

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 16, 2001**. Harvesting of crops has picked up during the dry and sunny weather conditions. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 14 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	Mature	100	91	100	100	0	4	15	54	27
	Harvested	69	46	95	83					
	Silage Harvested	100	98	100	98					
Cotton	Open Bolls	95	74	95	89	7	13	31	39	10
	Harvested	4	3	22	13					
Rice	Heading	100	99	100	99	1	6	25	41	27
	Mature	89	83	84	85					
	Harvested	46	24	39	51					
Sorghum	Mature	99	98	99	96	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	72	69	91	78					
	Silage Harvested	88	82	84	81					
Soybeans	Turning Color	83	74	92	81	13	13	27	36	11
	Shedding Leaves	65	59	79	62					
	Harvested	30	20	42	27					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	87	84	89	92	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	30	16	37	28	0	15	20	61	4
Watermelons	Harvested	99	98	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	3	13	65	18
Pasture						0	2	15	61	22

County Agent Comments

“Group IV soybeans have had a good bit of damage from seed rot. Cotton harvest is about to get under way. Rice harvest is progressing well and excellent yields are being reported.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“Corn harvest is well under way. Hay should be adequate across the county this season according to current harvest rates. Scattered showers throughout the county have put a damper on some hay harvesting.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn County

“Hay harvest began for the third cutting. Corn harvest has been slow due to wet conditions and high moisture. Cotton needs some warm, dry weather. There are still high numbers of insects in soybeans.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Showers have delayed harvest until late morning and early afternoon. The corn crop has not been hurt by wet weather; however, sorghum, soybeans and cotton have suffered big losses.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Dry weather this week allowed producers to harvest corn and hay all this week. Some producers started planting winter grazing this week.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin County

“A break in moisture levels would help farmers harvest hay that has been in need of cutting for some time now!”

— Walter E. Walker, Jackson County

Weather Summary from September 10, 2001 to September 16, 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						0.00	-0.77	0	1.52				0.11
Cleveland	89	56	72			0.00		0	4.59				
Tunica	90	60	75	75	0	0.06	-0.64	1	2.28	89	69	78	0.19
Extreme/Average	90	56	74	76	-2	0.02	-0.75	0	2.80	89	69	78	0.16
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	89	47	71	73	-2	1.29	+0.40	1	2.23	86	69	78	0.23
Memphis	90	59	74	75	-1	0.05	-0.80	1	1.99				
Oxford	89	55	73	73	0	0.00	-0.92	0	6.10				
Extreme/Average	90	47	73	74	-1	0.45	-0.46	1	3.44	86	69	78	0.23
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	55	71	74	-3	0.00	-0.91	0	5.11				
Corinth	87	54	72	74	-2	0.32	-0.62	1	5.68				
Iuka	87	51	69			0.25		1	6.71				
Pontotoc	86	58	73	74	-1	0.00	-0.96	0	6.41	84	75	80	0.22
Tupelo	88	58	73	75	-2	0.00	-0.85	0	3.41				
Verona								0					0.14
Extreme/Average	88	51	71	74	-3	0.11	-0.81	0	5.46	84	75	80	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	90	55	74	76	-2	0.01	-0.76	1	7.43				
Rolling Fork	91	59	75	76	-1	0.00	-0.70	0	2.60	99	76	87	0.14
Stoneville	91	58	75	76	-1	0.00	-0.77	0	7.10	90	72	82	0.23
Yazoo City	90	57	76	78	-2	0.00	-0.77	0	4.68				
Extreme/Average	91	55	75	76	-1	0.00	-0.76	0	5.45	99	72	84	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage						0.00	-0.81	0	5.68				
Jackson	90	60	77	77	0	0.01	-0.83	1	5.50				
Winona	86	51	72	74	-2	0.09	-0.76	1	7.23				
Extreme/Average	90	51	74	76	-2	0.03	-0.79	1	6.14				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.84	0	7.57				
Columbus	90	62	77	76	+1	0.00	-0.91	0	4.44				
State University	89	62	76	76	0	0.02	-0.89	1	7.36	83	76	80	0.17
Extreme/Average	90	62	76	76	0	0.01	-0.90	0	6.46	83	76	80	0.17
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	63	76			0.72		1	5.84	95	73	83	
Natchez	89	62	78	78	0	0.29	-0.58	3	7.47				
Oakley	94	62	78	76	+2	0.75	+0.05	1	9.76	93	70	83	
Vicksburg	90	60	75			0.24		1	10.50				
Extreme/Average	94	60	77	77	0	0.50	-0.34	2	8.39	95	70	83	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	89	65	78	78	0	1.66	+0.65	1	6.72				
McComb	89	65	78	77	+1	0.00	-1.08	0	7.08				
Extreme/Average	89	65	78	77	+1	0.83	-0.12	1	6.90				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	92	62	79			0.57		2	3.94				
Hattiesburg	94	65	78	78	0	1.64	+0.77	2	8.90				
Laurel	88	64	76	77	-1	0.17	-0.81	2	4.08				
Meridian	90	63	77	76	+1	0.01	-0.83	1	11.42				
Newton	90	59	75	76	-1	0.00	-0.89	0	5.84	86	70	78	0.18
Extreme/Average	94	59	77	77	0	0.48	-0.45	1	5.69	86	70	78	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	92	63	78			0.09		1	4.95				
Biloxi AFB	91	70	79			0.42		4	5.26				
Gulfport	91	67	79	80	-1	0.45	-0.99	2	4.94				
Pascagoula	92	64	79			0.88		2	4.59				
Poplarville	88	66	78	78	0	0.45	-0.61	3	4.27	86	71	79	0.18
Extreme/Average	92	63	79	79	0	0.46	-0.88	2	4.72	86	71	79	0.18
State	94	47	76	76	0	0.30	-0.60	1	5.78	99	69	80	0.21

DFN = Departure from Normal.