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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 29, 2002**. Excessive rainfall and flooding ceased most all harvesting across the state thanks to tropical storm Isidore. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 63 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	Harvested	95	92	92	96	--	--	--	--	--
Cotton	Open Bolls	95	92	100	97	0	6	19	50	25
	Harvested	20	17	24	35					
Rice	Mature	99	97	100	97	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	73	67	74	75					
Sorghum	Harvested	98	96	94	93	--	--	--	--	--
	Silage Harvested	91	87	99	93					
Soybeans	Turning Color	94	89	96	93					
	Shedding Leaves	84	78	85	83	1	9	21	42	27
	Harvested	50	45	52	51					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	42	39 *	63	45	4	11	29	52	4
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	98	97	94	95	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	12	9	6	8	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						2	6	23	60	9
Pasture						2	9	26	54	9

* Revised.

County Agent Comments

"We received 4-1/2 inches of rain with Isidore. Winds laid down a lot of rice. Cotton harvest will not get started again until later this week."

— Ann Ruscoe, Coahoma County

"The hurricane knocked some cotton out of the boll, but most of the cotton held on with a few fibers stringing down from the boll. Flooding has affected about 10 percent of the crop. We will have to wait and see how the cotton straightens up for defoliation to restart around Monday."

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

"Due to approximately 11 inches of rain that fell over a three-day period last week, there is much concern for several hundred acres of beans that were beginning to mature, but are now under water. We will need a few more days of drying time before we will be able to get back in the field and get to work."

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn County

"Soybean yields have continued to be above average, and corn yields have been average-to-above average. First reports from the cotton fields have the crop with average-to-above average yields with good grades. Hopefully, the rains will hold off and allow us to get this crop out without any more problems."

— Guy Wilson, Washington County

"The six-to-seven inches of rain that was received over a three-day period last week was a much-needed boost to ponds, pastures, and everything in general."

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

"Winter annual planting was brought to a halt by Isidore. Fields are saturated with over 10 inches of rain across the county."

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln County

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Weather Summary from September 23, 2002 to September 29, 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	84	55	70	71	-1	3.20	+2.51	2	7.67	88	65	71	
Cleveland	84	54	69	71	-2	3.20	+2.60	2	5.22				
Tunica	83	55	67	70	-3	5.54	+4.91	2	9.57	80	62	69	0.15
Extreme/Average	84	54	69	71	-2	3.98	+3.22	2	7.49	88	62	70	0.15
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				68		5.70E	+4.86	2	7.70E				0.15
Memphis	85	55	70	72	-2	3.19	+2.43	2	12.34				
Oxford	83	51	68	69	-1	6.77	+5.93	2	7.44				
Extreme/Average	85	51	69	70	-1	5.22	+4.41	2	9.16				0.15
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	55	68	69	-1	10.34	+9.52	3	12.35				
Corinth				70		7.95E	+7.02	2	11.23E				
Iuka				66		4.45E	+3.53	1	9.13E				
Pontotoc				70		9.77E	+8.83	3	11.14E				0.19
Tupelo	86	56	70	70	0	8.82E	+8.05	4	10.70E				
Verona				70		8.18E	+7.30	3	9.66E				0.21
Extreme/Average	86	55	69	70	-1	8.25	+7.37	3	10.70				0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				72			+1.00	1					
Rolling Fork	86	60	71	72	-1	4.13	+3.36	2	6.39	88	73	78	0.20
Stoneville	86	56	70	71	-1	4.02	+3.25	2	7.73	85	69	75	0.23
Yazoo City	85	61	71	73	-2	6.66	+5.94	3	8.08				
Extreme/Average	86	56	71	72	-1	4.94	+4.17	2	7.40	88	69	77	0.22
5. Central													
Carthage	85	58	71	71	0	8.23	+7.46	4	11.88				
Greenwood	87	56	70	72	-2	5.83	+5.03	3	7.58				
Jackson	87	61	72	73	-1	6.24	+5.53	3	9.56				
Winona	82	56	67	67	0	8.48	+7.65	3	9.73				
Extreme/Average	87	56	70	71	-1	7.20	+6.43	3	9.69				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	90	61	71			5.58	+4.79	3	5.62	81	62	72	
Columbus	85	60	71	72	-1	5.59	+4.80	4	7.35				
State University	84	59	70	71	-1	5.91	+5.13	4	9.26	80	70	74	0.14
Extreme/Average	90	59	71	71	0	5.69	+4.82	4	7.41	81	62	73	0.14
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	86	63	72	73	-1	9.92	+8.94	4	12.09	84	72	76	
Natchez	85	62	71	74	-3	2.51	+1.67	2	4.58				
Oakley	88	59	72	72	0	6.68	+6.02	4	8.06	63	35	55	
Vicksburg	84	62	71			6.32		4	8.15				
Extreme/Average	88	59	71	73	-2	6.36	+5.52	4	8.22	84	35	66	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	88	63	74	74	0	7.65	+6.76	3	8.09				
McComb	85	62	73	74	-1	10.15	+9.19	3	11.65				
Extreme/Average	88	62	74	73	+1	8.90	+8.07	3	9.87				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						6.81		3	8.18				
Hattiesburg	89	63	75	74	+1	11.83	+10.9	4	13.58				
Laurel	84	62	73	72	+1	7.14	+6.21	3	7.77				
Meridian	87	60	73	73	0	7.43	+6.60	3	10.71				
Newton	85	58	71	71	0	8.45	+7.65	4	9.64	79	67	72	0.13
Extreme/Average	89	58	73	73	0	8.33	+7.50	3	9.98	79	67	72	0.13
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	91	62	76	75	+1	3.94	+2.87	3	6.93				
BiloxiAFB	90	68	77			7.11		3	12.27				
Gulfport	90	67	77	76	+1	6.30	+5.07	4	11.16				
Pascagoula	89	66	76			3.16		3	9.46				
Poplarville	88	66	75	74	+1	13.13	+12.2	3	17.34		85	69	750.1
Extreme/Average	91	62	76	75	+1	6.73	+5.65	3	11.43	85	69	75	0.14
State	91	51	71	72	-1	6.66	+5.83	3	9.11	88	35	72	0.17

DFN = Departure from Normal.