



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 19, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 56 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 68.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 72.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 82.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received some rain with the highest averaging 9.11 inches in the coastal part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending April 19, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	71	62	63	82
Corn, emerged	31	-	40	63
Cotton, planted	3	1	1	6
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	0	0	2	15
Peanuts, planted	0	0	0	1
Rice, planted	38	29	14	36
Rice, emerged	19	4	7	18
Sorghum, planted	18	4	0	19
Sorghum, emerged	7	0	0	6
Soybeans, planted	32	22	13	24
Soybeans, emerged	12	-	3	9
Watermelons, planted	49	43	33	53
Winter Wheat, headed	30	6	14	48

Crop condition for week ending April 19, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	8	49	42
Livestock	0	5	27	55	13
Pasture	3	12	34	41	10
Winter Wheat	3	9	34	49	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Growers weren’t able to get in the field last week. Wheat is heading and some crops are up. We need sunshine.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman County

“Another week of off and on rain throughout Prentiss County. With some areas of flash flooding. Further impairing any fieldwork or gardening activities. The continuous wet conditions continue to take a toll on livestock and increasing muddy pasture conditions. More rain expected through the weekend. However, there is some dry days projected for the upcoming week.”

Skip Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Producers were hesitant to plant early in the week as heavy rains were forecast for much of the week. Turns out we pretty much missed the rains until Friday. Mid-week producers went to the field planting mostly corn and soybeans and fertilizing emerged corn. Rain on Friday will slow things down for the weekend.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Another week of rain and no field activity. A few fields of corn have been planted and are looking okay at this time. Wheat is clean of diseases but, yields are hurt due to late nitrogen application and excessive rainfall during the critical growth period. Most likely no activity next week due to the wet fields.”

-Dennis Reginelli, Noxubee County

“Fields are planted and farmers who have planted are appreciative of the rainfall this week. It’s good for soil moisture to help with seed germination.”

-Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“Rains fell across most areas of the county each day this week. Saturated soils are delaying corn and soybean planting, harvest of cool season forages for hay, and fertilizer applications on warm season perennial pastures and hay fields. Strong winds took down many trees and caused minor structural damage in southeast portions of the county Wednesday morning. Many dairy producers are culling marginal cows from their herds in response to falling pay prices for their milk.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 19, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	75.8	59.8	67.8	63.0	4.9	1.63	5	0.69	4.14	-0.05
Lambert	76.7	59.1	67.9	62.4	5.5	1.84	5	0.80	3.97	0.18
Tunica	76.2	58.4	67.3	62.7	4.8	1.69	4	0.76	3.08	-1.43
Extreme/Average	76.2	59.1	67.7	62.7	5.1	1.72	5	0.75	3.73	-0.43
North-Central										
Ashland	73.6	57.1	65.4	NA	NA	2.47	6	1.25	5.52	0.78
Hickory Flat	73.9	57.1	65.5	59.9	5.6	1.41	6	0.16	4.67	0.06
Independence	73.1	56.6	64.9	60.1	4.7	3.57	6	2.63	5.54	1.41
Extreme/Average	73.5	56.9	65.2	60.0	5.2	2.48	6	1.35	5.24	0.75
Northeast										
Booneville	73.3	58.3	65.8	59.5	6.3	1.85	5	0.84	4.26	-0.06
Corinth	74.1	57.7	65.9	59.5	6.5	2.17	4	1.02	6.06	2.02
Fulton	77.8	58.8	68.3	60.9	7.7	1.12	3	0.27	6.84	2.69
Pontotoc	76.0	61.0	68.5	60.5	8.0	2.39	6	1.13	5.67	1.33
Tupelo	77.6	60.8	69.2	61.9	7.7	2.29	5	1.56	5.63	1.59
Lower Delta										
Moorhead	77.7	60.9	69.3	64.3	5.0	1.11	4	-0.11	2.86	-1.78
Rolling Fork	77.7	60.9	69.3	64.3	5.0	1.11	4	-0.11	2.86	-1.78
Yazoo City	79.9	68.3	74.1	63.7	10.4	3.69	5	2.41	5.04	0.21
Extreme/Average	77.5	64.0	70.7	64.0	6.8	2.25	5	0.98	4.06	-0.70
Central										
Kosciusko	74.0	61.7	67.9	61.5	6.4	2.54	5	1.27	3.62	-1.64
Winona	72.9	60.3	66.6	59.9	6.7	3.68	6	2.53	6.24	1.98
Extreme/Average	73.5	61.0	67.2	60.7	6.6	3.11	6	1.90	4.93	0.17
East-Central										
Macon	74.3	57.3	65.8	62.3	3.5	1.46	4	0.65	3.01	0.05
Philadelphia	76.4	62.6	69.5	63.8	6.0	1.47	4	0.54	2.38	-2.24
State University	76.4	61.9	69.1	62.2	6.9	2.77	6	1.58	5.62	0.99
Extreme/Average	75.7	60.6	68.2	62.8	5.5	1.90	6	0.92	3.67	-0.40
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	77.3	62.0	69.7	65.5	4.1	5.13	6	4.09	7.57	3.19
Natchez	75.9	63.4	69.6	65.0	4.7	2.25	6	1.21	3.11	-1.61
Vicksburg City	75.4	64.6	70.0	64.3	5.7	2.08	5	0.85	5.19	0.11
Extreme/Average	76.2	63.3	69.8	64.9	4.8	3.15	6	2.05	5.29	0.56
South-Central										
Collins	82.1	68.3	75.2	64.2	11.0	2.87	5	1.76	2.92	-1.75
Columbia	78.1	65.4	71.8	65.5	6.3	3.08	7	1.80	4.39	-0.85
Monticello	78.4	67.2	72.8	65.2	7.8	1.91	5	1.04	2.13	-1.27
Extreme/Average	79.5	67.0	73.3	65.0	8.4	2.62	7	1.53	3.15	-1.29
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	77.3	64.9	71.1	65.6	5.4	3.34	7	2.14	4.39	-0.46
Laurel	77.8	64.5	71.1	64.8	6.0	3.55	7	2.49	4.43	0.06
Extreme/Average	77.5	64.7	71.1	65.2	5.7	3.44	7	2.32	4.41	-0.20
Coastal										
Biloxi	77.1	68.4	72.8	67.8	5.0	9.11	6	8.09	12.57	7.82
Extreme/Average	77.1	68.4	72.8	67.8	5.0	9.11	6	8.09	12.57	7.82
State	76.2	62.5	69.3	63.3	6.0	3.12	6	2.02	5.12	0.60

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.