



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending May 1, 2016**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 1, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 46 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 55.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 68.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 77.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 85.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. Most of the state received some rain with the coastal part of the state receiving the most at an average of 5.34 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending May 1, 2016**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	89	76	83	89
Corn, Emerged	76	60	70	77
Cotton, planted	21	6	14	16
Cotton, emerged	6	1	3	6
Hay – cool season, harvested	22	10	13	25
Peanuts, planted	12	9	11	11
Rice, planted	69	53	61	56
Rice, emerged	53	30	35	40
Sorghum, planted	24	12	37	32
Sorghum, emerged	12	4	20	17
Soybeans, planted	46	25	48	37
Soybeans, emerged	25	14	34	23
Watermelons, planted	56	49	63	64
Winter Wheat, headed	75	53	76	79
Winter Wheat, coloring	2	NA	3	1

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending May 1, 2016**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	12	81	7
Corn	2	9	27	50	12
Livestock	0	3	20	59	18
Pasture	1	4	24	59	12
Winter Wheat	2	10	40	41	7

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Planting was accomplished last week, although it was very little and mainly on ridge ground. The rainfall received this weekend has put a major damper on us getting back to the field anytime in the coming week. It will probably be the weekend before we are able to start planting anymore. With our intended rice acreage, we really need an opportunity to run in the next two weeks.”

- Drew Wilson, Quitman County

“Soybean planting was brisk for 2-3 days until rains shut us down. Warmer soils had beans emerging in 4 days. Hay fields starting to take off but weed control is needed on most acres.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Producers were fortunate to have two solid days to accomplish much needed planting and fertilizing this week before rain moved back in the forecast. Reports indicate all corn is planted and has emerged, forty percent of soybeans are planted, while no cotton, peanuts, or sorghum have been planted.”

- Jon M. Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“Wet conditions have resulted in replanting of some corn, while others have not yet begun planting corn. Emergence is running a little behind schedule due to the wet weather.”

- Christy King, Clarke County

“Somewhat drier weather allowed for a few more acres of soybeans and corn to be planted. Hay producers are still fighting the wet weather as they try to complete the spring hay season. Ryegrass is playing out, but cattle are in good shape heading into the summer months.”

- Charles "Richard" Hay, Walthall County

“Very high rainfall in the early part of the week. Over 10 inches of rainfall in some areas of the county. Flooding occurred in some southern areas of the county.”

- Christian Stephenson, Hancock County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 1, 2016**

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	83.3	62.8	73.1	65.9	7.2	1.07	2	-0.12	5.65	1.77
Cleveland	78.1	62.9	70.5	66.7	3.8	1.63	4	0.24	2.95	-1.74
Lambert	81.4	63.0	72.2	66.3	5.9	0.29	2	-0.78	7.42	3.79
Tunica	79.3	62.0	70.7	66.5	4.3	1.94	2	0.86	5.09	1.08
Extreme/Average	80.5	62.7	71.6	66.4	5.3	1.23	4	0.05	5.28	1.23
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	78.0	59.3	68.6	NA	NA	1.36	3	0.06	4.64	-0.31
Hickory Flat	78.3	57.9	68.1	63.4	4.6	1.88	3	0.55	5.39	0.41
Independence	77.7	60.4	69.1	63.6	5.5	1.83	3	0.58	7.36	2.81
University	80.9	61.9	71.4	64.8	6.6	1.45	3	0.14	6.61	1.51
Extreme/Average	78.7	59.9	69.3	63.9	5.6	1.63	3	0.33	6.00	1.10
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	78.3	55.1	66.7	62.9	3.8	1.45	3	0.19	4.89	0.16
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	80.4	61.1	70.8	65.7	5.1	2.37	3	1.13	6.54	2.09
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	79.3	58.1	68.8	64.3	4.5	1.91	3	0.66	5.71	1.13
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	80.8	62.8	71.8	68.1	3.8	0.88	2	-0.22	1.70	-2.55
Moorhead	80.4	65.6	73.0	67.4	5.6	1.68	3	0.46	5.74	0.73
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	85.7	67.0	76.4	67.2	9.2	0.65	2	-0.59	4.80	-0.20
Extreme/Average	82.3	65.1	73.7	67.6	6.2	1.07	3	-0.12	4.08	-0.67
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	82.1	60.4	71.3	64.8	6.5	0.37	1	-0.75	4.74	-0.17
Winona	79.4	56.7	68.1	63.2	4.9	1.77	3	0.50	5.76	1.03
Extreme/Average	80.8	58.5	69.7	64.0	5.7	1.07	3	-0.13	5.25	0.43
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	81.8	62.8	72.3	66.7	5.8	4.30	2	3.54	7.84	4.34
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	82.1	61.7	71.9	66.9	5.0	0.34	1	-0.72	3.63	-1.18
State University	82.6	60.9	71.7	65.8	5.9	0.97	3	-0.08	3.95	-0.60
Extreme/Average	82.2	61.8	72.0	66.5	5.6	1.87	3	0.91	5.14	0.85
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	82.3	64.6	73.4	69.0	4.4	1.37	2	0.23	5.31	0.58
Natchez	82.7	63.1	72.9	68.0	5.0	0.33	2	-0.65	2.38	-1.81
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	84.6	68.0	76.3	67.9	8.4	0.50	2	-0.58	8.78	4.29
Extreme/Average	83.2	65.2	74.2	68.3	5.9	0.73	2	-0.33	5.49	1.02
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	83.4	66.0	74.7	68.7	6.0	1.35	2	0.36	2.70	-2.10
Monticello	85.4	64.9	75.1	68.1	7.1	0.03	1	-0.78	4.15	-0.07
Extreme/Average	84.4	65.5	74.9	68.4	6.5	0.69	2	-0.21	3.43	-1.08
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	84.6	62.7	73.6	68.7	5.0	0.80	3	-0.15	6.17	1.65
Laurel	82.7	62.2	72.4	67.9	4.7	0.67	2	-0.15	7.09	3.07
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	83.7	62.5	73.0	68.3	4.8	0.74	3	-0.15	6.63	2.36
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	78.7	68.1	73.4	71.1	2.3	6.03	4	5.04	8.70	4.57
Poplarville	79.7	63.7	71.7	70.6	1.1	4.65	3	3.55	7.40	3.02
Extreme/Average	79.2	65.9	72.6	70.9	1.7	5.34	4	4.29	8.05	3.79
<b>State</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>0.99</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
 Normal = Averaged Collected Date from the Years 1981-2010.  
 NA = Not Available.