



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 10, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 27 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 21 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 54.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Aberdeen to 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 81.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 88.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received a break from the rain with the highest averaging 1.10 inches in the upper delta part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending May 10, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	95	85	93	96
Corn, emerged	85	73	80	91
Cotton, planted	43	17	41	42
Cotton, emerged	16	4	16	23
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	44	17	24	42
Peanuts, planted	24	14	30	28
Rice, planted	82	66	66	71
Rice, emerged	61	37	39	58
Sorghum, planted	65	42	39	51
Sorghum, emerged	33	22	16	37
Soybeans, planted	70	52	52	55
Soybeans, emerged	45	35	32	41
Sweet Potatoes, planted	1	0	1	1
Watermelons, planted	75	66	65	74
Winter Wheat, headed	90	81	88	95
Winter Wheat, coloring	15	4	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending May 10, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	8	51	40
Corn	0	7	19	60	14
Livestock	0	4	26	55	15
Pasture	1	8	29	48	14
Rice	0	0	27	70	3
Winter Wheat	1	9	28	48	14

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Great week of all field activity. Lots of fields of cotton, soybeans, grain sorghum, and rice planted. Corn looks much better. Light showers over the weekend were welcome by most growers.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“Cotton planting really took off this week. We will be close to finishing by the end of the weekend with the exception of a couple of extremely large producers.”

- Stephen “Steve” Winters, Grenada County

“Prentiss County has went from one extreme to the other. While conditions were favorable for fieldwork and allowed for lots of catching up. Many areas could benefit from moderate rainfall. Many vegetable growers had the opportunity to get their crops planted over the past week of good weather. Some first cutting of hay have already been harvested as well.”

-Terry “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Producers were in full force this week thanks to abundant sunshine which allowed farmers to complete their soybean planting operations, corn fertilization, and begin planting their cotton crop. The winter wheat crop is beginning to ripen and the corn crop looks great. Rain is in the forecast and would help ensure seed germination and crop improvement.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“Driest weather of the year for our area this past week. Looking forward to rainfall this coming week.”

-Randall “Randy” McKey III, Amite County

“Drier weather allowed fieldwork and fertilization to be done on most fields. Ryegrass hay has mostly been cut and fertilized for summer pastures. Could use a shower as soil is becoming dry. Corn and other crops are progressing nicely.”

-Ross Overstreet, Lamar County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 10, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	86.6	65.3	75.9	69.4	6.6	0.64	1	-0.94	4.36	-0.98
Lambert	87.1	62.7	74.9	69.3	5.6	0.86	1	-0.62	6.57	1.52
Tunica	84.4	63.3	73.9	69.2	4.7	1.79	2	0.47	6.31	1.14
Extreme/Average	86.0	63.8	74.9	69.3	5.6	1.10	2	-0.36	5.75	0.56
North-Central										
Ashland	82.6	59.9	71.2	NA	NA	0.04	1	-1.31	4.62	-0.56
Independence	81.1	61.7	71.4	66.1	5.3	0.75	1	-0.60	6.23	1.44
University	85.4	61.0	73.2	67.5	5.7	0.02	1	-1.44	4.47	-0.02
Extreme/Average	83.0	60.9	71.9	66.8	5.5	0.27	1	-1.12	5.11	0.29
Northeast										
Booneville	82.0	56.0	69.0	65.4	3.6	0.00	0	-1.35	3.46	-1.41
Corinth	84.0	57.7	70.9	65.7	5.2	0.00	0	-1.41	4.58	-0.57
Fulton	84.3	55.4	69.9	66.5	3.4	0.00	0	-1.50	4.95	0.22
Pontotoc	82.3	59.7	71.0	66.7	4.4	0.00	0	-1.14	4.62	-0.07
Tupelo	84.4	58.9	71.6	68.2	3.4	0.00	0	-1.38	4.42	-0.42
Verona	84.7	59.0	71.8	67.9	4.0	0.00	0	-1.16	4.49	-0.09
Extreme/Average	83.6	57.8	70.7	66.7	4.0	0.00	0	-1.32	4.42	-0.39
Lower Delta										
Rolling Fork	85.1	64.6	74.9	70.5	4.4	0.00	0	-1.24	3.11	-1.59
Yazoo City	88.1	65.0	76.6	69.7	6.9	0.00	0	-1.28	5.21	0.35
Extreme/Average	86.6	64.8	75.7	70.1	5.6	0.00	0	-1.26	4.16	-0.62
Central										
Canton	84.2	57.9	70.5	68.9	1.7	0.00	0	-1.23	1.46	-2.59
Kosciusko	83.6	57.6	70.6	67.2	3.3	0.00	0	-1.18	3.70	-1.00
Winona	82.0	55.4	68.7	65.9	2.8	0.00	0	-1.30	6.39	1.57
Extreme/Average	83.3	57.0	69.9	67.3	2.6	0.00	0	-1.24	3.85	-0.67
East-Central										
Aberdeen	82.0	54.5	68.3	67.8	0.6	0.00	0	-1.02	2.16	-1.72
Columbus	85.8	59.8	72.8	69.2	3.8	0.00	0	-0.70	1.47	-1.55
Philadelphia	84.3	57.6	70.9	69.4	1.6	0.00	0	-1.06	3.77	-0.76
State University	86.0	60.3	73.1	68.3	4.8	0.00	0	-1.03	4.90	0.58
Extreme/Average	84.5	58.0	71.3	68.7	2.7	0.00	0	-0.95	3.08	-0.86
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	83.9	59.6	71.7	71.7		0.00	0	-1.08	5.36	1.09
Natchez	83.3	62.1	72.7	70.3	2.4	0.00	0	-1.09	3.36	-0.62
Vicksburg City	83.7	65.3	74.5	70.5	4.0	0.27	1	-0.95	3.95	-0.73
Extreme/Average	83.6	62.3	73.0	70.9	2.1	0.09	1	-1.04	4.22	-0.09
South-Central										
Collins	88.3	64.0	76.1	69.5	6.6	0.00	0	-1.16	3.37	-1.01
Columbia	85.0	59.1	72.1	71.3	0.8	0.00	0	-1.05	3.72	-0.70
Monticello	86.6	60.6	73.6	70.5	3.1	0.00	0	-1.02	2.16	-1.04
Extreme/Average	86.6	61.2	73.9	70.4	3.5	0.00	0	-1.08	3.08	-0.92
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	84.4	58.3	71.4	71.1	0.3	0.00	0	-0.90	3.80	-0.27
Laurel	85.1	56.9	71.0	70.2	0.8	0.00	0	-1.01	3.70	-0.20
Extreme/Average	84.8	57.6	71.2	70.6	0.6	0.00	0	-0.96	3.75	-0.24
Coastal										
Biloxi	81.4	67.0	74.2	73.6	0.6	0.01	1	-1.00	11.30	7.32
Poplarville	83.2	60.4	71.8	71.2	0.8	0.00	0	-0.71	4.50	0.64
Extreme/Average	82.3	63.7	73.0	72.4	0.7	0.01	1	-0.85	7.90	3.98
State	84.4	60.4	72.3	69.3	3.1	0.11	0	-1.04	4.35	-0.03

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.