

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 23, 2001**. Favorable weather conditions during the past couple of weeks has allowed harvest of fall crops to continue at a rapid pace. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 12 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	Harvested	83	69	98	91	--	--	--	--	--
Cotton	Open Bolls	98	95	98	94	9	15	30	34	12
	Harvested	13	4	41	24					
Rice	Mature	97	89	91	93	0	3	15	49	33
	Harvested	64	46	54	68					
Sorghum	Mature	100	99	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	85	72	95	88					
	Silage Harvested	95	88	89	87					
Soybeans	Turning Color	91	83	96	88	16	16	24	32	12
	Shedding Leaves	81	65	85	72					
	Harvested	43	30	50	37					
Wheat	Planted	5	1	4	4	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	91	87	91	95	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	50	30	44	36	1	8	23	59	9
Watermelons	Harvested	100	99	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	4	16	67	12
Pasture						0	3	17	60	20

### County Agent Comments

“The crop is only so-so! A few late beans could use a rain. The extended humid conditions have caused the problem. Overall we need dry sunny conditions to harvest a good crop that is now average or below.”

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“Excellent progress was made defoliating cotton although FAA presented some delays by grounding the aerial applicators for most of the day Monday. Corn harvest is complete with yields being excellent. Milo producers continue to struggle with very high dockage if they can find an elevator that will take the grain. Soybean harvest is moving well forward with most of the beans taking dockage due to rotting beans.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Drier weather has allowed for summer hay harvest to continue. Still a lot of hay to be cut. Corn harvest is moving along nicely; some ryegrass has been planted. Hay will be very abundant this year.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Hay harvest is coming to a close. With some good weather this week most producers will finish their hay harvest. Field preparations are being made for ryegrass to be planted. There is already a few acres of ryegrass planted. Cows are in good shape going into the fall.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones County

“Harvest is progressing well but we are 10 days behind due to the rain Labor day. Beans are cutting well and early cotton is picking well. We still have a fair amount of corn to harvest.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada County

“All warm weather hay has been cut. Some are preparing fields for rye grass. Cooler temperatures are predicted this week.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

**Weather Summary from September 17, 2001 to September 23, 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	89	56	74	73	+1	0.01	-0.75	1	1.23	83	70	75	0.36
Cleveland	91	58	74			0.00		0	2.45				
Tunica	89	61	76	72	+4	0.62	-0.08	1	2.90	83	71	77	0.17
Extreme/Average	91	56	75	73	+2	0.21	-0.56	1	2.19	83	70	76	0.25
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs						2.35	+1.51	2	4.58				0.20
Memphis	88	62	75	73	+2	1.84	+1.00	3	3.83				
Oxford	89	56	74	71	+3	0.81	-0.11	2	6.91				
Extreme/Average	89	56	74	72	+2	1.67	+0.81	2	5.11				0.20
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	57	71	71	0	1.05	+0.16	2	6.16				
Corinth	86	56	72	72	0	1.32	+0.40	2	7.00				
Iuka	84	51	67			1.19		2	7.68				
Pontotoc	87	57	72	72	0	0.85	-0.13	2	7.18	84	75	79	0.15
Tupelo	88	57	74	73	+1	0.70	-0.18	4	4.10				
Verona								0					0.20
Extreme/Average	88	51	71	72	-1	1.02	+0.10	2	6.42	84	75	79	0.15
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	90	57	75	74	+1	0.08	-0.75	3	6.83				
Rolling Fork	90	62	76	74	+2	0.13	-0.57	1	2.73	95	60	83	0.17
Stoneville	92	60	77	74	+3	0.38	-0.42	1	7.47	88	71	80	0.18
Yazoo City	89	58	75	76	-1	0.82	+0.05	1	5.50				
Extreme/Average	92	57	76	74	+2	0.35	-0.42	2	5.63	95	60	82	0.16
5. Central													
Carthage	88	59	74	74	0	0.85	+0.08	1	6.20				
Jackson	89	63	76	75	+1	0.49	-0.35	3	4.74				
Winona	89	51	70	72	-2	0.00	-0.84	0	7.17				
Extreme/Average	89	51	74	74	0	0.45	-0.38	1	6.04				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	87	61	75			0.40	-0.44	1	7.97	80	71	76	
Columbus	86	60	74	74	0	1.51	+0.61	2	5.95				
State University	87	57	73	74	-1	0.57	-0.34	2	7.81	83	75	79	0.11
Extreme/Average	87	57	74	73	+1	0.83	-0.08	2	7.24	83	71	77	0.11
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	63	77			0.15		2	5.91	96	74	86	
Natchez	87	62	77	76	+1	0.05	-0.79	2	11.48				
Oakley	93	62	77	74	+3	0.19 E	-0.49	2	9.14 E	95	72	85	
Vicksburg	88	61	76			0.77		1	11.27				
Extreme/Average	93	61	77	75	+2	0.29	-0.55	2	9.45	96	72	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	88	64	77	76	+1	0.45	-0.45	3	7.08				
McComb	89	65	78	75	+3	0.05	-0.96	3	7.11				
Extreme/Average	89	64	77	75	+2	0.25	-0.65	3	7.08				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	90	61	77			0.95		1	4.60				
Hattiesburg	89	62	76	76	0	0.17	-0.63	1	9.07				
Laurel	88	61	75	75	0	0.23	-0.70	2	3.00				
Meridian	89	59	75	74	+1	0.75	-0.09	6	11.61				
Newton	88	56	74	74	0	0.96	+0.12	3	6.38	83	69	76	0.13
Extreme/Average	90	56	75	75	0	0.61	-0.29	3	6.93	83	69	76	0.13
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						2.37		3	7.32				
Biloxi AFB	88	68	78			4.39		2	9.51				
Gulfport	87	67	77	78	-1	2.28	+0.95	3	7.22				
Pascagoula	90	65	77			1.26		2	5.46				
Poplarville	90	65	77	76	+1	0.66	-0.33	2	4.76	90	72	81	0.20
Extreme/Average	90	65	78	77	+1	2.19	+0.97	2	6.85	90	72	81	0.20
State	93	51	75	74	+1	0.75	-0.13	2	6.55	96	60	80	0.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.