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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 8, 2002**. Cotton harvesting has begun and fall plantings are underway. Soil moisture was rated 8 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Mature	98	97	91	95	1	4	14	50	31
	Harvested	70	49	43	70					
	Silage Harvested	97	95	98	95					
Cotton	Open Bolls	71	62	71	75	0	2	11	54	33
	Harvested	3	--	3	5					
Rice	Mature	83	66	80	68	0	2	11	53	34
	Harvested	23	10	22	25					
Sorghum	Mature	97	91	97	92	0	1	11	55	33
	Harvested	56	37	67	60					
	Silage Harvested	73	55	80	75					
Soybeans	Turning Color	66	52	72	68	0	4	17	47	32
	Shedding Leaves	50	37	57	50					
	Harvested	26	15	19	19					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	12	5	16	18	4	15	30	44	7
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	90	88	84	87	3	8	29	43	17
Cattle						1	6	19	61	13
Pasture						3	7	26	53	11

County Agent Comments

“Dry weather has allowed harvesting activities to move along nicely. Yields continue to be good. Loopers are present in soybeans.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Soybean harvesting began on early maturing varieties this week with very good yields reported. Silage harvesting is almost completed with excellent quality reported. Pastures and hay fields need a good rain. Wildlife food plots are getting planted as soon as possible by wildlife enthusiasts.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Harvest activities for corn, soybeans and rice progressed well throughout the week. Most all cotton producers did some defoliation work last week. Limited acres of cotton were picked. Harvest activities of all crops will be in full swing this week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Dry weather and heat continue to be the norm. Crops are rapidly maturing with a few open bolls in cotton this week. Corn harvest is fully underway and should wrap up in a couple of weeks. Beans will soon begin dropping leaves on early varieties. Pastures are holding their own, but need a rain. Hay harvest is nearing completion for this year.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“A break in the weather has allowed summer hay to finally be harvested. Quantity will be high, but quality will be down due to the maturity of the grass. Many beef and dairy producers are breaking ground for fall planting. Armyworms have been present and have caused some damage, but producers are scouting fields to prevent further damage. The ‘Love Bugs’ are now upon us, but don't seem to be too bad. Thank Goodness!”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Drought is taking its toll on pastures. Some producers are already feeding hay. Ponds are extremely low in some areas of the county, with some farmers already watering livestock by other means.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper County

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Weather Summary from September 2, 2002 to September 8, 2002 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	95	68	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.66	0	4.51	85	75	81	0.31
Cleveland	96	67	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.57	0	3.45				
Tunica	94	65	81	76	+5	0.00	-0.61	0	8.27	96	79	92	0.17
Extreme/Average	96	65	81	78	+3	0.00	-0.75	0	5.41	96	75	86	0.24
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				74		0.00	-0.84	0	3.75				0.28
Memphis	95	69	83	78	+5	0.00	-0.77	0	5.00				
Oxford	96	67	81	75	+6	0.00	-0.84	0	4.01				
Extreme/Average	96	67	82	76	+6	0.00	-0.84	0	4.25				0.28
3. Northeast													
Booneville	94	64	79	75	+4	0.03	-0.81	1	1.16				
Corinth	95	62	80	77	+3	0.00	-0.95	0	1.49				
Iuka	96	59	77	73	+4	0.00	-0.98	0	1.22				
Pontotoc	94	67	80	77	+3	0.00	-0.93	0	2.08	94	79	86	0.17
Tupelo	96	66	81	76	+5	0.00	-0.74	0	1.22				
Verona	98	67	83	77	+6	0.00	-0.98	0	2.08	96	81	88	0.26
Extreme/Average	98	59	80	76	+4	0.01	-0.86	0	1.54	96	79	87	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				78		0.00	-0.63	0	0.04				
Rolling Fork	98	69	83	78	+5	0.06	-0.57	1	1.34	105	85	95	0.21
Stoneville	98	68	83	78	+5	0.00	-0.67	0	2.41	95	80	88	0.29
Yazoo City	98	69	82	79	+3	0.00	-0.63	0	2.05				
Extreme/Average	98	68	83	78	+5	0.02	-0.66	0	1.93	105	80	91	0.25
5. Central													
Carthage	97	65	80	77	+3	0.00	-0.84	0	2.13				
Greenwood	97	67	82	78	+4	0.00	-0.68	0	1.49				
Jackson	98	69	81	78	+3	0.31	-0.46	2	3.00				
Winona	94	65	78	74	+4	0.00	-0.82	0	1.09				
Extreme/Average	98	65	80	78	+2	0.08	-0.69	1	1.93				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.84	0	0.57				
Columbus	98	69	82	78	+4	0.00	-0.88	0	1.90				
State University	98	67	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.80	0	3.51	90	81	85	0.22
Extreme/Average	98	67	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.85	0	1.99	90	81	85	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	98	68	82	78	+4	0.10	-0.93	1	1.61	86	81	84	
Natchez	90	64	76	79	-3	0.21	-0.70	3	2.95				
Oakley	100	66	82	78	+4	0.10	-0.66	1	5.98	93	77	85	
Vicksburg	98	70	82			0.44		1	1.75				
Extreme/Average	100	64	80	79	+1	0.21	-0.63	2	3.07	93	77	84	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	96	70	81	79	+2	0.37	-0.65	1	0.97				
McComb	93	72	80	79	+1	0.83	-0.36	2	6.18				
Extreme/Average	96	70	80	79	+1	0.60	-0.38	2	3.58				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	99	69	82			0.23		2	1.66				
Hattiesburg	95	69	80	79	+1	0.33	-0.72	2	3.38				
Laurel	94	69	81	78	+3	0.00	-1.02	0	1.11				
Meridian	100	66	81	79	+2	0.07	-0.75	1	1.86				
Newton	101	64	80	77	+3	0.00	-0.84	0	1.64	92	75	82	0.22
Extreme/Average	101	64	81	78	+3	0.13	-0.82	1	1.93	92	75	82	0.22
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	71	78	80	-2	1.35	-0.00	3	4.14				
Biloxi AFB	93	73	81			3.45		4	9.43				
Gulfport	92	71	80	81	-1	3.28	+1.75	5	6.34				
Pascagoula	94	71	80			4.55		3	9.25				
Poplarville	97	70	81	79	+2	2.01	+0.96	3	3.27	89	76	82	0.31
Extreme/Average	97	70	80	80	0	2.93	+1.53	4	5.75	89	76	82	0.31
State	101	59	81	78	+3	0.33	-0.55	1	2.95	105	75	85	0.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.