

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 13, 2000**. South Central and Coastal areas have had more rain recently. General, other areas of the state continue to be dry. Corn yield looks good in many parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 45 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 13 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	95	92	99	91	4	13	31	42	10
	Mature	71	51	77	58					
	Harvested	23	9	19	14					
	Silage Harvested	57	45	57	62					
Cotton	Open Bolls	23	4	20	15	5	14	36	36	9
Rice	Heading	69	66	84	86	0	5	24	55	16
	Mature	2	--	7	8					
Sorghum	Heading	100	98	98	99	8	8	28	51	5
	Turning Color	81	69	73	77					
	Mature	44	12	31	27					
	Silage Harvested	3	--	14	17					
Soybeans	Blooming	100	98	100	95	6	14	38	31	11
	Setting Pods	95	90	97	85					
	Turning Color	22	12	34	19					
	Shedding Leaves	12	--	17	8					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	68	66	77	78	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Harvested	83	80	88	88	3	18	23	43	13
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	10	5	9	3	3	19	40	38	0
Cattle						3	10	33	45	9
Pasture						24	31	30	14	1

County Agent Comments

“Those who can irrigate cotton are still watering, but will be stopping soon since bolls are starting to open. The corn harvest is progressing well, but yields are the lowest we have seen in several years. Hay is still being harvested, but quality and yield are low. Soybeans are not filling pods well due to drought; yields will likely be low. The true impact of the drought will soon be felt as field crops are harvested.”

— Ernie Flint, Attala County

“Hot and dry weather continues. We've received some scattered showers. The corn crop is really hurting. Cotton and peanuts are still hanging on and are doing fairly well. Ponds continue to get lower. Beetle activity is picking up due to dry weather and stress. Most people have given up on trying to water their gardens.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

“Armyworms in pastures are still a big problem all over the county. Hay supply is real short and producers are having to spray to protect their hay crop. Thunderstorms have produced some wind damage to homes and out-buildings this week. Chinch bugs are attacking St. Augustine lawns, causing great damage.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones County

“We need rain. Crops that do not have irrigation are going down fast. Yields have been good on the corn that has been harvested.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

Weather Summary from August 7, 2000 to August 13, 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	100	66	81	81	0	0.00	-0.63	0	2.78	90	77	85	0.42
Cleveland	101	65	85			0.00		0	0.88				
Tunica				80									
Extreme/Average	101	65	83	81	+2	0.00	-0.63	0	1.83	90	77	85	0.42
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	101	65	84	79	+5	0.95	+0.12	1	3.42	98	78	88	0.31
Memphis	101	69	85	82	+3	0.18	-0.59	1	3.06				
Oxford	101	61	83	79	+4	0.97	+0.27	1	3.18				
Extreme/Average	101	61	84	80	+4	0.70	-0.01	1	3.22	98	78	88	0.31
3. Northeast													
Booneville	99	60	82	79	+3	0.09	-0.61	1	1.42				
Corinth				80		0.25	-0.38	1	0.25				
Iuka	101	55	81			0.08		1	1.46				
Pontotoc	98	63	82	80	+2	1.88	+1.27	3	3.90	93	80	86	0.22
Tupelo	100	63	82	80	+2	1.37	+0.68	3	1.61				
Verona	101	63	83			0.33		2	2.00	100	79	89	0.30
Extreme/Average	101	55	82	80	+2	0.67	-0.03	2	2.20	100	79	87	0.27
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	104	70	86	82	+4	0.00	-0.75	0	0.72	106	92	98	
Greenwood	100	62	83	81	+2	0.00	-0.58	0	0.28				
Rolling Fork	101	63	84	81	+3	0.26	-0.34	1	0.97	109	89	99	0.26
Stoneville	102	70	86	81	+5	0.00	-0.51	0	0.60	101	86	94	0.30
Yazoo City	100	64	84	82	+2	0.89	+0.15	1	1.38				
Extreme/Average	104	62	84	82	+2	0.23	-0.41	0	0.79	109	86	97	0.25
5. Central													
Carthage				81		2.14	+1.33	2	3.06				
Jackson	102	63	84	81	+3	0.14	-0.72	2	1.45				
Winona	99	58	80	79	+1	0.00	-0.77	0	1.89				
Extreme/Average	102	58	82	80	+2	0.76	-0.05	1	2.48				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	101	68	85			1.45	+0.68	1	2.59	96	77	87	
Columbus	100	63	84			0.42		2	1.60				
State University	102	62	84	81	+3	0.14	-0.64	1	0.85	97	83	90	0.29
Extreme/Average	102	62	84	80	+4	0.67	-0.12	1	1.72	97	77	89	0.29
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	100	66	84			0.19		1	3.81	104	80	93	
Natchez	99	61	83	82	+1	0.00	-0.91	0	0.72				
Oakley	104	69	86	81	+5	0.27	-0.57	1	2.00	111	85	95	
Vicksburg	101	65	85			0.49		1	2.25				
Extreme/Average	104	61	85	81	+4	0.24	-0.68	1	2.20	111	80	94	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	100	64	83	82	+1	2.39	+1.06	2	4.63				
McComb	101	64	82	80	+2	4.50	+3.31	3	5.95				
Extreme/Average	101	64	83	81	+2	3.45	+2.33	3	4.63				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						2.27		3	9.90				
Hattiesburg				82									
Laurel	100	64	83	81	+2	0.90	-0.17	2	4.67				
Meridian	99	61	81	81	0	0.71	-0.12	4	2.22				
Newton	98	59	81	80	+1	0.67	-0.28	2	6.24	93	71	83	0.23
Extreme/Average	100	59	82	81	+1	0.76	-0.24	3	4.38	93	71	83	0.23
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	99	63	83			2.50		1	4.16				
Biloxi AFB	97	73	86			1.95		3	3.49				
Gulfport	95	70	83	83	0	3.19	+1.86	5	5.30				
Pascagoula	94	66	81			3.15		3	5.06				
Poplarville	100	64	83	81	+2	1.43	+0.07	3	3.84	98	73	84	0.21
Extreme/Average	100	63	83	82	+1	2.44	+1.04	3	4.20	98	73	84	0.21
State	104	55	83	81	+2	0.95	+0.08	2	2.79	111	71	89	0.27

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.