



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 22, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 26 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 20 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Tupelo to 68.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 71.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 81.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Vicksburg City. Most of the state received some rain with the southeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 3.67 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 22, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	98	96	98	99
Corn, emerged	94	92	93	96
Cotton, planted	81	64	76	71
Cotton, emerged	64	38	59	46
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	65	53	59	57
Peanuts, planted	70	45	50	59
Peanuts, emerged	49	20	32	36
Rice, planted	96	88	94	87
Rice, emerged	88	75	79	74
Sorghum, planted	80	50	80	66
Sorghum, emerged	48	32	63	52
Soybeans, planted	82	72	80	74
Soybeans, emerged	66	55	69	59
Sweet Potatoes, planted	7	2	12	11
Watermelons, planted	85	80	81	80
Winter Wheat, headed	95	94	97	99
Winter Wheat, coloring	71	49	75	NA
Winter Wheat, harvested	1	NA	0	10

Crop condition for week ending May 22, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	11	63	26
Corn	1	4	26	52	17
Livestock	0	2	19	59	20
Pasture	1	4	24	60	11
Rice	0	2	23	57	18
Soybeans	1	8	22	50	19
Winter Wheat	1	9	40	42	8

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“All crops have been planted and emerged with a great stand with the exception of beans. Producers are preparing to irrigate soon unless Mother Nature provides some moisture. Winter wheat is being harvested and corn has entered the rapid growth stages.”

- Jon M. Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“Moisture is needed! Many growers are waiting on a rain and others are hoping next one is big enough to get plants out of the ground. Cool nights and saturated soil a few weeks back stunted the crop, many fields look poor and replant has been common. Time will tell.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“We had a little bit a rain last week but not enough. Things are still dry for the most part. Farmers here have most of their crops in the ground, but still lack a few acres on peanuts. Livestock are very much improved on pasture forage. Pastures are good and they are fixing to be cutting some hay within the next week or so.”

- James "Randall" Nevins, Monroe County

“Soils are beginning to dry out resulting in crops and pastures showing signs of adverse effects of moisture shortage. We could use some nice, slow rain showers to replenish soil moisture and perk up crops. Higher temperatures are hindering livestock performance and significant declines in milk production are materializing on our dairy farms.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Dry weather allowed planting and fieldwork for most of the week. Some areas of the county could really use a rain to help crops germinate and progress. Pastures are looking fair to good but could use a rain on the hilly terrain.”

- Reid Nevins, Jefferson County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 22, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	74.8	54.5	64.7	72.0	-7.2	0.07	2	-0.94	2.91	-1.90
Cleveland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lambert	74.7	55.8	65.3	73.0	-7.7	0.20	1	-0.95	2.25	-2.51
Tunica	71.8	57.2	64.5	72.7	-8.1	0.70	3	-0.28	3.40	-1.24
Extreme/Average	73.8	55.8	64.8	72.6	-7.7	0.32	3	-0.72	2.85	-1.88
North-Central										
Ashland	72.1	52.1	62.1	NA	NA	0.11	3	-1.12	2.80	-2.43
Hickory Flat	73.7	52.3	63.0	69.0	-6.0	0.35	3	-0.94	3.21	-2.27
Independence	71.4	53.0	62.2	69.4	-7.2	1.44	3	0.31	4.25	-0.80
University	76.1	54.1	65.1	70.8	-5.7	0.22	2	-1.06	3.77	-1.73
Extreme/Average	73.3	52.9	63.1	69.8	-6.3	0.53	3	-0.70	3.51	-1.81
Northeast										
Booneville	72.7	52.3	62.5	68.6	-6.1	0.05	2	-1.26	2.34	-2.93
Corinth	72.1	54.0	63.1	69.0	-5.9	0.59	2	-0.73	1.48	-2.10
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	73.4	50.4	61.9	71.2	-9.0	0.00	0	-0.99	3.11	-1.88
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	72.7	52.2	62.5	69.6	-7.0	0.21	2	-0.99	2.31	-2.30
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	78.0	58.4	68.2	74.1	-5.9	0.00	0	-1.47	0.95	-3.88
Moorhead	76.7	60.0	68.4	73.3	-5.0	0.08	1	-1.00	2.17	-2.40
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	81.3	62.7	72.0	72.8	-0.8	0.00	0	-1.31	3.30	-1.81
Extreme/Average	78.7	60.4	69.5	73.4	-3.9	0.03	1	-1.26	2.14	-2.70
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	77.4	58.3	67.9	70.4	-2.6	0.01	1	-1.22	1.72	-2.97
Winona	76.5	55.2	65.8	69.3	-3.6	0.00	0	-0.78	2.64	-1.81
Extreme/Average	77.0	56.8	66.8	69.9	-3.1	0.01	1	-1.00	2.18	-2.39
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	75.2	59.4	67.3	72.7	-5.1	0.35	1	-0.36	1.40	-2.43
State University	78.1	59.3	68.7	71.5	-2.8	0.02	2	-1.00	4.15	0.03
Extreme/Average	76.7	59.3	68.0	72.1	-3.9	0.18	2	-0.68	2.78	-1.20
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	77.4	59.2	68.3	75.0	-6.5	0.66	3	-0.07	2.03	-1.65
Natchez	77.6	60.1	68.9	73.3	-4.5	0.38	3	-0.55	0.92	-3.13
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	81.9	65.6	73.7	73.6	0.1	0.27	1	-0.62	1.57	-2.77
Extreme/Average	79.0	61.6	70.3	74.0	-3.6	0.44	3	-0.41	1.51	-2.52
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	81.1	64.3	72.7	74.5	-1.8	1.98	3	0.89	3.50	-0.35
Monticello	78.2	65.6	71.9	73.7	-1.5	1.33	3	0.45	2.28	-1.81
Extreme/Average	79.7	64.9	72.3	74.1	-1.6	1.66	3	0.67	2.89	-1.08
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	79.2	62.6	70.9	74.1	-2.9	3.42	3	2.68	4.43	1.20
Laurel	80.0	60.1	70.1	73.1	-3.1	3.93	4	2.89	4.62	1.47
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	79.6	61.4	70.5	73.6	-3.0	3.67	4	2.79	4.53	1.33
Coastal										
Biloxi	81.3	68.6	74.9	76.6	-1.7	2.70	3	1.65	8.77	4.78
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	81.3	68.6	74.9	76.6	-1.7	2.70	3	1.65	8.77	4.78
State	77.4	59.5	68.4	72.5	-4.0	1.00	2	-0.02	3.20	-1.06

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.