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**Crop Progress & Condition Report**



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 24, 2013**. Strawberries are coming in well and looking good. Field work had begun last week but was halted due to excess rain. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 58 percent surplus.

**Crop progress for week ending March 24, 2013**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	37	13	22	21
Watermelons, planted	0	--	4	0
Winter Wheat, jointing	71	24	73	37
Winter Wheat, heading	0	--	19	4

**Crop condition for week ending March 24, 2013**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	2	4	21	73
Livestock	0	3	31	55	11
Pasture	4	23	21	40	12
Winter Wheat	0	3	46	43	8

### Comments

“Lots of field work this week.”

— Jeremy Moore, Quitman

“There still isn’t a lot of activity in the field yet. Some corn planted but the rains Thursday and Friday have halted all field work for now. We need several days of sunshine in a row for things to really pick up.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Field work had begun last week but was stopped most of this week due to excess rain.”

— Trent Barnett, Calhoun

“Rain stopped us from starting to plant corn on Monday. Cool temps and rain forecast for the weekend will keep the planters parked until next week.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada

“Excellent progress was being made with corn planting and fertilization activities up until Friday, March 22. Then the rains followed by much cooler temperatures. Little to no field work is anticipated for the last week of March.”

— Jerry, Singleton, Leflore

“Lowndes County received rainfall amounts exceeding 3 plus inches in parts of the county this past week. Planting will be delayed several weeks due to the rainfall. Pastures are a mess as well, with all of the rainfall over the last several months.”

— Reid Nevins, Lowndes

“Strawberries are just starting to be harvested. They are coming in well and looking good. All signs point to a successful strawberry harvest this year in Clarke County.”

— Christy King, Clarke

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 24, 2013**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	75	32	50	55	-5	1.97	0.71	5	3.86
Cleveland	77	39	51	57	-6	2.71	1.31	4	4.89
Lambert 5E	78	31	49			1.85	0.57	4	4.44
Tunica 2	76	31	48	55	-7	1.01	-0.30	4	3.57
Extreme/Average	78	31	50	56	-6	1.89	0.56	4	4.19
<b>North-Central</b>									
Hickory Flat	75	27	47	52	-5	3.29	1.89	4	6.46
Holly Springs 4	76	25	47	52	-5	1.69	0.29	5	5.22
Independence 1W	73	29	48	53	-5	2.28	1.09	4	4.48
University	78	25	48	53	-5	2.17	0.83	4	4.72
Water Valley 1N	75	28	50	54	-4	1.76	0.29	4	3.91
Extreme/Average	78	25	48	55	-7	2.24	0.88	4	4.96
<b>Northeast</b>									
Pontotoc Exp	69	29	46	54	-8	2.13	0.70	4	4.74
Booneville	74	27	48	53	-5	3.17	1.71	4	6.06
Tupelo 2	76	30	50			2.19		4	4.26
Corinth City	73	28	48	56	-8	1.76	0.36	3	4.78
Verona Exp	73	31	50	55	-5	2.32	0.95	3	5.78
Extreme/Average	76	27	48	54	-6	2.31	0.85	4	5.12
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	76	38	54	57	-3	2.33	0.80	3	3.43
Moorhead	77	37	54	57	-3	3.13	1.73	4	4.73
Rolling Fork	80	38	54	57	-3	2.13	0.67	4	3.94
Yazoo City 5NNE	83	41	59	58	1	3.20	1.60	3	6.06
Extreme/Average	83	37	55	58	-3	2.70	1.27	4	4.74
<b>Central</b>									
Canton	82	34	55	58	-3	1.55	0.15	3	1.58
Kosciusko	80	33	52	56	-4	4.31	2.77	4	6.85
Winona 5E	76	29	50	53	-3	3.36	1.89	4	5.22
Extreme/Average	82	29	53	57	-4	3.07	1.60	4	6.04
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	77	33	51	55	-4	1.92	0.49	4	2.36
Columbus	79	34	54	57	-3	2.15	0.94	3	5.21
Macon 2E	79	35	52	56	-4	2.38	1.05	4	4.94
State University	79	31	52	56	-4	3.46	2.06	4	6.99
Extreme/Average	79	31	52	57	-5	2.48	1.01	4	4.88
<b>Southwest</b>									
Crystal Springs	84	40	59	59	0	0.78	-0.62	3	4.03
Natchez	83	39	61	61	0	0.57	-1.02	4	3.59
Port Gibson 1NW	85	36	56	57	-1	0.58	-0.95	3	2.16
Vicksburg	80	40	58			1.39		4	3.90
Extreme/Average	85	36	58	59	-1	0.83	-0.69	4	3.42
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	88	38	58	58	0	1.30	-0.23	2	3.20
Columbia	84	41	60	60	0	0.65	-0.87	2	3.02
Monticello	89	42	63	59	4	0.25	-1.29	3	3.30
Raleigh	79	34	55			1.31		4	4.75
Extreme/Average	89	34	59	60	-1	0.88	-0.63	3	3.57
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	82	40	60	60	0	0.52	-0.95	3	3.97
Laurel	83	40	57	59	-2	0.68	-0.74	4	3.43
Newton Exp	81	35	56	57	-1	1.39	-0.08	4	3.08
Extreme/Average	83	35	58	59	-1	0.86	-0.67	4	3.49
<b>State</b>	89	25	54	57	-3	1.88	0.42	4	4.48

DFN =Departure from Normal.