



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 3, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 59.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Highs ranged from 69.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 81.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Some scattered showers received towards the beginning of the week with the highest averaging 0.85 inches in the coastal area, while majority of the state experienced warmer and drier temperatures.

Crop progress for week ending May 3, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	85	77	86	94
Corn, emerged	73	61	67	85
Cotton, planted	17	6	15	24
Cotton, emerged	4	2	3	9
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	17	4	13	32
Peanuts, planted	14	4	18	13
Rice, planted	66	49	47	62
Rice, emerged	37	30	25	47
Sorghum, planted	42	24	21	39
Sorghum, emerged	22	16	6	26
Soybeans, planted	52	39	34	44
Soybeans, emerged	35	30	18	29
Watermelons, planted	66	57	57	70
Winter Wheat, headed	81	64	68	85
Winter Wheat, coloring	4	0	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending May 3, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	8	52	39
Corn	1	9	23	54	13
Livestock	0	4	27	56	13
Pasture	2	8	32	46	12
Winter Wheat	1	8	28	50	13

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Sunshine and warm weather has allowed growers to plant, till, get out fertilize, and herbicides. Crops that are up look much better.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“More favorable conditions allowed farmers to get some late corn planting accomplished. Some bottomlands still have wet spots. Forage and pasture conditions are improving with warmer weather.”

- Nicholas “Nick” Brandon Simmons, Tippah County

“Favorable weather conditions last week enabled producers to get in fields towards the end of last week. Most worked through the weekend to take advantage of these conditions. There is good weather forecast for this week and I expect planting progress this week to be excellent.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Thursday we found a few fields we could plant corn and soybean. Soil temperatures are starting to rise which should make for a healthy and quick emergence of our planted crops. Finding plenty of Head Blight (Head Scab) in wheat fields but some cover sprays were timed properly and did a good job in controlling this issue. Growers will start planting cotton next week.

-Dennis Reginelli, Noxubee County

“Drier weather allowed for soybean planting and hay to be cut. Corn is looking good and wheat is beginning to turn color. Many gardeners are finally getting to plant and transplant vegetables.”

-Charles “Richard” Hay, Walthall County

“Corn crop is looking real good approximately 18-20 inches tall. Lot's of field preparation has occurred in preparing to plant cotton and peanuts. Some hay being fed to cattle. We could use a good shower. Beginning to get a little dry.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 3, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	75.1	51.7	63.4	67.3	-3.9	0.01	1	-1.46	5.71	0.87
Tunica	70.6	51.2	60.9	67.1	-5.9	0.00	0	-0.89	5.27	0.87
Extreme/Average	72.8	51.5	62.2	67.2	-4.9	0.01	1	-1.18	5.49	0.87
North-Central										
Ashland	70.1	44.6	57.4	NA	NA	0.02	1	-1.30	5.67	0.66
Hickory Flat	71.6	42.4	57.0	64.0	-7.0	0.01	1	-1.34	6.31	0.23
Independence	69.9	45.0	57.4	64.1	-6.7	0.00	0	-1.29	6.66	2.16
University	74.1	45.4	59.8	65.4	-5.6	0.01	1	-1.35	6.47	2.37
Extreme/Average	71.4	44.4	57.9	64.5	-6.4	0.01	1	-1.32	6.03	1.35
Northeast										
Booneville	71.0	45.7	58.4	63.5	-5.1	0.00	0	-1.28	4.40	-0.24
Corinth	71.0	45.4	58.2	63.6	-5.4	0.07	1	-1.26	5.57	1.08
Fulton	72.3	44.9	58.6	64.6	-6.0	0.12	1	-1.32	7.12	2.06
Pontotoc	71.0	48.0	59.5	64.6	-4.8	0.17	1	-0.81	6.46	1.70
Tupelo	72.0	49.6	60.8	66.3	-5.5	0.01	1	-1.29	6.14	1.61
Extreme/Average	71.5	46.7	59.1	64.5	-5.4	0.07	1	-1.19	5.94	1.24
Lower Delta										
Moorhead	74.0	53.0	63.5	68.0	-4.5	0.13	2	-1.09	5.81	0.78
Rolling Fork	76.6	53.3	64.9	68.4	-3.5	0.09	2	-1.11	3.57	-1.09
Yazoo City	77.8	54.8	66.3	67.8	-1.4	0.18	1	-0.89	5.54	0.86
Extreme/Average	76.1	53.7	64.9	68.1	-3.1	0.13	2	-1.03	4.97	0.18
Central										
Canton	75.4	48.0	61.7	66.9	-5.2	0.01	1	-1.09	2.32	-1.77
Winona	72.9	46.1	59.5	63.8	-4.3	0.42	1	-0.89	7.30	2.64
Extreme/Average	74.2	47.0	60.6	65.4	-4.8	0.21	1	-0.99	4.81	0.44
East-Central										
Aberdeen	72.2	45.6	58.9	65.8	-7.0	0.10	1	-1.11	2.16	-1.04
Columbus	74.4	49.6	62.0	67.3	-5.0	0.20	1	-0.55	2.68	-0.33
Macon	74.0	49.0	61.5	66.3	-4.7	0.03	1	-0.71	3.04	-0.44
Philadelphia	75.1	49.0	62.1	67.4	-5.4	0.00	0	-1.04	3.81	-0.94
State University	74.0	49.3	61.6	66.4	-4.7	0.30	1	-0.72	6.46	1.97
Extreme/Average	73.9	48.5	61.2	66.6	-5.4	0.13	1	-0.83	3.63	-0.16
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	75.2	52.0	63.6	69.6	-5.9	0.10	1	-0.85	7.17	2.81
Natchez	73.0	50.2	61.6	68.5	-7.0	0.70	1	-0.15	4.07	0.04
Oakley	75.2	51.8	63.5	68.1	-4.3	0.19	2	-0.54	3.89	-0.24
Vicksburg City	75.3	55.7	65.5	68.5	-3.0	0.12	1	-0.99	5.70	1.06
Extreme/Average	74.7	52.4	63.5	68.7	-5.1	0.28	2	-0.63	5.21	0.92
South-Central										
Collins	81.1	59.1	70.1	67.7	2.4	0.50	1	-0.56	3.38	-1.05
Columbia	76.7	52.9	64.8	69.3	-4.5	0.45	1	-0.51	4.60	-0.09
Extreme/Average	78.9	56.0	67.5	68.5	-1.1	0.47	1	-0.54	3.99	-0.57
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	77.4	54.6	66.0	69.2	-3.2	0.28	1	-0.63	4.35	-0.07
Laurel	76.6	51.6	64.1	68.4	-4.3	0.08	1	-0.73	4.02	0.03
Extreme/Average	77.0	53.1	65.0	68.8	-3.8	0.18	1	-0.68	4.18	-0.02
Coastal										
Biloxi	78.1	56.7	67.4	71.7	-4.3	0.98	2	0.00	13.47	9.37
Poplarville	76.0	53.4	64.7	69.3	-4.3	0.73	1	-0.02	6.49	2.40
Extreme/Average	77.0	55.0	66.1	70.5	-4.3	0.85	2	-0.01	9.98	5.88
State	74.8	50.7	62.8	67.3	-4.4	0.23	1	-0.83	5.23	0.85

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.