

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 12, 2001**. Many areas across the state received much needed rainfall. The rain has delayed corn and hay harvest in many areas. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 28 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	Dough	100	98	100	99	0	1	15	51	33
	Dent	92	88	95	92					
	Mature	56	40	68	59					
	Harvested	5	2	21	16					
	Silage Harvested	74	54	55	62					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	98	100	100	0	4	15	50	31
	Open Bolls	11	2	20	16					
Rice	Heading	89	82	69	81	0	4	14	52	30
	Mature	11	4	4	7					
Sorghum	Turning Color	83	70	79	78	0	1	10	54	35
	Mature	33	20	39	28					
Soybeans	Setting Pods	96	92	94	87	0	4	19	55	22
	Turning Color	28	20	21	20					
	Shedding Leaves	11	5	11	9					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	77	75	68	74	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	4	1	9	4	3	3	23	51	20
Watermelons	Harvested	90	84	83	87	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						0	2	16	61	21
Pasture						0	2	18	55	25

County Agent Comments

“The heavy rain that fell on Friday could hurt some crops. Much of our rice has been drained and some corn has been harvested. Yields have been good.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“There were some good rains this week. Pastures and hay fields are showing good response to the extra moisture this month. There are some concerns from cotton producers about boll rot if the rain continues. Overall, the cotton plants are really loaded and still have the potential to turn out some good yields.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Recent rains have improved pasture growth, and have also helped with the soybean and cotton crop development.”

— Rickey D Ferguson, Pontotoc County

“Plant bugs continue to give the cotton producers problems, with many acres of cotton having to be sprayed. Corn harvest has started. Soybean, milo and rice harvest will start next week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Rain Saturday and early Sunday was welcomed by all in the county. Conditions had gotten rather dry. Corn silage on early corn is all but complete. Later fields will be harvested in about 2 weeks. Corn, beans and cotton continue to look good at this time. Hay yields look very good this year. Most producers will have surplus hay.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

Weather Summary from August 6, 2001 to August 12, 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	93	71	82	81	+1	2.13 E	0	3	2.66E	91	73	82	0.62
Cleveland	93	71	81			3.27		3	5.89				
Tunica	95	74	85	81	+4	0.60	-0.03	2	1.03	97	79	88	0.16
Extreme/Average	95	71	83	81	+2	2.00	+1.36	3	3.19	97	73	85	0.39
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs						2.27 E	+1.43	5	3.73E				0.23
Memphis	93	73	82	82	0	1.49	+0.72	3	5.12				
Oxford	95	70	80	79	+1	4.83 E	+4.12	5	5.82E				
Extreme/Average	95	70	81	80	+1	2.86	+2.14	4	4.89				0.23
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	72	80	79	+1	3.75	+3.05	5	4.54				
Corinth						2.67 E	+2.04	5	3.46E				
Iuka	90	66	77			2.32		6	3.59				
Pontotoc	91	71	79	80	-1	2.31 E	+1.69	5	3.10E	89	80	83	0.34
Tupelo	90	71	80	80	0	3.68	+2.98	7	4.29				
Verona													0.08
Extreme/Average	91	66	79	80	-1	2.95	+2.24	6	3.80	89	80	83	0.34
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	91	71	81	81	0	1.22	+0.63	2	3.52				
Rolling Fork	97	71	82	81	+1	0.42	-0.19	2	1.04	107	85	96	0.16
Stoneville	96	71	82	81	+1	0.93 E	+0.41	4	2.01E	97	79	86	0.22
Yazoo City	94	70	81	82	-1	1.08	+0.33	3	1.63				
Extreme/Average	97	70	81	82	-1	0.91	+0.26	3	2.05	107	79	91	0.18
5. Central													
Carthage	91	69	81	81	0	1.75	+0.92	4	6.76				
Jackson	91	71	81	81	0	1.89	+1.02	7	9.42				
Winona	90	69	79	79	0	1.02	+0.24	3	4.20				
Extreme/Average	91	69	80	80	0	1.55	+0.73	5	6.79				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	94	71	81			1.80 E	+1.02	4	2.02	89	78	82	
Columbus	94	72	81	81	0	1.79	+0.91	5	3.19				
State University	93	68	82	81	+1	1.09 E	+0.30	5	1.47E	86	80	83	0.15
Extreme/Average	94	68	81	80	+1	1.56	+0.76	5	2.23	89	78	83	0.15
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	70	81			4.64		5	13.17	105	70	87	
Natchez	91	69	80	82	-2	3.00	+2.08	3	4.66				
Oakley	95	70	83	81	+2	1.94 E	+1.09	5	9.92E	96	70	86	
Vicksburg	93	71	82			1.22		4	1.88				
Extreme/Average	95	69	82	81	+1	2.70	+1.77	4	7.41	105	70	87	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	71	80	82	-2	3.69 E	+2.36	5	7.10E				
McComb	91	72	81	80	+1	4.45	+3.26	6	8.24				
Extreme/Average	92	71	81	81	0	4.07	+2.95	6	7.10				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						2.64	E	5	5.56				
Hattiesburg	91	71	79	82	-3	1.46	+0.20	6	4.89				
Laurel				81		3.00 E	+1.92	7	8.12E				
Meridian	92	72	80	81	-1	3.14	+2.29	6	6.47				
Newton	93	70	80	80	0	1.28	+0.32	7	4.48	88	75	81	0.17
Extreme/Average	93	70	80	81	-1	2.30	+1.29	6	6.05	88	75	81	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	71	80			2.66 E		3	8.59E				
Biloxi AFB	88	73	80			5.10		4	7.13				
Gulfport	90	72	80	83	-3	2.61	+1.28	3	11.40				
Pascagoula	92	71	80			1.68		6	6.42				
Poplarville	93	70	80	81	-1	0.81 E	-0.56	5	8.10E	96	75	83	
Extreme/Average	94	70	80	82	-2	2.57	+1.16	4	9.36	96	75	83	
State	97	66	81	81	0	2.32	+1.44	5	5.42	107	70	85	0.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.