

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending October 21, 2001**. Dry weather during the week has allowed some farmers to resume some field operations. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 21 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	100	99	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Cotton	Harvested	62	50	93	84	7	13	27	39	14
Rice	Harvested	97	94	96	98	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	99	98	100	97	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	79	73	88	80					
Wheat	Planted	28	25	33	46	1	1	17	53	28
	Emerged	18	10	8	21					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	100	99	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	87	80	88	78	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	3	17	65	14
Pasture						1	4	29	56	10

### County Agent Comments

“Some harvesting has resumed, but most fields are still too wet. Getting this crop out will be a slow go.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“We need at least two weeks more of dry weather. The ground is just now starting to dry out and firm enough to support harvest machinery.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“The seven to nine inches of rain on October 11-13, hurt crops. Some harvest began on Thursday, October 18, but it is still wet in places. The quality of cotton and soybeans is decreasing rapidly. Some of the recent rains would have been nice in July or August.”

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“Excessive rain caused minor problems in low areas. Harvesting was delayed until the middle of the week. Cotton yields are outstanding with over two bales per acre reported on nonirrigated fields. Fall planted crops are emerging with some stand loss from the flooding.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Over 10 inches of rain fell last weekend and hampered harvest. Winter pastures are beginning to green up. Corn harvest is almost complete with yields above average on most fields. Soybean yields are looking good at this point.”

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Heavy rains stopped harvest until mid-week on the lighter soils. Heavy soils will not be firm enough to harvest until Monday, October 22.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Most of the corn for grain has been harvested; just a few acres remain. Corn yields are in the 100-110 bushel range so far. If dry weather continues, bean harvest should begin this week or early next. Cotton harvest continues.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

“More than 95 percent of the hay crop has been harvested to date.”

— Walter Walker, Jackson County

**Weather Summary from October 15, 2001 to October 21, 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	78	39	57	63	-6	0.00	-0.64	0	3.15				
Cleveland	78	38	59			0.00		0	8.28				
Tunica	76	39	57	61	-4	0.00	-0.72	0	5.96	74	53	59	0.11
Extreme/Average	78	38	58	63	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	5.80	74	53	59	0.11
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	77	27	53	59	-6	0.00	-0.77	0	7.30	73	53	62	0.12
Memphis	79	39	59	62	-3	0.00	-0.64	0	6.44				
Oxford	78	32	57	60	-3	0.00	-0.77	0	5.01				
Extreme/Average	79	27	56	61	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	6.25	73	53	62	0.12
3. Northeast													
Booneville	75	36	54	60	-6	0.00	-0.74	0	10.51				
Corinth	76	33	54	60	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	6.26				
Iuka	77	28	52			0.00		0	7.11				
Pontotoc	74	35	55	61	-6	0.05	-0.65	1	6.86	70	55	62	0.12
Tupelo	79	34	56	62	-6	0.02	-0.74	2	7.41				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	79	28	54	61	-7	0.01	-0.71	1	7.63	70	55	62	0.12
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	81	36	58	63	-5	0.01	-0.80	1	5.67				
Rolling Fork	83	38	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.80	0	1.73	82	58	69	0.12
Stoneville	79	39	59	63	-4	0.00	-0.68	0	4.20	75	52	64	0.15
Yazoo City	79	36	57	65	-8	0.00	-0.88	0	4.37				
Extreme/Average	83	36	58	64	-6	0.00	-0.78	0	3.99	82	52	66	0.14
5. Central													
Carthage	82	34	57	63	-6	0.00	-0.75	0	4.16				
Jackson	82	36	58	64	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	3.54				
Winona	76	30	52	60	-8	0.00	-0.73	0	5.82				
Extreme/Average	82	30	56	63	-7	0.00	-0.77	0	4.51				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.65	0	3.71				
Columbus	79	35	56	62	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	6.41				
State University	79	34	59	63	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	6.18	72	56	64	0.10
Extreme/Average	79	34	58	62	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	5.43	72	56	64	0.10
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	80	39	58			0.00		0	3.07	80	53	66	
Natchez	79	36	58	67	-9	0.00	-0.84	0	4.44				
Oakley	83	35	58	63	-5	0.00	-0.75	0	3.81	80	54	67	
Vicksburg	81	39	59			0.00		0	5.17				
Extreme/Average	83	35	58	65	-7	0.00	-0.81	0	4.12	80	53	66	
8. South-Central													
Columbia						0.00	-0.63	0	3.75				
McComb	81	37	60	65	-5	0.03	-0.67	3	4.03				
Extreme/Average	81	37	60	65	-5	0.02	-0.68	2	3.89				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	86	38	63			0.00		0	6.03				
Hattiesburg	81	36	59	65	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	5.98				
Laurel	80	39	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.63	0	4.06				
Meridian	83	34	58	63	-5	0.02	-0.64	2	5.39				
Newton	80	31	55	62	-7	0.00	-0.72	0	5.14	73	51	61	0.10
Extreme/Average	86	31	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.65	0	5.32	73	51	61	0.10
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	85	44	62			0.00		0	4.35				
Biloxi AFB	82	45	63			0.04		1	1.55				
Gulfport	79	41	63	69	-6	0.00	-0.64	0	3.08				
Pascagoula	85	37	62			0.00		0	1.24				
Poplarville	82	38	61	67	-6	0.00	-0.74	0	5.10	80	56	69	
Extreme/Average	85	37	62	68	-6	0.01	-0.62	0	3.44	80	56	69	
State	86	27	58	63	-5	0.00	-0.72	0	4.98	82	51	64	0.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.