



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 29, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 57 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 38.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 57.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Highs ranged from 62.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 76.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received some rain with the highest averaging 1.1 inches in the lower delta part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending March 29, 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	4	0	27	39
Rice, planted	1	0	2	3
Sorghum, planted	0	0	0	1
Soybeans, planted	0	-	1	2
Watermelons, planted	6	2	9	20
Winter Wheat, headed	1	1	0	8

Crop condition for week ending March 29, 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	10	47	42
Livestock	1	8	31	47	13
Pasture	5	18	35	31	11
Winter Wheat	6	16	36	37	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Some corn was planted late last week. Light rain Sunday night will allow growers to get back in the field today. Ag Pilots have been busy.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma County

“Snow and sleet over the weekend coupled with an eighty percent chance of rain all week has put farmers further behind on fieldwork and planting.”

-Tarah Ferguson, Tate County

“Conditions still too wet for much fieldwork. A late week cool front produced some sleet and very light snow flurries. Gardeners, and row crop farmers alike continue to wait for drier conditions. Cool season forage continue to progress well with the warmer temperatures first part of the week; however, most areas are too wet to make any fertilizer applications.”

-Terry “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Anxious producers jumped around on the few and scattered dry spots in the county to get some corn in the ground. With more rain in the forecast, they weren’t taking any chances on having some March corn planted. What the rain does this week will tell the tale on corn planting 2015.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Pretty good work week for farmers. Ground preparations are a little late due to rainfall conditions.”

-Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“The couple days of sunshine were welcomed by all. We are still waiting for dryer conditions to start fieldwork.”

-Charles Bush, Simpson County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 29, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	65.4	45.3	55.4	56.9	-1.5	0.35	3	-0.73	6.46	2.54
Lambert	64.6	44.1	54.4	56.6	-2.2	0.46	2	-0.53	8.13	4.08
Tunica	67.4	50.0	58.7	56.5	2.5	0.63	3	-0.23	10.69	6.71
Extreme/Average	65.8	46.5	56.1	56.6	-0.4	0.48	3	-0.50	8.43	4.44
North-Central										
Ashland	63.3	39.3	51.3	NA	NA	0.66	2	-0.51	6.00	1.41
Hickory Flat	64.0	38.6	51.3	53.8	-2.6	0.66	3	-0.43	6.11	1.62
Independence	62.3	40.4	51.4	54.3	-2.9	0.45	2	-0.62	7.08	2.79
University	64.7	40.3	52.5	55.3	-2.8	0.56	4	-0.56	6.71	2.22
Extreme/Average	63.6	39.7	51.6	54.5	-2.8	0.58	4	-0.53	6.47	2.01
Northeast										
Booneville	63.4	40.9	52.1	53.8	-1.6	0.47	3	-0.63	5.11	0.67
Corinth	63.6	39.7	51.6	53.6	-2.0	1.13	3	0.07	7.01	2.90
Fulton	64.7	41.1	52.9	55.2	-2.3	0.82	2	-0.26	5.62	1.40
Pontotoc	70.2	46.4	58.3	54.9	3.6	0.90	2	0.15	5.30	1.73
Tupelo	63.6	44.0	53.8	55.3	-1.5	0.65	2	-0.46	6.02	1.69
Extreme/Average	65.1	42.4	53.8	54.6	-0.8	0.79	3	-0.23	5.81	1.68
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	71.2	48.8	60.0	58.5	1.6	3.42	2	2.50	9.00	4.74
Moorhead	66.0	47.7	56.9	58.0	-1.1	0.35	2	-0.73	7.20	2.88
Rolling Fork	69.7	48.7	59.2	58.7	0.6	0.15	2	-0.94	4.99	1.10
Yazoo City	72.0	50.3	61.1	57.9	3.2	0.49	2	-0.75	6.31	1.26
Extreme/Average	69.7	48.9	59.3	58.3	1.1	1.10	2	0.02	6.87	2.50
Central										
Canton	68.0	43.6	55.8	58.1	-2.3	0.16	2	-0.99	4.67	0.38
Kosciusko	65.9	43.3	54.6	55.9	-1.3	0.38	2	-0.94	6.34	1.27
Winona	65.1	41.9	53.5	55.0	-1.5	1.03	3	-0.04	5.76	1.35
Extreme/Average	66.3	42.9	54.6	56.3	-1.7	0.52	3	-0.66	5.59	1.00
East-Central										
Aberdeen	64.0	50.0	57.0	56.7	1.1	0.88	2	-0.01	2.94	-0.83
Columbus	68.3	46.6	58.8	58.3	0.7	0.03	1	-0.86	3.19	-0.27
Macon	70.5	43.7	57.1	57.4	-0.2	0.30	1	-0.57	3.47	0.75
Philadelphia	66.7	45.6	56.1	59.1	-2.9	0.47	2	-0.68	4.88	0.31
State University	64.4	45.1	54.8	56.3	-1.5	0.64	3	-0.42	6.82	2.46
Extreme/Average	66.8	46.2	56.8	57.6	-0.6	0.46	3	-0.51	4.26	0.48
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	70.3	46.1	58.2	60.5	-2.3	0.11	2	-1.04	7.64	2.93
Natchez	70.4	44.6	57.5	60.5	-3.0	0.12	1	-1.22	6.87	1.83
Oakley	73.8	47.6	60.7	59.0	1.9	0.20	2	-0.72	6.33	1.63
Vicksburg City	67.4	48.3	57.9	59.2	-1.3	0.15	1	-1.19	5.50	0.79
Extreme/Average	70.5	46.7	58.6	59.8	-1.2	0.14	2	-1.04	6.58	1.79
South-Central										
Collins	76.0	57.3	66.7	59.4	7.3	0.00	0	-1.09	5.24	0.16
Columbia	74.4	48.9	61.6	60.9	0.7	0.24	1	-1.06	4.25	-0.67
Monticello	74.7	51.1	62.9	60.9	2.1	0.14	2	-0.85	4.13	-0.16
Extreme/Average	75.0	52.4	63.7	60.4	3.4	0.13	2	-1.00	4.54	-0.22
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	75.1	50.1	62.6	61.1	1.6	0.48	2	-0.67	6.00	1.19
Laurel	NA	NA	NA	59.8	NA	0.34	2	-0.78	4.60	0.46
Waynesboro	71.0	50.0	60.5	59.4	1.1	0.63	2	-0.51	7.93	3.04
Extreme/Average	73.0	50.0	61.6	60.1	1.3	0.48	2	-0.65	6.18	1.56
Coastal										
Biloxi	70.4	55.6	63.0	62.7	0.3	1.15	1	-0.27	8.62	3.08
Poplarville	72.4	50.4	61.4	60.9	0.5	0.05	1	-1.20	5.06	
Extreme/Average	71.4	53.0	62.2	61.8	0.4	0.60	1	-0.73	6.84	1.54
State	68.9	46.7	57.8	58.1	-0.2	0.51	2	-0.61	6.05	1.55

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.