

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 26, 2000**. Cold and wet weather continued to hamper fall fieldwork. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 18 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	Planted	91	85	97	97	4	3	48	41	4
	Emerged	78	70	86	89					
Cattle						2	15	39	38	6

County Agent Comments

“Heavy rainfall will stop all field work for several days. As of Friday afternoon we have received over 5 inches of rain. This has filled our ditches and lakes and should help duck hunting.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“We got a little over 4 inches of rain Friday. This has continued to help the winter grazing and winter wheat. Most of this has come up in the last three weeks. We need some moderate temperatures to keep the ryegrass and wheat growing.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Heavy rains fell across the area last week. This has further delayed wheat planting.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Harvest of all crops was virtually completed before the rains began. Rainfall certainly has helped but subsoil moisture will continue to need rains to replenish the depleted supplies.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“We finally have enough moisture to allow winter grazing to develop roots, but the heavy frosts have actually retarded development. We need a few warm days. Essentially all field crops have been harvested. The big question facing farmers now is how to survive this crop year and farm again next year.”

— Ernie Flint, Attala County

“Rain last week was welcomed. Additional acres of ryegrass are being planted and some interseeding of poor stands is also taking place. Hard freezes may have burned some winter vegetables and young ryegrass back somewhat, but to date no serious damage has occurred.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

“Recent rains last week have filled some ponds, and ryegrass is now growing but is behind schedule. Most crops have been harvested. Hay will be short this year.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

“Extremely cold and wet weather has forced cattlemen to feed more hay than normal. Some producers were beginning to graze ryegrass, but the cold weather has slowed the growth of the grass. Many producers are looking to purchase hay to avoid shortages, if we have a hard winter. The wet weather also has slowed timber harvest somewhat, but bug timber is still a problem for forest landowners.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Soggy conditions still persist. The welcome rain helped to insulate many ornamentals against the cold temperatures. A light frost and freeze occurred along the beaches with inland locations receiving lows in the middle 20s.”

— Chance McDavid, Harrison County

Weather Summary from November 20, 2000 to November 26, 2000 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									
Cleveland	59	29	45			5.53		2	10.52				
Tunica	57	31	44	50	-6	4.90	+3.63	3	9.55				0.03
Extreme/Average	59	29	44	51	-7	5.22	+3.87	3	10.04				0.03
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				48									
Memphis	59	27	45	50	-5	3.08	+1.76	3	6.86				
Oxford	60	24	44	49	-5	3.52	+2.12	3	10.25				
Extreme/Average	60	24	44	50	-6	3.30	+1.92	3	8.56				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	61	23	41	49	-8	2.63	+1.28	3	8.16				
Corinth				50									
Iuka	62	18	41			2.22		3	7.16				
Pontotoc	61	25	44	50	-6	3.02	+1.76	2	9.38	54	43	48	0.05
Tupelo	61	24	45	50	-5	3.41	+2.17	3	9.41				
Verona	63	26	45			3.26		3	10.09	57	38	48	
Extreme/Average	63	18	43	50	-7	2.91	+1.58	3	8.84	57	38	48	0.05
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	61	32	47	53	-6	3.94	+2.68	2	9.64	58	48	53	
Greenwood	63	25	45	52	-7	3.97	+2.72	3	8.05				
Rolling Fork	61	26	46	53	-7	0.56	-0.62	2	6.39	58	43	52	0.04
Stoneville	60	29	45	52	-7	4.69	+3.29	2	10.82	56	40	49	
Yazoo City	61	27	45	54	-9	2.67	+1.40	2	8.89				
Extreme/Average	63	25	46	53	-7	3.17	+1.84	2	8.76	58	40	51	0.04
5. Central													
Carthage	62	22	45	53	-8	0.42	-0.81	2	6.80				
Jackson	62	25	46	54	-8	0.80	-0.43	3	7.10				
Winona	62	21	42	50	-8	4.27	+2.97	3	12.97				
Extreme/Average	62	21	44	53	-9	1.83	+0.59	3	8.96				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						E1.85	+0.74	2	6.23				
Columbus	61	25	46			E2.63		2	7.84				
State University	63	23	45	52	-7	2.92	+1.83	2	9.65	51	43	48	0.10
Extreme/Average	63	23	46	52	-6	2.47	+1.27	2	7.91	51	43	48	0.10
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	63	27	48			1.00		2	9.67	60	40	52	
Natchez	69	24	48	57	-9	2.26	+0.95	3	10.53				
Oakley	64	25	45	54	-9	0.88	-0.32	3	10.09	57	41	52	
Vicksburg	62	26	47			1.90		2	9.34				
Extreme/Average	69	24	47	55	-8	1.51	+0.28	3	9.91	60	40	52	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	62	26	46	56	-10	0.13	-1.12	2	8.52				
McComb	70	24	49	55	-6	0.90	-0.33	5	6.08				
Extreme/Average	70	24	48	55	-7	0.52	-0.68	4	7.30				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	69	26	49	56	-7	2.88	+1.64	3	12.26				
Laurel	66	24	45	55	-10	1.15	-0.01	3	8.11				
Meridian	62	21	46	53	-7	1.12	-0.05	1	6.14				
Newton	61	20	44	53	-9	1.37	+0.23	4	8.29	50	39	45	0.07
Extreme/Average	69	20	46	55	-9	1.63	+0.44	3	8.70	50	39	45	0.07
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	69	27	51			1.64		2	11.31				
BiloxiAFB	68	30	51			3.49		2	10.88				
Gulfport	66	29	51	59	-8	1.00	-0.10	1	11.95				
Pascagoula	69	25	49			3.53		1	10.70				
Poplarville	68	29	49	57	-8	1.25	+0.10	2	9.22	61	49	55	1.60
Extreme/Average	69	25	50	58	-8	2.18	+1.05	2	10.84	61	49	55	1.60
State	70	18	46	53	-7	2.31	+1.06	3	8.93	61	23	47	0.36

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Value.