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Crop Progress & Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 31, 2013**. A spring freeze damaged early blooms on blueberries, peaches, and plums. The rain and cooler temperatures continued to slow fieldwork and corn planting. Soil moisture was rated one percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 57 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending March 31, 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	44	37	60	43
Corn, emerged	2	0	28	16
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	3	0	3	1
Rice, planted	1	0	15	5
Sorghum, planted	0	0	7	1
Soybeans, planted	0	0	7	3
Watermelons, planted	12	0	22	28
Winter Wheat, jointing	77	71	87	57
Winter Wheat, heading	0	0	46	11

Crop condition for week ending March 31, 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	3	60	35
Livestock	0	1	37	57	5
Pasture	2	10	43	36	9
Winter Wheat	0	5	46	38	11

Comments

“Frequent rains are preventing corn from being planted. We are seeing some growers switching corn acreage to cotton. Wheat crop is very late, but not much disease has been reported.”

Don Respass, Coahoma

“Excess rain and cool temps have delayed wheat growth this spring.”

Dan Haire, Desoto

“Recent wet weather has delayed most applications of burn down herbicides and other field activities.”

Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Rains during the week kept farmers out of the field. Corn is slow to come out of the ground, because of the wet conditions.”

Lester Stephens, Washington

“Conditions have been good for fieldwork. Cool temperatures last week slowed rye grass down a bit, so I expect cool season haying will be delayed some. Some corn is in the ground, but the majority is in the hopper waiting for fields to dry.”

Charlie Bush, Simpson

“Hog producers are beginning breeding for summer farrowing. Ewes are in the lambing season with some lambs on the ground and some still to lamb.”

Christy King, Clarke

“Rye grass has not grown well this year. It has been a tough year for some cattle producers. Most beef producers still have some hay left but the quality is low for the most part.”

Lee Taylor, Forrest

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 31

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	66	28	46	57	-11	1.78	0.58	3	4.75
Cleveland	68	29	47	59	-12	1.38	-0.02	3	5.43
Lambert 5E	68	26	46			1.49	0.26	3	5.02
Tunica 2	67	31	45	57	-12	1.12	-0.21	1	3.87
Extreme/Average	68	26	46	58	-12	1.44	0.11	3	4.77
North-Central									
Hickory Flat	67	21	44	54	-10	0.94	-0.44	3	6.91
Holly Springs 4	67	19	45	54	-9	0.73	-0.63	2	5.19
Independence 1W	67	24	45	55	-10	0.98	-0.21	2	4.86
University	70	23	46	55	-9	1.37	0.05	3	5.65
Water Valley 1N	68	24	46	56	-10	1.00	-0.41	2	4.41
Extreme/Average	70	19	45	56	-11	1.00	-0.33	2	5.40
Northeast									
Pontotoc Exp	62	26	46	56	-10	0.83	-0.57	3	4.72
Booneville	67	23	45	55	-10	0.65	-0.73	2	6.09
Tupelo 2	69	29	47			0.76		1	4.41
Corinth City	66	25	44	58	-14	1.03	-0.30	2	5.11
Verona Exp	69	25	44	56	-12	0.41	-0.92	1	5.41
Extreme/Average	69	23	45	56	-11	0.74	-0.65	2	5.15
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	68	30	47	59	-12	0.60	-0.86	1	3.15
Moorhead	66	30	47	59	-12	0.82	-0.56	2	4.85
Rolling Fork	73	22	47	59	-12	0.00	-1.40	0	3.01
Yazoo City 5NNE	74	32	52	60	-8	0.85	-0.69	1	5.41
Extreme/Average	74	22	48	59	-11	0.57	-0.83	1	4.11
Central									
Canton	72	25	48	60	-12	0.16	-1.24	1	1.74
Kosciusko	70	27	47	58	-11	0.91	-0.61	2	7.15
Winona 5E	67	24	45	55	-10	1.26	-0.19	3	5.87
Extreme/Average	72	24	47	58	-11	0.78	-0.68	2	6.51
East-Central									
Aberdeen	70	24	46	56	-10	0.30	-1.09	2	2.52
Columbus	71	26	46	58	-12	0.45	-0.81	1	5.45
Macon 2E	73	26	48	57	-9	0.45	-0.93	1	5.14
State University	74	27	48	57	-9	0.64	-0.76	3	6.88
Extreme/Average	74	24	47	58	-11	0.46	-0.96	2	5.00
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	76	28	49	61	-12	0.00	-1.40	0	3.30
Natchez	76	27	50	62	-12	0.08	-1.46	1	2.96
Vicksburg	74	30	52			0.09		1	2.87
Extreme/Average	76	27	50	61	-11	0.06	-1.42	1	3.04
South-Central									
Collins	75	27	48	60	-12	0.00	-1.45	0	2.20
Columbia	75	30	51	61	-10	0.00	-1.47	0	1.65
Monticello	81	33	55	60	-5	0.57	-0.97	1	3.28
Raleigh	68	24	42			0.00		0	4.13
Extreme/Average	81	24	49	61	-12	0.14	-1.33	0	2.82
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	75	29	51	62	-11	0.00	-1.43	0	1.88
Laurel	75	28	49	60	-11	0.01	-1.37	1	2.34
Newton Exp	74	25	48	58	-10	0.03	-1.45	1	2.82
Waynesboro 2W	77	28	50	60	-10	0.00	-1.33	0	3.69
Extreme/Average	77	25	50	60	-10	0.01	-1.45	1	2.68
Coastal									
Biloxi	74	34	54	63	-9	0.26	-1.04	1	0.44
Saucier Exp	74	34	53	64	-11	0.14	-1.35	1	0.49
Extreme/Average	74	34	54	63	-9	0.20	-1.18	1	0.47
State	81	19	48	59	-11	0.49	-0.93	1	4.05

DFN = Departure from Normal.