

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 30, 2001**. The continuing dry weather has helped to allow farmers to make significant advances in harvesting fall crops. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 3 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	94	83	100	96	--	--	--	--	--
Cotton	Open Bolls	100	98	100	96	7	10	29	40	14
	Harvested	26	13	60	39					
Rice	Mature	100	97	95	96	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	76	64	70	78					
Sorghum	Harvested	96	85	99	93	--	--	--	--	--
	Silage Harvested	100	95	99	93					
Soybeans	Turning Color	97	91	98	92					
	Shedding Leaves	86	81	91	81	12	12	28	36	12
	Harvested	53	43	60	48					
Wheat	Planted	6	5	7	8	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	94	91	93	97	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	65	50	49	43	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	3	13	66	17
Pasture						0	2	21	57	20

### County Agent Comments

"We are having great harvesting weather. Crop yields vary-some good, some not so good. Most of the damaged soybeans have been harvested or destroyed."

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

"Producers are harvesting corn, soybeans and cotton. Yields of all crops are good. We need good weather to continue to harvest an early crop."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"The cotton is looking more promising as harvest time is approaching. The early soybeans have been 10-15 bu. above the county average. Hay yields are outstanding. Cattle will be going into winter in very good condition."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Corn harvest is complete. Yields were in the 140-160 bushel range. Cotton harvest is beginning. Soybean harvest is underway, but too early to determine final yields. Excellent harvest weather prevails. Pastures are in good shape for fall. Warm season grasses have slowed due to cool nights, but fescue is growing well."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"The recent dry weather has allowed a tremendous amount of hay to be harvested. Most producers have an adequate amount of hay stored. Ryegrass planting has begun. There has been many food plots planted the past two weekends. Producers are marketing calves and are getting ready to work brood cows."

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

"Corn harvest is nearly complete. Some pastures are showing signs of stress due to lack of moisture. Hay harvest is yielding good tonnage, but quality is down."

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin County

**Weather Summary from September 24, 2001 to September 30, 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	81	42	61	71	-10	0.00	-0.69	0	0.18	76	65	70	0.20
Cleveland	86	42	63			0.00		0	0.23				
Tunica						0.00	-0.68	0	2.15				0.14
Extreme/Average	86	42	62	71	-9	0.00	-0.75	0	0.85	76	65	70	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	82	33	57	68	-11	0.00	-0.81	0	3.64	82	59	69	0.17
Memphis	79	46	62	71	-9	0.00	-0.76	0	2.71				
Oxford	88	38	61	68	-7	0.00	-0.88	0	2.09				
Extreme/Average	88	33	60	70	-10	0.00	-0.80	0	2.81	82	59	69	0.17
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	42	60	69	-9	0.66	-0.16	2	3.03				
Corinth	86	39	59	69	-10	0.19	-0.66	2	3.19				
Iuka	85	34	57			0.26		1	4.66				
Pontotoc	87	40	61	69	-8	0.01	-0.88	1	3.80	81	70	75	0.11
Tupelo	77	40	60	70	-10	0.04	-0.80	3	0.86				
Verona								0					0.14
Extreme/Average	87	34	59	69	-10	0.19	-0.68	2	3.11	81	70	75	0.11
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	81	41	60	72	-12	0.09	-0.73	2	0.74				
Rolling Fork	90	44	64	72	-8	0.01	-0.74	1	0.77	91	40	77	0.12
Stoneville	88	43	64	71	-7	0.01	-0.74	1	0.70	84	63	73	0.20
Yazoo City	88	43	62	73	-11	0.00	-0.82	0	1.09				
Extreme/Average	90	41	62	72	-10	0.03	-0.74	1	0.83	91	40	75	0.16
5. Central													
Carthage	79	41	58	72	-14	0.00	-0.77	0	2.51				
Jackson	80	45	63	72	-9	0.01	-0.78	1	2.66				
Winona	86	38	59	69	-10	0.06	-0.76	1	1.49				
Extreme/Average	86	38	60	71	-11	0.02	-0.75	1	2.22				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.36	-0.41	1	1.41	80	62	69	
Columbus	88	43	64	71	-7	1.78	+0.95	2	5.35				
State University	89	43	62	71	-9	0.31	-0.57	1	2.10	78	67	72	0.13
Extreme/Average	89	43	63	71	-8	0.82	-0.04	1	2.95	80	62	71	0.13
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	48	65			0.00		0	2.95	95	65	83	
Natchez	79	44	64	74	-10	0.00	-0.84	0	5.87				
Oakley	86	43	65	72	-7	0.00	-0.64	0	6.61	93	67	78	
Vicksburg	86	45	64			0.00		0	9.29				
Extreme/Average	86	43	65	73	-8	0.00	-0.84	0	6.18	95	65	81	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	86	47	66	73	-7	0.00	-0.80	0	4.70				
McComb	84	47	66	73	-7	0.00	-0.92	0	2.74				
Extreme/Average	86	47	66	73	-7	0.00	-0.82	0	3.72				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.06		1	3.58				
Hattiesburg						0.00	-0.73	0	6.99				
Laurel	88	45	64	73	-9	0.54	-0.29	2	1.56				
Meridian	80	43	62	72	-10	0.08	-0.70	4	3.67				
Newton	88	40	64	71	-7	0.00	-0.81	0	2.67	83	59	71	0.15
Extreme/Average	88	40	64	72	-8	0.14	-0.68	1	3.69	83	59	71	0.15
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						0.00		0	5.36				
Biloxi AFB	91	54	69			0.10		1	6.13				
Gulfport	83	52	69	76	-7	0.03	-1.11	1	6.20				
Pascagoula	83	48	67			0.03		1	4.43				
Poplarville	88	50	67	74	-7	0.05	-0.84	1	3.20	86	65	77	0.20
Extreme/Average	91	48	68	75	-7	0.05	-1.00	1	4.99	86	65	77	0.20
State	91	33	63	72	-9	0.13	-0.70	1	3.28	95	40	74	0.17

DFN = Departure from Normal.