



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending March 15, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 0.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 15, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 11 percent adequate, and 89 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 75 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 46.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 61.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Highs ranged from 58.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. The entire state averaged 6 days of rain with the highest average being 5.03 inches in the coastal part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending March 15, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	0	NA	0	0
Rice, planted	0	NA	0	0
Sorghum, planted	0	NA	0	0
Watermelons, planted	0	NA	0	0
Winter Wheat, headed	0	NA	0	0

Crop condition for week ending March 15, 2015

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	9	42	48
Livestock	1	6	35	47	11
Pasture	6	18	37	29	10
Winter Wheat	14	15	33	34	4

Comments from Extension Agents

“Rain, rain, and rain. Been wet for over three weeks and it will be at least 10-14 days before we can get in the field if it stops raining this weekend. Pastures are a mess.”

-Stephen Winters, Grenada County

“Due to the snow, ice, and rain, conditions have been very bad for row crop and cattle producers. We are expecting more rain tomorrow and Wednesday.”

-Belvia Giachelli, Lee County

“This spring is turning out to be very saturated. We need 10 full days of sunshine to starting planting our corn crop.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena and Sharkey County

“Temperature has finally warmed to be above 60 degrees on a consistent basis for the week allowing for cool season grasses to spring up. Rain was too plentiful as we only saw sun for the first time on Sunday.”

-Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“Due to changes in weather conditions over the last few weeks, farming activities have been cut to minimum. Once the fields are dry, the farmers can begin to prepare their soil for the late spring crops.”

-Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“Recent heavy rainfalls followed by some warm sunny days have created good growing conditions for winter grazing. Fields are saturated which creates difficulty for producers to get in the field and work.”

-Mitchell Newman, Greene County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 15, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	59.2	50.0	54.6	51.3	3.5	2.77	5	1.83	8.01	4.09
Cleveland	62.4	52.3	57.4	52.9	4.5	2.42	6	1.47	8.55	4.41
Lambert	62.7	49.6	56.1	52.6	3.5	3.35	6	2.31	10.11	5.44
Tunica	58.5	49.3	53.9	52.4	1.7	5.18	6	4.25	16.96	12.61
Extreme/Average	60.7	50.3	55.5	52.3	3.3	3.43	6	2.46	10.91	6.64
North-Central										
Ashland	61.3	47.0	54.1	NA	NA	2.13	6	1.02	9.39	4.49
Hickory Flat	61.9	46.3	54.1	49.9	4.2	2.14	7	1.01	8.04	3.05
Independence	61.6	47.4	54.5	50.4	4.1	3.33	6	2.26	9.16	5.10
University	63.3	48.3	55.8	51.6	4.2	2.54	7	1.46	6.92	2.63
Extreme/Average	62.0	47.3	54.6	50.6	4.1	2.54	7	1.44	8.38	3.82
Northeast										
Booneville	62.1	47.3	54.7	49.9	4.8	2.22	5	1.13	7.58	2.79
Corinth	62.9	47.4	55.1	49.8	5.3	1.92	7	0.85	10.21	5.73
Fulton	62.4	46.6	54.5	51.1	3.6	2.24	4	1.42	8.19	3.31
Pontotoc	62.3	47.5	54.9	51.3	3.7	1.55	4	0.54	7.81	3.07
Tupelo	62.6	49.6	56.1	51.4	4.7	2.26	6	1.17	7.67	3.32
Verona	62.2	47.4	54.8	52.4	2.7	1.91	4	1.02	7.22	2.26
Extreme/Average	62.4	47.6	55.0	51.0	4.1	2.02	7	1.02	8.11	3.41
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	62.8	48.2	55.5	54.8	0.7	2.08	3	1.31	7.00	3.37
Moorhead	63.4	52.1	57.8	54.1	3.7	3.01	7	1.95	8.74	4.37
Rolling Fork	66.5	52.7	59.6	54.9	4.7	2.36	5	1.37	6.34	2.19
Yazoo City	70.3	53.8	62.1	54.3	7.8	2.13	4	0.98	10.03	4.56
Extreme/Average	65.8	51.7	58.7	54.5	4.2	2.39	7	1.40	8.03	3.62
Central										
Canton	67.6	52.0	59.8	54.6	5.2	2.23	7	1.13	7.34	3.61
Kosciusko	66.3	51.9	59.1	52.3	6.8	2.58	6	1.35	10.65	5.29
Winona	64.6	49.9	57.2	51.7	5.6	2.54	7	1.37	7.44	2.49
Extreme/Average	66.2	51.3	58.7	52.8	5.9	2.45	7	1.28	8.48	3.80
East-Central										
Aberdeen	66.5	55.5	61.0	52.8	8.1	0.56	3	0.37	3.68	0.07
Columbus	70.8	53.2	62.0	55.0	7.1	1.47	4	0.67	4.62	0.42
Philadelphia	69.4	52.9	61.1	55.7	5.5	1.26	4	0.15	7.31	2.17
State University	66.6	52.0	59.3	52.8	6.5	2.37	7	1.28	9.65	4.39
Extreme/Average	68.3	53.4	60.9	54.1	6.8	1.42	7	0.43	6.31	1.76
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	69.5	52.0	60.8	57.2	3.5	3.17	5	2.09	7.86	2.55
Natchez	66.9	53.4	60.1	57.3	2.8	3.74	6	2.40	7.72	2.74
Oakley	67.2	50.8	59.0	56.0	3.2	0.45	4	0.45	8.04	4.05
Vicksburg City	64.8	51.3	58.1	56.2	1.9	2.87	4	1.87	8.82	4.20
Extreme/Average	67.1	51.9	59.5	56.7	2.8	2.56	6	1.48	8.11	3.38
South-Central										
Collins	77.0	61.1	69.1	56.1	12.9	2.03	2	0.70	6.83	1.37
Columbia	71.6	56.4	64.0	57.9	6.1	1.47	4	0.22	6.05	0.99
Monticello	72.9	57.9	65.4	57.6	7.8	2.12	5	1.15	5.78	0.84
Extreme/Average	73.8	58.5	66.1	57.2	8.9	1.87	5	0.69	6.22	1.07
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	71.7	56.1	63.9	57.9	6.1	2.43	4	1.23	6.99	1.59
Laurel	NA	NA	NA	56.5	NA	1.66	5	0.66	5.33	0.89
Newton	NA	NA	NA	53.9	-0.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	71.7	56.1	63.9	56.1	2.9	2.04	5	0.95	6.02	1.36
Coastal										
Biloxi	69.6	60.1	64.9	59.7	5.2	6.66	5	5.34	8.47	3.44
Poplarville	70.1	58.0	64.1	58.1	6.0	3.40	5	2.16	6.02	0.47
Extreme/Average	69.8	59.0	64.5	58.9	5.6	5.03	5	3.75	7.25	1.96
State	67.0	51.5	59.2	54.5	4.8	2.47	6	1.38	7.65	2.95

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.