

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending October 14, 2001**. Rains across the state on Thursday and Saturday delayed harvesting of crops and fall plantings. Farmers in some areas will not be able to return to fieldwork until the end of the week. Soil moisture was rated 7 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 47 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	99	98	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Cotton	Harvested	50	43	85	71	7	15	25	42	11
Rice	Harvested	94	88	90	95	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum	Harvested	100	98	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	98	94	97	93	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	73	64	79	69					
Wheat	Planted	25	20	20	29	0	0	21	64	15
	Emerged	10	8	6	14					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	99	98	98	99	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	80	75	71	65	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	3	17	64	15
Pasture						0	2	26	59	13

County Agent Comments

“Eight to nine inches of rain stopped all harvesting and will really hurt the crops in the field. Water is standing on some crops and it will be the end of the week before we can start harvesting again.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“More than 10 inches of rain fell in Coahoma County on Thursday and Saturday, leaving water ½ way up on unharvested cotton and beans, and cotton modules on gin lots standing in water. It will be some time before harvest can continue, especially on heavier ground.”

— Ann Ruscoe, Coahoma County

“Rains this past week have really hammered the cotton crop. We will need at least a week before pickers can return to the fields, and on some of the heavy clay soils, it will take two weeks.”

— Mack young, Quitman County

“Crops are coming out at a very fast pace. Cotton harvest is going to take another three weeks due to the late start from green conditions. Some field preparation is beginning for next year’s crop.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Sweetpotato harvest has moved ahead of normal. Yields are good and storage space has become limited. Serious insect injury seems to be isolated to spots, but water damage from August rains caused significant Fusarium problems. Corn harvest was good with cotton harvest beginning.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw County

“Ryegrass planting is in full swing. Recent rains are needed to establish winter pastures. Hay supply looks excellent.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper County

“The last couple of weeks has been great for bringing in that final warm season hay crop. Low humidity and little rain helped many producers finish up for the season. Rain on Friday and Saturday has been a blessing for producers that have ryegrass in the ground.”

— Stan Pace, Hancock County

Weather Summary from October 8, 2001 to October 14, 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	84	42	66	65	+1	3.65 E	+3.08	3	5.16E				
Cleveland	79	42	63			6.57 E		4	8.28E				
Tunica	77	44	66	64	+2	5.37 E	+4.72	4	6.58E	72	56	65	0.11
Extreme/Average	84	42	65	65	0	5.20	+4.57	4	6.67	72	56	65	0.11
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	79	32	62	62	0	6.80 E	+6.10	4	9.65E	71	57	65	0.14
Memphis	78	45	67	65	+2	5.63	+5.00	5	8.28				
Oxford	79	38	64	62	+2	4.16	+3.43	4	5.82				
Extreme/Average	79	32	64	64	0	5.53	+4.84	4	7.92	71	57	65	0.14
3. Northeast													
Booneville	75	39	63	63	0	8.65	+7.95	4	11.56				
Corinth	76	38	62	63	-1	5.67 E	+5.01	4	7.58E				
Iuka								0					
Pontotoc	76	41	63	63	0	6.10	+5.40	4	7.66	72	62	68	0.42
Tupelo	78	39	66	64	+2	6.55	+5.83	4	8.09				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	78	38	63	63	0	6.74	+6.04	4	8.72	72	62	68	0.42
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	80	44	67	66	+1	2.94	+2.17	5	5.74				
Rolling Fork	84	42	68	66	+2	1.60	+0.83	3	1.86	89	63	76	0.15
Stoneville	84	42	66	66	0	3.79 E	+3.16	4	4.58E	77	58	69	0.13
Yazoo City	80	43	67	67	0	3.47	+2.63	4	5.19				
Extreme/Average	84	42	67	66	+1	2.95	+2.19	4	4.34	89	58	72	0.13
5. Central													
Carthage	82	39	66	65	+1	3.76	+3.06	3	5.01				
Jackson	83	46	69	66	+3	2.43	+1.73	4	4.03				
Winona	79	58	68	63	+5	3.76	+3.06	4	5.82				
Extreme/Average	83	39	68	65	+3	3.32	+2.56	4	4.95				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						2.95 E	+2.31	3	4.11E				
Columbus	77	39	65	65	0	3.63	+2.93	2	7.92				
State University	78	37	62	65	-3	4.41	+3.68	3	6.75	71	64	67	0.14
Extreme/Average	78	37	64	65	-1	3.66	+2.96	3	6.26	71	64	67	0.14
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	47	68			3.07		3	3.22	80	59	71	
Natchez	81	43	69	69	0	3.24	+2.40	4	4.49				
Oakley				66		3.21 E	+2.51	4	4.00E				
Vicksburg	83	42	68			4.23		4	5.94				
Extreme/Average	85	42	68	67	+1	3.44	+2.67	4	4.41	80	59	71	0.17
8. South-Central													
Columbia	81	46	67	68	-1	2.68 E	+2.05	2	4.20E				
McComb	82	50	70	67	+3	3.26	+2.53	4	4.05				
Extreme/Average	82	46	69	67	+2	2.97	+2.27	3	4.13				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	84	43	72			5.17		2	6.98				
Hattiesburg	83	48	68	68	0	5.03	+4.38	3	6.15				
Laurel	81	44	66	67	-1	3.33 E	+2.70	3	4.29E				
Meridian	81	42	68	66	+2	4.01	+3.36	3	6.12				
Newton	81	38	65	65	0	4.14	+3.42	3	6.10	74	56	66	0.12
Extreme/Average	84	38	68	66	+2	4.34	+3.68	3	5.93	74	56	66	0.12
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						3.10 E		3	6.72E				
Biloxi AFB	82	63	73			1.41 E		4	5.90E				
Gulfport	81	56	72	71	+1	3.03	+2.29	3	5.36				
Pascagoula	85	51	72			1.18		3	2.50				
Poplarville	82	51	70	69	+1	5.05	+4.28	3	5.76	84	66	74	
Extreme/Average	85	51	72	70	+2	2.75	+2.06	3	5.09	84	66	74	
State	85	32	67	66	+1	4.00	+3.29	4	5.73	89	56	69	0.65

DFN = Departure from Normal.