



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 21, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 27 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 72.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. Highs ranged from 81.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 93.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Rain was widespread throughout the state, with the east central region receiving an average of 1.44 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 21, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	99	97	100	100
Corn, harvested	88	76	86	92
Cotton, open bolls	73	60	63	81
Cotton, harvested	3	0	1	13
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	94	92	95	94
Peanuts, dug	40	28	33	16
Peanuts, harvested	20	10	26	12
Rice, mature	84	73	68	92
Rice, harvested	48	31	27	58
Sorghum, coloring	95	92	100	100
Sorghum, mature	84	74	78	95
Sorghum, harvested	49	35	24	66
Soybeans, turning color	86	79	73	86
Soybeans, dropping leaves	68	55	41	67
Soybeans, harvested	41	29	11	38
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	25	16	30	40

Crop condition for week ending September 21, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	1	30	64	5
Cotton	0	2	25	57	16
Hay	1	6	32	52	9
Livestock	0	3	23	59	15
Pasture	2	7	29	51	11
Peanuts	0	3	22	63	12
Rice	0	0	14	57	29
Sorghum	0	10	33	40	17
Soybeans	0	4	16	51	29
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	30	48	22

Comments from Extension Agents

“Harvest is moving right along. Corn harvest has wrapped up and soybeans are coming out of the field at a steady pace. Reported yields are really good. Cotton harvest got started last week on a few acres and should gain momentum this week. Conditions are ideal for fall tillage and fertility work and growers are preparing fields for next spring.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Harvest is underway for corn and some earlier maturity soybeans. Cotton harvest should be right around the corner. Some cool season forages have been planted (ryegrass, fescues, wheat). A mid-week cool front brought significant rainfall to some parts of the county, while others received little to none.”

-Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“The area received much needed rain last week but the warm days and the wind dried conditions back out again. Corn harvest has finished and cotton and soybean harvest has begun.”

-Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Soybeans are coming along very well. Rainfall has been adequate and temperatures have been relatively pleasant compared to years past. Farmers are gearing up and preparing to plant ryegrass pastures.”

-Randall H. McKey III, Amite County

“Lack of moisture has made ground very dry and tough on summer forage crops. We are in need of rain.”

-Amanda Walker, Lawrence County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 21, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	89.0	65.0	77.0	75.2	1.8	0.19	1	-0.68	1.81	-1.71
Lambert	87.9	64.6	76.2	74.0	2.2	0.70	1	0.02	1.59	-1.12
Tunica	82.0	64.3	73.2	73.8	-0.7	0.00	0	-0.49	7.55	5.34
Extreme/Average	86.3	64.6	75.5	74.3	1.1	0.30	1	-0.38	3.65	0.84
North-Central										
Ashland	81.1	59.3	70.2	NA	NA	0.13	1	-0.75	1.33	-1.66
Batesville	85.7	61.8	73.8	72.1	1.6	0.00	0	-0.68	1.04	-1.36
Hickory Flat	83.9	58.6	71.2	71.0	0.2	0.25	2	-0.69	2.31	-1.25
Independence	81.0	61.0	71.0	71.2	-0.2	0.36	1	-0.42	1.92	-0.92
University	85.9	61.4	73.6	72.4	1.2	1.51	1	0.72	7.78	4.64
Extreme/Average	83.5	60.4	72.0	71.7	0.7	0.45	2	-0.36	2.88	-0.11
Northeast										
Booneville	81.7	61.0	71.4	70.8	0.6	2.00	1	1.10	4.90	1.52
Fulton	83.3	61.1	72.2	71.7	0.5	0.66	1	-0.26	1.98	-1.46
Pontotoc	82.5	61.8	72.2	71.7	0.2	0.23	1	-0.50	4.09	0.92
Tupelo	83.2	64.5	73.8	72.8	1.1	1.06	1	0.36	3.45	0.56
Verona	84.9	63.7	74.3	73.5	0.8	0.22	1	-0.82	2.69	-0.89
Extreme/Average	83.1	62.4	72.8	72.1	0.7	0.83	1	-0.02	3.42	0.13
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	86.7	65.7	76.2	75.4	0.9	0.14	1	-0.52	1.44	-1.38
Moorhead	88.3	67.2	77.8	75.1	2.5	0.23	1	-0.53	1.97	-1.05
Rolling Fork	90.3	68.6	79.4	75.1	4.4	0.00	0	-0.69	0.80	-2.02
Yazoo City	91.9	70.3	81.1	74.8	6.3	0.91	1	0.29	2.76	-0.13
Extreme/Average	89.3	68.0	78.6	75.1	3.5	0.32	1	-0.36	1.74	-1.14
Central										
Canton	89.7	65.3	77.5	74.2	3.5	0.53	1	-0.23	1.38	-0.91
Eupora	87.7	64.0	75.9	72.2	3.7	0.50	1	-0.39	2.22	-1.41
Winona	87.7	63.4	75.6	71.7	3.8	1.33	1	0.45	2.81	-0.79
Extreme/Average	88.4	64.2	76.3	72.7	3.7	0.79	1	-0.06	2.14	-1.04
East-Central										
Aberdeen	87.0	60.7	73.9	73.5	0.3	2.30	1	1.41	2.80	-0.45
Columbus	89.5	66.8	78.2	74.2	3.7	2.25	2	1.56	4.60	1.38
Macon	86.6	64.3	75.4	73.7	1.8	0.90	1	0.09	2.66	-0.69
Philadelphia	88.9	65.9	77.4	75.1	2.3	1.58	1	0.91	2.98	-0.18
State University	88.6	66.6	77.6	73.0	4.6	0.15	1	-0.62	2.05	-1.15
Extreme/Average	88.1	64.9	76.5	73.9	2.5	1.44	2	0.67	3.02	-0.22
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	89.1	66.6	77.9	77.0	0.9	0.00	0	-0.96	3.21	-0.61
Natchez	85.7	66.9	76.3	74.8	1.5	0.73	1	-0.19	3.88	-0.09
Oakley	92.5	66.5	79.5	74.9	4.7	0.02	1	-0.61	3.81	0.64
Vicksburg City	87.9	67.3	77.6	75.0	2.6	0.00	0	-0.71	1.89	-1.66
Extreme/Average	88.8	66.8	77.8	75.4	2.4	0.19	1	-0.62	3.20	-0.43
South-Central										
Collins	90.1	69.3	79.7	74.5	5.2	0.10	1	-0.73	2.40	-1.45
Columbia	89.4	67.9	78.6	76.4	2.3	0.22	1	-0.59	2.82	-1.03
Monticello	92.7	72.7	82.7	75.9	6.8	0.03	1	-0.60	3.30	0.69
Extreme/Average	90.7	70.0	80.4	75.6	4.7	0.12	1	-0.64	2.84	-0.60
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	87.9	68.9	78.4	76.4	2.0	1.05	1	0.04	4.46	-0.03
Laurel	93.3	72.1	82.7	74.9	7.8	0.30	2	-0.50	3.68	0.12
Extreme/Average	90.6	70.5	80.5	75.7	4.9	0.68	2	-0.23	4.07	0.04
Coastal										
Biloxi	88.0	72.0	80.0	78.4	1.6	0.39	4	-0.90	1.98	-3.24
Saucier	86.7	70.9	78.8	77.7	1.1	1.23	1	-0.09	3.16	-2.21
Extreme/Average	87.3	71.5	79.4	78.0	1.4	0.81	4	-0.49	2.57	-2.73
State	87.9	66.4	77.1	74.4	2.7	0.60	1	-0.24	2.96	-0.52

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Date from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.