



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 4, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 43.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Aberdeen to 67.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Waynesboro. Highs ranged from 69.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 85.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Waynesboro. Nearly the entire state saw an inch or more of precipitation, with Biloxi receiving nearly 6 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 4, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	88	75	89	96
Corn, emerged	70	51	76	90
Cotton, planted	17	4	2	31
Cotton, emerged	4	0	0	13
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	14	7	16	38
Peanuts, planted	20	8	0	15
Rice, planted	51	24	14	67
Rice, emerged	27	14	10	51
Sorghum, planted	23	8	2	45
Sorghum, emerged	7	1	0	30
Soybeans, planted	36	24	14	50
Soybeans, emerged	19	9	6	34
Watermelons, planted	59	48	31	76
Winter Wheat, headed	72	42	70	91

Crop condition for week ending May 4, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	2	30	64	4
Corn	0	8	22	56	14
Livestock	0	4	25	55	16
Pasture	1	7	31	50	11
Watermelons	0	3	72	21	4
Winter Wheat	0	3	27	57	13

Comments

“Growers had a good week of planting, spraying and field preparation. We should see a lot of seed in the ground this week. Wheat is looking better.”

-Don Respons, Coahoma

“Prentiss County was spared much of the tornado and wind damage that many other counties received. Significant rainfall soaked recently planted corn fields during the storms. The dry breezy days following the storm helped to dry fields quickly, thus much field work is anticipated this week prior to projected rains this coming weekend. The weather has also been conducive to cool season forage growth. I anticipate some forage harvest within the next 3-4 weeks. Many gardeners are busy tending to their recently planted crops as well.”

- Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss

“Wet fields prevented all field activity until the latter part of the week. All plants that have emerged are slow growing from lack of heat & sunshine.”

-Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We escaped tornado damage with only heavy rainfall. Wind and sun drying fields quickly and planting should resume any day. Wheat is clean of diseases and progressing well.”

-Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc

“Amite County has been in somewhat of a drought for the past two weeks. The last significant rainfall we received was during the week before Easter Sunday. We look to receive some significant rainfall at week's end.”

