	0	0.11	-0.80	1	5.70	97	76	87	0.31
Yazoo City	93	62	79	80	-1	0.12	-0.65	1	3.75				
Extreme/Average	94	60	79	80	-1	0.20	-0.71	1	4.56	100	76	88	0.27
5. Central													
Carthage	91	64	79	78	+1	0.00	-0.77	0	5.16				
Jackson	92	61	79	79	0	0.67	-0.03	2	4.68				
Winona	89	57	75	75	0	0.08	-0.76	2	8.26				
Extreme/Average	92	57	78	78	0	0.25	-0.53	1	6.03				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.03	-0.73	1	4.32				
Columbus	94	67	80	78	+2	0.00	-0.83	0	8.83				
State University	92	62	79	78	+1	0.08	-0.76	1	6.67	89	76	81	0.21
Extreme/Average	94	62	79	77	+2	0.04	-0.80	1	6.61	89	76	81	0.21
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	67	79			0.14		2	6.51	100	70	84	
Natchez	90	61	78	80	-2	0.59	-0.37	3	9.33				
Oakley	94	62	80	78	+2	0.23	-0.71	1	7.51	102	75	88	
Vicksburg	91	62	79			0.20	E	1	2.92				
Extreme/Average	94	61	79	79	0	0.29	-0.69	2	6.57	102	70	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	65	79	79	0	1.16	+0.18	3	10.59				
McComb	91	64	80	78	+2	0.04	-0.94	3	8.11				
Extreme/Average	91	64	80	79	+1	0.60	-0.33	3	9.35				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						10.88		5	13.90				
Hattiesburg	91	65	77	79	-2	6.13	+5.20	4	12.46				
Laurel	91	64	78	79	-1	3.58	+2.81	3	8.84				
Meridian	91	60	78	78	0	0.05	-0.74	2	8.84				
Newton	92	57	78	77	+1	0.00	-0.70	0	8.14	88	71	79	0.20
Extreme/Average	92	57	78	78	0	2.44	+1.60	2	9.57	88	71	79	0.20
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	95	64	81			5.73		2	11.84				
Biloxi AFB	91	70	81			2.68		3	7.10				
Gulfport	91	68	80	81	-1	8.19	+7.13	2	13.84				
Pascagoula	94	65	81			3.25		2	9.34				
Poplarville	93	67	80	80	0	5.39	+4.41	4	15.41	90	65	77	
Extreme/Average	95	4	81	80	+1	5.05	+4.00		2.05	90	65	77	
State	95	53	79	78	+1	0.93	+0.04	2	7.22	102	65	83	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.