



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending August 9, 2015**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 9, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 29 percent very short, 34 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 19 percent very short, 45 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 78.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Vicksburg. Highs ranged from 89.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 103.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. Most of the state received hot, dry weather conditions with scattered rain in some areas. The south central part of the state received the most at an average of 3.30 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending August 9, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	95	92	94	98
Corn, dent	85	73	80	92
Corn, mature	44	23	41	52
Corn, harvested	8	0	2	9
Cotton, squaring	99	97	98	100
Cotton, setting bolls	87	82	84	90
Cotton, open bolls	7	2	3	5
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	82	74	76	77
Peanuts, pegging	93	87	90	98
Rice, headed	88	81	76	84
Rice, mature	16	5	10	14
Sorghum, headed	96	90	86	95
Sorghum, coloring	76	61	45	61
Sorghum, mature	15	7	10	18
Soybeans, blooming	94	90	91	97
Soybeans, setting pods	84	75	77	85
Soybeans, turning color	24	10	5	14
Watermelons, harvested	92	88	88	96

**Crop condition for week ending August 9, 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	8	50	41
Corn	1	5	25	44	25
Cotton	2	5	32	45	16
Livestock	0	4	25	58	13
Pasture	3	15	34	40	8
Peanuts	0	1	26	63	10
Rice	1	2	20	46	31
Sorghum	1	11	33	44	11
Soybeans	3	7	21	41	28
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	27	60	13

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Soybean diseases have increased but are not at serious levels. Insect populations are increasing in all crops. Sugarcane aphid (SCA) treatment applied or needed on most acres. Several fields will have significant yield loss due to SCA. Corn harvest hasn't started but yields will be much lower than previous years.”

-Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc County

“The extreme temperatures are drying the soybean and corn crops very fast, which is allowing producers to begin their harvest earlier than expected.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“We had some showers last week but most folks are dry. We are still spraying insects and watering. Might start shelling corn this week.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“We are still very dry. Cotton is shedding the top crop. Beans have slowed trying to set blooms. Fall Armyworms are starting to show up in hayfields.”

- Steven R. Winters, Grenada County

“Soybeans in the county look better than expected, even with the almost drought conditions that we have had. Summer vegetable gardens that did not receive daily watering over the past month have played out.”

-Randall H. McKey III, Amite County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 9, 2015**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Upper Delta</b>										
Clarksdale	93.6	72.2	82.9	80.9	2.0	0.49	2	-0.01	2.82	0.74
Cleveland	97.9	75.6	86.7	82.5	4.2	0.04	1	-0.74	0.54	-2.59
Lambert	97.7	72.5	85.1	82.1	3.0	0.75	2	0.03	3.07	0.07
Tunica	93.2	72.2	82.7	81.8	0.9	1.24	2	0.75	5.66	2.95
Extreme/Average	95.6	73.1	84.3	81.8	2.5	0.63	2	0.01	3.02	0.29
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	90.9	67.7	79.3	NA	NA	3.47	3	2.57	5.52	1.53
Hickory Flat	91.4	67.4	79.4	79.2	0.2	2.47	3	1.46	4.27	0.36
Independence	90.4	69.0	79.7	79.2	0.5	1.85	3	1.02	2.55	-1.09
University	92.0	69.7	80.9	80.6	0.2	3.92	4	3.01	6.21	2.74
Extreme/Average	91.2	68.5	79.8	79.7	0.3	2.93	4	2.01	4.64	0.89
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	89.9	66.9	78.4	78.9	-0.5	2.17	3	1.25	2.92	-0.57
Corinth	90.0	68.0	79.0	79.4	-0.4	2.34	2	1.55	3.60	0.03
Pontotoc	90.6	70.3	80.4	79.4	1.0	2.35	3	1.34	2.61	-1.30
Tupelo	92.0	71.7	81.9	81.0	0.9	1.19	2	0.29	2.61	-0.95
Verona	94.0	70.9	82.4	81.1	1.4	2.33	2	1.37	2.76	-0.77
Extreme/Average	91.3	69.6	80.4	79.9	0.5	2.08	3	1.16	2.90	-0.71
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	95.0	73.8	84.4	82.4	2.0	0.00	0	-0.62	0.00	-2.28
Moorhead	97.6	76.4	87.0	82.5	4.5	0.00	0	-0.74	0.04	-3.25
Rolling Fork	100.4	75.7	88.1	82.3	5.8	0.00	0	-0.74	0.16	-3.09
Yazoo City	99.8	75.0	87.4	81.7	5.7	0.00	0	-0.61	0.01	-2.63
Extreme/Average	98.2	75.2	86.7	82.2	4.5	0.00	0	-0.68	0.05	-2.81
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	99.0	70.5	84.8	80.8	4.0	0.00	0	-0.74	0.00	-2.69
Kosciusko	95.7	72.9	84.3	79.8	4.5	0.00	0	-0.91	0.76	-3.76
Winona	95.3	69.0	82.1	78.9	3.2	0.26	2	-0.55	2.26	-1.41
Extreme/Average	96.7	70.8	83.7	79.8	3.9	0.09	2	-0.73	1.01	-2.62
<b>East-Central</b>										
Columbus	93.8	71.8	82.8	81.8	0.9	1.97	2	1.31	3.16	0.28
Philadelphia	97.7	73.7	85.7	81.7	4.0	0.00	0	-1.09	1.57	-2.53
State University	94.1	72.0	83.1	80.9	2.2	0.87	2	-0.04	3.64	-0.01
Extreme/Average	95.2	72.5	83.9	81.5	2.4	0.95	2	0.06	2.79	-0.75
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	99.3	73.5	86.4	82.6	3.9	0.23	1	-0.68	0.23	-3.84
Natchez	94.4	74.7	84.6	81.0	3.6	0.04	1	-0.96	1.06	-2.46
Oakley	99.0	70.4	84.7	81.8	2.8	0.00	0	-0.77	0.93	-2.28
Vicksburg City	96.3	78.0	87.1	81.7	5.4	0.00	0	-0.68	0.07	-3.21
Extreme/Average	97.3	74.2	85.7	81.8	3.9	0.07	1	-0.77	0.57	-2.95
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	100.4	72.7	86.6	80.8	5.8	9.40	1	8.32	10.01	5.59
Columbia	97.1	73.9	85.5	82.0	3.5	0.51	2	-0.60	3.44	-1.15
Monticello	103.0	75.7	89.4	82.0	7.4	0.00	0	-1.10	0.13	-3.62
Extreme/Average	100.2	74.1	87.1	81.6	5.5	3.30	2	2.21	4.53	0.27
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	95.6	74.0	84.8	81.8	3.0	0.35	1	-0.95	3.48	-1.27
Laurel	96.9	69.9	83.4	81.2	2.2	1.00	1	-0.08	2.17	-2.28
Extreme/Average	96.3	72.0	84.1	81.5	2.6	0.68	1	-0.52	2.83	-1.77
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	91.7	76.3	84.0	82.9	1.1	1.49	4	0.15	5.31	-0.60
Extreme/Average	91.7	76.3	84.0	82.9	1.1	1.49	4	0.15	5.31	-0.60
<b>State</b>	95.6	72.5	84.0	81.2	2.8	1.12	1	0.19	2.59	-1.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.