

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 2, 2001**. Harvesting progress has been slowed by rain across much of the state. There have been reports of cotton boll rot from the ongoing rains. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 50 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	99	97	100	99	0	2	13	47	38
	Mature	88	71	97	94					
	Harvested	38	27	82	61					
	Silage Harvested	95	92	96	90					
Cotton	Open Bolls	52	42	84	69	0	5	21	52	22
Rice	Heading	98	97	95	96	0	2	13	50	35
	Mature	64	55	42	48					
	Harvested	13	10	8	15					
Sorghum	Mature	91	72	92	84	0	1	8	50	41
	Harvested	55	22	66	50					
	Silage Harvested	70	60	66	64					
Soybeans	Turning Color	61	50	69	56	0	6	24	48	22
	Shedding Leaves	46	35	52	37					
	Harvested	12	6	21	12					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	82	80	82	86	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	14	12	20	16	2	7	28	48	15
Watermelons	Harvested	97	94	93	95	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	3	15	60	21
Pasture						0	2	16	59	23

County Agent Comments

“Late season hay cuttings are delayed by scattered showers and cloudy conditions. Cotton is cutting out fast and we expect some defoliant to go out next week. Corn harvest is in full swing and yields are running from 100 to 170 bushels/acre. MG IV Soybeans are being harvested and some fields are in the 50- 60 bushel range.”

—Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“We received rain from Thursday through the weekend. Corn is maturing and harvest will begin soon. Cotton is opening and soybeans are turning color.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“The last six days have been filled with rain. No field work has been completed and we are all waiting to dry out a little.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

“Four to eight inches of rain fell across the county this week and has halted all hay harvest, corn harvest and preparation for winter pasture planting. Dry weather is needed badly to get the excellent corn crop in.”

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

“Rain has limited field work this week. Soybean producers are spraying for stink bugs. Soybean Sudden Death Syndrome is showing up in some fields and other problems are appearing, also. Corn is ready for harvest when drying conditions return.”

—Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

Weather Summary from August 27, 2001 to September 2, 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	92	67	77	79	-2	1.05 E	0.37	3	3.81 E	89	61	79	0.49
Cleveland	92	69	77			2.22		5	7.70				
Tunica	95	70	79	78	+1	0.75 E	0.10	4	2.14 E	94	74	84	0.14
Extreme/Average	95	67	78	79	-1	1.34	+0.68	4	4.55	94	61	82	0.28
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	65	75	76	-1	0.94 E		4	4.38 E	85	75	80	0.14
Memphis	92	71	78	79	-1	1.12	+0.31	5	2.70				
Oxford	92	67	78	77	+1	4.82 E		4	10.92 E				
Extreme/Average	92	65	77	77	0	2.29	+1.51	4	6.00	85	75	80	0.14
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	68	76	77	-1	3.79	+3.04	5	8.01				
Corinth						4.00 E		5	7.17 E				
Iuka	90	62	73			3.28		6	6.44				
Pontotoc						3.39 E		5	8.52 E				0.11
Tupelo	91	69	75	78	-3	3.28	+2.55	7	7.86				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	91	62	75	77	-2	3.55	+2.77	6	7.60				0.11
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	89	70	76	79	-3	6.18	+5.57	7	8.91				
Rolling Fork	97	70	79	79	0	1.97	+1.40	5	2.72	102	83	88	0.16
Stoneville	94	69	77	79	-2	6.78 E		6	9.93 E	97	75	82	0.13
Yazoo City	93	70	78	80	-2	4.41	+3.73	6	6.31				
Extreme/Average	97	69	78	79	-1	4.84	+4.23	6	6.32	102	75	85	0.13
5. Central													
Carthage	92	66	78	79	-1	3.69	+2.94	5	5.83				
Jackson	93	70	78	80	-2	2.09	+1.25	5	6.40				
Winona	90	65	74	77	-3	5.74	+4.97	5	9.01				
Extreme/Average	93	65	77	78	-1	3.84	+3.08	5	7.08				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	94	68	78			6.92 E	+6.14	5	8.34 E	87	75	80	
Columbus	94	68	77	79	-2	2.38	+1.53	5	4.99				
State University	94	67	77	79	-2	6.02	+5.23	5	9.78				
Extreme/Average	94	67	77	78	-1	5.11	+4.33	5	7.70	94	75	81	0.15
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	69	78			2.96		3	7.77	102	77	85	
Natchez	87	69	76	80	-4	5.61	+4.77	7	11.62				
Oakley	95	70	80	79	+1	2.53 E		6	5.38 E	102	74	85	
Vicksburg	93	71	78			1.98		4	5.69				
Extreme/Average	95	69	78	79	-1	3.27	+2.43	5	7.62	102	74	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	69	79	80	-1	2.38 E		6	9.15 E				
McComb	89	69	78	79	-1	4.37	+3.25	6	9.88				
Extreme/Average	91	69	78	80	-2	3.38	+2.38	6	9.52				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						1.08 E		5	5.84 E				
Hattiesburg	92	67	77	80	-3	2.08	+1.04	5	4.41				
Laurel	92	69	78	80	-2	1.98	+0.98	5	7.25				
Meridian	92	69	78	79	-1	8.02	+7.25	7	12.61				
Newton	93	65	77	78	-1	3.71	+2.82	6	6.04				
Extreme/Average	93	65	78	79	-1	3.37	+2.46	6	5.89	92	73	80	0.14
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	93	67	80			1.96 E		4	6.02 E				
Biloxi AFB	90	72	81			3.48		5	9.51				
Gulfport	88	71	81	81	0	1.05 E		5	4.22 E				
Pascagoula	91	69	80			1.06		5	3.64				
Poplarville	95	67	80	80	0	1.61 E		6	4.41 E				
Extreme/Average	95	67	80	81	-1	1.83	+0.43	5	4.88	97	73	82	0.15
State	97	62	78	79	-1	3.40	+2.56	5	6.83	102	61	82	0.15

DFN = Departure from Normal.