

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 26, 2001**. Dry weather and temperatures in the 90's helped to accelerate crop maturity throughout the state. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 8 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	Dent	97	94	100	98	0	2	11	53	34
	Mature	71	66	92	85					
	Harvested	27	17	66	46					
	Silage Harvested	92	85	86	80					
Cotton	Open Bolls	42	20	73	55	0	4	17	57	22
Rice	Heading	97	95	89	92	0	5	10	56	29
	Mature	55	29	26	33					
	Harvested	10	2	3	6					
Sorghum	Turning Color	100	95	97	93	0	1	10	63	26
	Mature	72	52	83	68					
	Harvested	22	8	42	32					
	Silage Harvested	60	25	40	44					
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	97	100	96	0	5	24	54	17
	Turning Color	50	40	50	44					
	Shedding Leaves	35	23	35	28					
	Harvested	6	3	9	6					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	80	78	76	81	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	12	10	17	10	0	2	18	68	12
Watermelons	Harvested	94	92	90	94	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	2	16	60	21
Pasture						0	2	19	57	22

### County Agent Comments

"Harvest of corn, milo and rice is making good progress with yields running well above average. Spraying for plant bugs and some worms in cotton is continuing with all producers hoping they are spraying for the last time this season."

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

"Early corn and soybean yields have been good to excellent. A few 200 bushels per acre corn fields and 55+ bushels per acre bean fields harvested. Defoliant put out on a few cotton fields, but most a week or more away."

— Terry Rector, Warren County

"Last year at this time, producers had problems with commodities because of lack of rainfall. This year we have the complete opposite. Excessive rainfall has delayed harvesting commodities."

— Billy J. Lee, Pearl River County

"Cattlemen are putting up hay as fast as possible. The rains have given us 6 days to bale hay. Everywhere you look hay is on the ground and more is being cut. A few producers have started breaking ground in order to plant ryegrass when it turns a little cooler. Cattle are in the best shape I have seen in the past 3 years. Excess grass has many producers trying to buy a few extra head."

— Mike Keene, Perry County

**Weather Summary from August 20, 2001 to August 26, 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	68	80	80	0	0.30	-0.33	2	3.02	90	50	82	0.27
Cleveland	92	65	80			2.14		2	7.73				
Tunica	97	68	83	79	+4	0.00	-0.63	0	1.64	95	77	87	0.22
Extreme/Average	97	65	81	80	+1	0.81	+0.18	1	4.13	95	50	84	0.25
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs													0.27
Memphis	96	66	84	80	+4	0.00	-0.77	0	2.39				
Oxford	95	63	80	77	+3	0.00	-0.70	0	6.68				
Extreme/Average	96	63	82	78	+4	0.00	-0.70	0	4.48				0.27
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	63	78	78	0	0.00	-0.69	0	4.77				
Corinth	93	61	78	78	0	0.00	-0.64	0	3.77				
Iuka	91	56	74			0.22		1	4.26				
Pontotoc	91	64	78	78	0	0.08	-0.54	1	5.68	87	77	82	0.25
Tupelo	93	64	79	79	0	0.01	-0.64	1	5.19				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	93	56	77	78	-1	0.06	-0.63	1	4.73	87	77	82	0.25
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	94	66	80	80	0	0.68	+0.12	1	3.14				
Rolling Fork	98	69	83	80	+3	0.00	-0.54	0	1.03	105	83	95	
Stoneville	96	68	82	80	+2	0.01	-0.50	1	3.88	97	78	88	0.22
Yazoo City	95	68	81	81	0	0.00	-0.63	0	2.45				
Extreme/Average	98	66	82	80	+2	0.17	-0.39	1	2.45	105	78	91	0.22
5. Central													
Carthage	93	65	79	80	-1	0.33	-0.37	1	2.47				
Jackson	94	68	81	80	+1	1.25	+0.46	1	4.38				
Winona	90	63	76	78	-2	0.06	-0.64	1	4.93				
Extreme/Average	94	63	79	79	0	0.55	-0.16	1	3.93				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	93	68	80			0.00	-0.76	0	1.64	87	76	82	
Columbus	94	66	80	80	0	0.00	-0.83	0	3.84				
State University	94	65	80	80	0	0.12	-0.58	2	4.07	94	78	85	0.22
Extreme/Average	94	65	80	79	+1	0.04	-0.66	1	3.18	94	76	84	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	67	80			0.08		1	6.19	102	75	90	
Natchez	92	69	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.85	0	6.37				
Oakley	97	67	81	80	+1	0.16	-0.61	1	3.31	102	75	89	
Vicksburg	95	71	82			0.00		0	3.92				
Extreme/Average	97	67	81	80	+1	0.06	-0.79	1	4.95	102	75	90	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	69	80	81	-1	0.09	-1.17	1	7.08				
McComb	93	67	80	80	0	0.02	-1.17	2	6.36				
Extreme/Average	93	67	80	80	0	0.06	-0.99	2	6.72				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.29		1	6.06				
Hattiesburg	93	66	79	81	-2	0.00	-1.13	0	4.58				
Laurel	91	65	78	80	-2	1.31	+0.33	2	8.15				
Meridian	91	65	79	80	-1	0.56	-0.17	3	4.83				
Newton	93	62	77	79	-2	0.42	-0.47	1	4.52	89	72	80	0.18
Extreme/Average	93	62	79	80	-1	0.52	-0.39	1	5.89	89	72	80	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	97	68	82			0.00		0	4.78				
Biloxi AFB	90	70	81			0.01		1	6.57				
Gulfport	89	71	80	82	-2	0.00	-1.33	0	5.72				
Pascagoula	93	65	79			0.39		2	3.43				
Poplarville	94	68	81	81	0	0.17	-1.09	1	5.02	96	76	86	0.24
Extreme/Average	97	65	81	81	0	0.11	-1.29	1	5.52	96	76	86	0.24
State	98	56	80	80	0	0.24	-0.57	1	4.61	105	50	85	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.