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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 17, 2013**. Even though it rained in some parts weather condition was good during the week. The favorable weather dried wet fields and allowed for corn planting to start. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending March 17, 2013

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	13	--	3	4
Watermelons, planted	0	--	3	0
Winter Wheat, jointing	24	--	55	21
Winter Wheat, heading	0	--	2	0

Crop condition for week ending March 17, 2013

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	3	20	77	0
Livestock	0	7	38	46	9
Pasture	4	25	28	34	9
Winter Wheat	0	5	40	51	4

Comments

“Some of our Sweet Potato growers have started their plant beds for potato slips this week. Wheat in the county has been fertilized this week.”

— Trent Barnett, Calhoun

“Drying conditions have allowed for burning down to go out. Soil temps are still cool for corn. We hope by Monday we can start to plant if the rain holds off.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada

“Fields are drying out and warming up. Corn planting and spring fertilization are underway.”

— Jerry, Singleton, Leflore

“Corn planting has progressed very fast in the county. Soybean planting has begun.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Wet conditions are preventing most pre-plant preparations to fields. Wheat is starting to look better with the warmer temps.”

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Weather has been wet for the most part, keeping ryegrass and wheat held back, but recent warm temps and dryer conditions ought to get things going.”

— Charlie Bush, Simpson

“Drier weather has allowed producers to fertilize pasture and wheat. Field preparations have begun for row crop planting, with some corn already in the ground.”

— Richard Hay, Walthall

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 17, 2013

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	75	32	51	53	-2	1.00	-0.26	1	3.12
Cleveland	77	34	52	55	-3	1.15	-0.25	1	3.14
Lambert 5E	MM	MM				1.63	0.30	1	3.87
Tunica 2	MM	MM		52		1.01	-0.25	1	4.25
Extreme/Average	77	32	52	54	-2	1.20	-0.08	1	3.60
North-Central									
Hickory Flat	76	23	47	50	-3	2.16	0.76	1	4.89
Holly Springs 4	77	22	49	50	-1	2.70	1.32	1	5.38
Independence 1W	74	26	49	51	-2	1.50	0.31	1	3.71
University	78	24	49	51	-2	1.59	0.25	1	4.07
Water Valley 1N	75	27	50	53	-3	1.50	0.08	1	2.74
Extreme/Average	78	22	49	53	-4	1.89	0.56	1	4.16
Northeast									
Pontotoc Exp	76	27	47	52	-5	1.11	-0.29	1	4.01
Booneville	77	26	48	51	-3	1.74	0.27	1	4.46
Tupelo 2	76	28	50			1.26		1	2.07
Corinth City	77	26	48	54	-6	1.80	0.40	1	4.57
Verona Exp	71	24	45	53	-8	1.78	0.38	1	5.32
Extreme/Average	77	24	48	52	-4	1.54	0.07	1	4.09
Lower Delta									
Moorhead	77	35	54	56	-2	0.88	-0.47	1	3.13
Rolling Fork	80	34	55	55		0.88	-0.52	1	2.53
Yazoo City 5NNE	81	38	57	57		1.36	-0.20	1	4.36
Extreme/Average	81	34	55	56	-1	1.04	-0.36	1	3.75
Central									
Kosciusko	1			54		1.91	0.37	1	4.60
Winona 5E	76	27	48	51	-3	1.19	-0.28	1	3.64
Extreme/Average	76	27	48	55	-7	1.55	0.11	1	4.12
East-Central									
Aberdeen	1			53		0.30	-1.12	1	2.32
Columbus	78	32	53	55	-2	2.77	1.58	2	5.95
Louisville	79	29	52	54	-2	2.94	1.43	1	5.24
Macon 2E	77	30	52	54	-2	2.19	0.88	2	4.87
State University	80	30	53	54	-1	2.77	1.38	2	6.07
Extreme/Average	80	29	53	55	-2	2.19	0.77	2	4.80
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	78	33	54	58	-4	2.52	1.19	1	7.74
Natchez	76	31	52	59	-7	2.28	0.74	1	7.57
Vicksburg	76	35	55			1.39		1	5.48
Extreme/Average	78	31	54	58	-4	2.06	0.59	1	6.93
South-Central									
Collins	76	32	52	57	-5	0.90	-0.61	2	5.90
Columbia	77	34	54	59	-5	0.99	-0.48	2	3.79
Monticello	78	36	54	57	-3	2.40	0.86	1	5.48
Extreme/Average	78	32	54	58	-4	1.43	-0.04	2	5.06
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	76	34	56	58	-2	1.36	-0.10	2	4.69
Laurel	77	33	53	57	-4	1.61	0.21	2	5.77
Extreme/Average	77	33	54	58	-4	1.49	-0.04	2	5.23
State	81	22	52	56	-4	1.64	0.21	1	4.78

DFN = Departure from Normal.