-Randall H. McKey III, Amite

“Cattle producers are topdressing summer pastures and making weed control efforts to ensure optimal growth of warm season grasses for high quality grazing and/or hay production.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 4, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	71.8	53.4	62.6	66.8	-4.1	1.27	1	0.24	3.67	0.94
Cleveland	76.6	51.4	64.0	67.6	-3.6	1.16	2	0.33	6.10	1.18
Lambert	74.3	49.0	61.7	67.3	-5.5	1.07	2	0.11	3.50	-0.66
Tunica	71.4	52.7	62.1	67.4	-5.3	2.56	2	1.29	5.21	0.06
Extreme/Average	73.5	51.6	62.6	67.3	-4.7	1.52	2	0.27	4.62	0.38
North-Central										
Ashland	69.9	50.0	59.9	NA	NA	2.80	2	1.48	4.97	-0.07
Batesville	72.9	46.7	59.8	65.6	-5.8	1.05	1	0.28	1.37	-3.42
Hickory Flat	71.4	47.1	59.3	64.3	-5.0	1.64	3	0.27	4.19	-0.93
Independence	71.6	48.4	60.0	64.4	-4.4	2.40	3	1.10	4.61	-0.09
University	73.3	50.4	61.9	65.7	-3.8	0.86	3	0.52	3.33	-1.90
Extreme/Average	71.8	48.5	60.2	65.0	-4.8	1.75	3	0.41	3.69	-1.28
Northeast										
Booneville	73.0	48.6	60.8	63.7	-3.0	2.79	3	1.50	5.38	0.53
Corinth	73.0	53.5	63.3	63.9	-0.5	2.25	2	1.48	4.41	0.29
Fulton	73.6	48.6	61.1	64.9	-3.8	2.58	3	1.12	6.91	1.78
Pontotoc	74.6	50.1	62.4	64.9	-2.5	1.74	3	0.35	6.66	1.82
Tupelo	71.7	52.1	61.9	66.6	-4.7	1.59	3	0.28	5.77	1.35
Verona	73.7	51.3	62.5	66.1	-3.6	2.38	3	1.05	6.27	1.52
Extreme/Average	73.3	50.7	62.0	65.0	-3.0	2.22	3	0.96	5.90	1.21
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	78.3	53.0	65.7	69.0	-3.2	0.81	1	0.35	10.8	6.84
Moorhead	73.9	53.1	63.5	68.3	-4.8	0.57	1	0.64	8.72	3.69
Rolling Fork	77.8	51.7	65.4	68.7	-3.5	1.43	1	0.40	11.7	7.20
Yazoo City	80.3	56.0	68.1	68.0	0.1	1.50	1	0.24	14.3	9.27
Extreme/Average	77.6	53.5	65.7	68.5	-2.9	1.08	1	0.09	11.4	6.75
Central										
Canton	77.0	49.7	63.4	67.2	-3.9	2.09	3	0.98	10.3	5.53
Eupora	75.4	52.2	63.8	65.5	-1.7	1.07	2	0.29	6.72	3.31
Kosciusko	76.6	50.9	63.7	65.6	-1.9	4.52	2	3.38	16.3	11.44
Winona	74.0	47.6	60.8	64.1	-3.3	1.11	2	0.20	8.38	3.51
Extreme/Average	75.8	50.1	62.9	65.6	-2.7	2.20	3	1.11	10.4	5.95
East-Central										
Aberdeen	78.0	43.0	60.5	66.1	-6.4	1.67	3	0.46	5.45	1.09
Columbus	77.7	50.8	64.3	67.6	-3.2	0.29	1	0.58	6.03	1.93
Macon	73.8	49.6	61.7	66.6	-5.0	1.78	2	1.35	5.99	3.44
Philadelphia	77.2	54.4	65.8	67.7	-1.6	4.43	3	3.70	13.2	8.81
State University	76.7	51.7	64.2	66.7	-2.4	2.09	3	1.08	8.93	4.48
Extreme/Average	76.7	49.9	63.3	66.9	-3.7	2.05	3	1.20	7.93	3.95
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	78.6	52.7	65.6	69.9	-4.3	1.55	2	0.47	7.20	2.53
Natchez	79.8	51.2	66.5	68.8	-2.3	0.25	2	0.62	4.76	0.74
Oakley	79.6	51.6	65.6	68.4	-2.8	1.82	1	0.80	6.91	2.81
Vicksburg City	79.7	54.3	67.7	68.8	-1.1	1.23	2	0.11	9.74	5.11
Extreme/Average	79.4	52.5	66.3	69.0	-2.6	1.21	2	0.19	7.15	2.80
South-Central										
Collins	74.3	52.4	63.4	68.0	-4.6	2.40	2	1.33	5.90	1.48
Columbia	78.6	54.1	66.4	69.6	-3.2	0.73	1	0.24	3.42	-1.23
Monticello	83.1	59.0	71.1	68.9	2.2	1.42	2	0.30	2.80	-1.76
Extreme/Average	78.7	55.2	66.9	68.8	-1.9	1.52	2	0.46	4.04	-0.50
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	78.6	59.0	68.8	69.5	-0.7	1.75	2	0.86	5.68	1.30
Laurel	80.7	56.5	68.6	68.7	-0.1	4.05	2	3.08	8.79	4.82
Waynesboro	85.3	67.3	76.3	68.3	8.6	4.84	2	4.46	8.31	5.00
Extreme/Average	81.5	60.9	71.2	68.8	2.6	3.55	2	2.80	7.59	3.71
Coastal										
Biloxi	78.7	61.7	70.2	72.0	-1.8	5.96	2	4.97	10.2	6.14
Poplarville	80.0	57.6	68.8	69.6	-0.5	0.50	1	0.24	4.68	0.47
Extreme/Average	79.3	59.7	69.5	70.8	-1.1	3.23	2	2.36	7.46	3.30
State	77.1	53.3	65.2	67.6	-2.3	2.05	2	1.01	7.23	2.85

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.