

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending July 15, 2001**. Rain across much of the state relieved crops of heat stress. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 70 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	Silked	98	96	97	94	0	1	11	58	30
	Dough	82	75	79	75					
	Dent	48	28	52	43					
	Mature	8	3	9	4					
	Silage Harvested	17	7	0	6					
Cotton	Squaring	98	95	97	96	0	6	15	52	27
	Setting Bolls	79	55	80	73					
Rice	Heading	25	9	21	25	0	2	11	56	31
Sorghum	Heading	89	74	84	74	0	2	10	55	33
	Turning Color	24	13	24	13					
Soybeans	Blooming	86	78	80	72	0	3	18	56	23
	Setting Pods	70	60	58	42					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	100	97	99	97	0	4	32	55	9
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	64	55	52	61	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Harvested	52	37	40	41	3	10	22	43	17
Cattle						0	2	18	67	13
Pasture						1	4	25	56	14

### County Agent Comments

“Good, general rains should help all crop situations. Pastures were beginning to stress, but last week’s rains should bring them back around.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“A good rain fell Thursday. It was really needed to finish much of the corn. Cotton is really blooming. Insect pressure is still light, but we did start picking up a few eggs late in the week.”

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

“Rain, some heavy, has kept producers out of the fields for most of the week. All crops are growing well. Hay and pastures have made a big recovery. We are in much better shape moisture-wise than we were the two previous years. Hope this is a good sign for a bumper crop.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Corn Silage is being harvested. Cotton is fruiting up and retention of bolls is great at this time. Presently, there are only minor insect problems in the row crops.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

“Scattered rains were once again welcomed across the county. We have little to no drought stress. Silage is being harvested with yields well above last year. Insect pressure is relatively low on all crops.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

“Continued rainfall has kept row crops and forages growing extremely well. Insect pressures in row crops continue to be light. Armyworms have attacked some athletic fields. Hay harvest continues at a rapid pace.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

**Weather Summary from July 9, 2001 to July 15, 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	96	64	81	82	-1	2.17	+1.26	2	2.84	94	70	83	
Cleveland	98	63	82			3.72		1	4.65				
Tunica	99	65	83	82	+1	1.13	+0.36	2	1.52	108	70	89	0.26
Extreme/Average	99	63	82	82	0	2.34	+1.36	2	3.00	108	70	86	0.26
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs													
Memphis	96	66	81	82	-1	0.67	-0.21	2	2.34				
Oxford	97	58	81	79	+2	0.12	-0.86	1	0.70				
Extreme/Average	97	58	81	80	+1	0.40	-0.58	2	1.52				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	93	58	79	80	-1	0.89	-0.07	3	3.95				
Corinth	97	57	79	80	-1	0.25	-0.69	1	1.29				
Iuka	92	52	76			0.23		2	4.56				
Pontotoc	95	61	79	80	-1	0.30	-0.75	3	1.07	89	80	84	0.22
Tupelo	94	60	79	80	-1	0.71	-0.32	2	3.21				
Verona						0.50		1	1.30				0.39
Extreme/Average	97	52	78	80	-2	0.48	-0.55	2	2.82	89	80	84	0.23
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	97	61	80	81	-1	0.29	-0.74	2	1.43				
Rolling Fork	99	63	83	82	+1	0.20	-0.84	2	1.22	109	81	96	0.23
Stoneville	98	64	82	82	0	1.68 E	+0.77	2	2.59 E	103	76	91	0.31
Yazoo City	96	61	82	82	0	1.99	+0.94	3	5.14				
Extreme/Average	99	61	82	82	0	1.04	-0.01	2	2.98	109	76	94	0.27
5. Central													
Carthage	96	63	82	81	+1	1.00	-0.12	3	2.95				
Jackson	95	63	82	81	+1	1.58	+0.53	3	5.73				
Winona	92	57	76	79	-3	2.26 E	+1.16	3	3.67 E				
Extreme/Average	96	57	80	80	0	1.61	+0.50	3	4.12				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	96	71	82			0.27	-0.72	2	2.22				
Columbus	102	68	84	81	+3	0.29	-0.86	2	3.89				
State University	96	63	81	81	0	1.74	+0.56	2	3.20	93	78	86	0.26
Extreme/Average	102	63	82	81	+1	0.77	-0.43	2	3.10	93	78	86	0.26
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	98	65	84			0.39		1	2.86	105	80	92	
Natchez	92	62	80	82	-2	1.57	+0.52	1	6.59				
Oakley	98	72	85	81	+4	0.05	-0.93	1	2.13	104	82	93	
Vicksburg	99	63	84			1.08		1	2.69				
Extreme/Average	99	62	83	81	+2	0.77	-0.32	1	3.57	105	80	93	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	94	64	82	82	0	2.85	+1.66	4	5.12				
McComb	95	62	81	80	+1	1.19	-0.04	2	2.61				
Extreme/Average	95	62	81	81	0	2.02	+0.83	3	5.12				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						1.02		3	3.23				
Hattiesburg	95	64	80	82	-2	1.92	+0.69	4	2.22				
Laurel	95	64	82	81	+1	1.53	+0.34	3	5.67				
Meridian	97	63	81	81	0	0.22	-0.99	2	1.24				
Newton	97	59	81	80	+1	0.91	-0.20	2	1.70	95	74	84	0.23
Extreme/Average	97	59	81	81	0	1.15	-0.10	3	2.71	95	74	84	0.23
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	101	63	83			1.80		2	3.22				
Biloxi AFB	93	70	82			2.46		4	6.99				
Gulfport	95	68	82	83	-1	3.03	+1.55	3	5.35				
Pascagoula	97	67	82			2.08		3	7.28				
Poplarville	96	65	82	81	+1	0.80	-0.61	2	3.25	102	74	87	0.24
Extreme/Average	101	63	82	82	0	1.79	+0.34	3	5.19	102	74	87	0.24
State	102	52	81	81	0	1.18	+0.05	2	3.39	109	70	88	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.