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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 24, 2002**. Many farmers were relieved to have a week of dry weather to allow them to harvest their crops. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	94	79	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Harvested	99	98	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	92	85	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	99	97	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	78	58	97	94	1	5	60	28	6
	Emerged	44	39	78	82					
Cattle						1	5	21	59	14
						Short		Adequate		Surplus
Hay Supply						2		63		35
Feed Grain						1		96		3

County Agent Comments

“Crops are out of the field and growers are trying to fill in ruts made from harvesting. Most of the wheat has been planted.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Producers are taking advantage of the dry weather to finish harvesting. Hay feeding has begun for beef producers. Grass Tetany is causing death in beef cattle grazing lush pastures combined with the overcast skies.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Soybean and cotton harvest should be completed this week. It has been a tough harvest with damage to crops due to weathering and then harvesting in the mud. A few soybean growers experienced dockage for damage up to 70% when beans were delivered to market. However, most growers experienced dockage of 2 to 30%. The higher damage seems to be specific to a few varieties, and producers are hopeful their crop will average out in the end.”

— Stanley Wise, Union County

“We are fortunate to have had dry enough weather to almost complete the harvest except on some of the heaviest soils. With the machinery we have now, harvest has not stopped except for rain. Rutting has been the rule, and now trying to fill ruts has become a major undertaking.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Harvest is nearing an end for cotton and soybeans. Cool season pastures are looking great. The predicted frost this weekend will end our summer grass production for this year, but it has been really good.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“Drier conditions have allowed soybean harvest to begin. Producers are replanting ryegrass that was lost to blast, and hoping for some more dry weather so the grass can recover.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Most ryegrass is recovering from blast. A lot of nitrogen has gone out on ryegrass. Producers are feeding hay and supplemental feed. Warm season grazing lasted longer than normal due to unusual fall weather. Stocker operators are grazing ryegrass and some cow-calf producers have begun grazing cool season pastures.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

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Weather Summary from November 18, 2002 to November 24, 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				51		0.10	-1.30	1	3.25				
Cleveland	69	33	50	51	-1	0.00	-1.47	0	3.61				
Tunica				50					3.50				
Extreme/Average	69	33	50	52	-2	0.05	-1.28	1	3.43				
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				48		0.10	-1.23	1	3.66				
Memphis	67	34	51	50	+1	0.00	-1.45	0	3.39				
Oxford	69	28	49	49	0	0.23	-1.10	1	3.68				
Extreme/Average	69	28	50	51	-1	0.12	-1.24	1	3.54				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	67	29	47	49	-2	0.12	-1.28	1	4.72				
Corinth				51		0.10	-1.33	1	3.92				
Iuka	65	21	44	47	-3	0.15	-1.30	1	5.86				
Pontotoc				51		0.07	-1.16	1	4.96				0.12
Tupelo	67	27	49	50	-1	0.06	-1.20	1	4.47				
Verona				50		0.06	-1.15	2	6.31				
Extreme/Average	67	21	47	51	-4	0.10	-1.21	1	4.79				0.12
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				52									
Rolling Fork	71	31	53	52	+1	0.02	-1.17	1	4.23	61	50	56	0.05
Stoneville				52		0.04	-1.25	1	2.94				
Yazoo City	69	33	53	54	-1	0.03	-1.23	2	6.55				
Extreme/Average	71	31	53	54	-1	0.03	-1.28	1	4.57	61	50	56	0.05
5. Central													
Carthage	72	35	54	52	+2	0.01	-1.32	1	6.93				
Greenwood	69	30	51	53	-2	0.06	-1.13	1	4.26				
Jackson	71	30	52	54	-2	0.00	-1.25	0	5.37				
Winona	70	25	48	49	-1	0.00	-1.28	0	5.20				
Extreme/Average	72	25	51	53	-2	0.02	-1.20	1	5.44				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	69	32	54			0.03	-1.09	1	2.32	57	49	54	
Columbus	67	28	48	52	-4	0.01	-1.25	1	3.32				
State University	70	28	49	52	-3	0.13	-1.01	1	6.41	60	48	53	0.07
Extreme/Average	70	28	50	53	-3	0.06	-1.11	1	4.02	60	48	54	0.07
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	70	31	53	55	-2	0.00	-1.17	0	8.57	68	49	57	
Natchez	71	31	52	56	-4	0.10	-1.28	1	7.98				
Oakley				53		0.02	-1.24	2	9.19				
Vicksburg	71	33	52			0.00		0	5.75				
Extreme/Average	71	31	52	56	-4	0.03	-1.18	1	7.87	68	49	57	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	69	32	53	55	-2	0.46	-0.76	3	4.45				
McComb	72	33	55	56	-1	0.20	-1.06	2	5.59				
Extreme/Average	72	32	54	56	-2	0.33	-0.83	3	5.02				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	72	29	54			1.62		2	7.13				
Hattiesburg	68	31	53	56	-3	0.87	-0.44	2	6.34				
Laurel	69	31	51	54	-3	0.58	-0.61	3	5.29				
Meridian	69	30	52	54	-2	0.39	-0.85	1	7.25				
Newton	70	27	49	52	-3	0.15	-1.11	2	6.40	61	47	54	0.08
Extreme/Average	72	27	52	55	-3	0.72	-0.44	2	6.48	61	47	54	0.08
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	71	32	54	58	-4	1.26	-0.00	2	4.78				
Biloxi AFB	68	45	59			0.75		2	4.53				
Gulfport	69	37	57	59	-2	1.39	+0.16	4	6.85				
Pascagoula	73	31	54			0.27		1	5.49				
Poplarville	70	33	53	57	-4	1.25	+0.07	2	11.01	64	54	59	0.10
Extreme/Average	73	31	55	59	-4	0.98	-0.12	2	7.03	64	54	59	0.10
State	73	21	51	54	-3	0.24	-0.98	1	5.37	68	47	56	0.08

DFN = Departure from Normal.