

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending July 2, 2000**. Rain has restored soil moisture in some parts of the state. Insect pressure in soybeans continue to be a problem in some parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 25 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 9 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	90	83	93	82	3	8	17	58	14
	Dough	56	37	58	42					
	Dent	18	7	20	--					
Cotton	Squaring	92	80	93	88	1	5	18	62	14
	Setting Bolls	32	13	33	29					
Rice	Heading	3	2	7	9	2	4	21	60	13
Sorghum	Heading	33	16	40	32	1	5	21	63	10 Turning
Soybeans	Blooming	61	43	61	42	2	5	19	62	12
	Setting Pods	27	8	32	--					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvest	43	36	53	50	6	11	29	44	10
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	93	90	93	53	0	7	35	43	15
Watermelons	Harvested	12	4	25	22	0	37	14	48	1
Wheat						0	6	21	49	24
Blueberries						0	14	16	64	6
Cattle						4	9	25	50	12
Pasture						15	10	24	41	10

### County Agent Comments

“Scattered thunderstorms have darted across much of the county this past week offering slight relief from the drought. Soil moisture conditions remain terribly dry. The corn silage crop is a complete loss, and salvage harvesting is underway with yields of 2 to 3 tons per acre or less. Pastures and hay fields are burning up from lack of moisture. Beef and dairy producers are feeding hay to compensate for lack of pasture and hay. Stored forages will be a precious commodity this fall and winter. We must have several days of a nice slow, gentle, and deep-soaking rain to experience any significant relief.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

“Producers are trying to bale hay between showers. They are glad they finally have some hay to bale. The drought has delayed the first cutting of hay for a lot of producers.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

“Not all the county has had rain, but most areas have had some. Crops look very good overall with very few problems. Some cotton has been sprayed for aphids, and there are some worms in the corn.”

— Donald Respass, Bolivar County

### Weather Summary from June 24, 2000 to June 30, 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	95	62	78	81	-3	2.05	+1.07	3	3.86	90	79	84	0.43
Cleveland	94	68	81			0.50		2	3.97				
Tunica	96	68	81	81	0	3.53	+2.69	2	4.95	102	73	84	
Extreme/Average	96	62	80	81	-1	2.03	+1.10	2	4.26	102	73	84	0.43
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	95	65	79	77	+2	1.12	+0.23	3	3.88	93	78	84	0.22
Memphis	95	67	80	81	-1	2.22	+1.40	4	3.79				
Oxford	95	64	80	78	+2	1.65	+0.85	2	4.57				
Extreme/Average	95	64	80	79	+1	1.66	+0.77	3	4.18	93	78	84	0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	64	78	78	0	3.51	+2.69	3	6.52				
Corinth	95	63	78	79	-1	3.96	+3.17	3	7.77				
Iuka	94	61	77			0.93		4	2.42				
Pontotoc	94	66	79	78	+1	1.18	+0.20	4	4.94				0.37
Tupelo	95	67	80	79	+1	1.08	+0.20	3	3.22				
Verona	96	67	81			0.00		0	2.01	96	73	85	0.30
Extreme/Average	96	61	79	79	0	1.78	+0.91	3	4.73	96	73	85	0.29
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	96	67	81	81	0	0.30	-0.64	2	2.57	100	83	92	
Greenwood	92	67	80	81	-1	1.35	+0.37	3	3.66				
Rolling Fork	95	66	82	81	+1	0.10	-0.88	1	2.03	105	82	94	0.22
Stoneville	94	68	81	81	0	1.99	+1.08	2	4.65	98	76	87	0.22
Yazoo City	92	68	80	82	-2	0.00	-0.85	0	2.82				
Extreme/Average	96	66	81	81	0	0.75	-0.18	2	3.02	105	76	91	0.22
5. Central													
Carthage	95	63	81	80	+1	0.70	-0.18	1	2.04				
Jackson	92	65	80	81	-1	0.51	-0.27	5	5.32				
Winona	92	62	77	77	0	1.78	+0.84	5	3.67				
Extreme/Average	95	62	79	79	0	1.00	+0.12	4	3.68				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	97	66	79			0.58	-0.26	3	3.83	92	74	82	
Columbus	95	64	78			0.41		3	2.50				
Extreme/Average	97	64	79	79	0	0.72	-0.27	3	3.58	92	74	83	0.20
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	66	81			0.00		0	6.59	102	80	90	
Natchez	92	67	80	81	-1	0.77	-0.21	1	4.85				
Oakley	93	67	80	80	0	0.32	-0.63	2	5.03	103	80	90	
Vicksburg	93	66	81			0.15		3	3.03				
Extreme/Average	94	66	80	80	0	0.31	-0.67	2	4.88	103	80	90	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	95	69	82	81	+1	1.73	+0.71	4	3.34				
McComb	95	69	81	80	+1	4.22	+3.16	5	6.54				
Extreme/Average	95	69	81	80	+1	2.98	+1.97	5	4.94				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						3.30		4	5.78				
Hattiesburg						3.52	+2.50	6	4.70				
Laurel	93	66	80	81	-1	0.09	-0.83	2	4.08				
Meridian	95	64	79	80	-1	1.25	+0.29	4	4.23				
Newton	97	62	79	79	0	0.51	-0.33	2	3.45	89	72	77	0.22
Extreme/Average	99	62	80	80	0	1.34	+0.35	4	4.08	89	72	77	0.22
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						1.81		4	3.17				
Biloxi AFB						3.80		5	6.14				
Gulfport	91	70	81	82	-1	1.47	+0.23	4	2.78				
Pascagoula	94	69	80			1.04		7	6.02				
Poplarville	99	61	81	81	0	3.00	+1.86	3	4.95	99	73	78	0.25
Extreme/Average	99	61	81	81	0	2.22	+1.02	5	3.63	99	73	78	0.25
State	99	61	80	80	0	1.37	+0.41	3	4.10	105	72	84	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.