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Crop Progress & Condition Report**



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 21, 2013**. Wet conditions have kept farmers out of fields to plant corn. If conditions don't improve quickly, alternate crops will be planted. Wheat also needs more sunshine. Soil moisture was rated 68 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus.

**Crop progress for week ending April 21, 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	73	54	95	91
Corn, emerged	48	37	87	76
Cotton, planted	0	--	12	8
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	14	12	20	21
Rice, planted	7	5	79	48
Rice, emerged	2	2	61	23
Sorghum, planted	1	--	36	28
Sorghum, emerged	0	--	23	12
Soybeans, planted	7	4	39	32
Soybeans, emerged	0	--	25	14
Watermelons, planted	29	27	67	29
Winter Wheat, jointing	91	87	100	99
Winter Wheat, heading	29	7	97	75

**Crop condition for week ending April 21, 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	0	6	85	9
Livestock	1	1	24	69	5
Pasture	0	8	23	61	8
Winter Wheat	1	7	38	51	3

### Comments

“Rain is only allowing a couple of days each week for growers to get in the field. We have not planted half our corn acres. Some wheat blew down last week and some fields are being treated for diseases. We still need dry weather.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Corn planting is virtually over since this last rain. We got heavy rains Thursday night and prior to that the fields were still saturated from previous rains. A lot of planned corn acreage will change to soybeans or cotton.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rain Thursday night from 1.1 to 1.6 inches stopped all planting for the week. Corn planting will continue the first of the week if we dry enough. If we miss planting next week, then most of the corn planting will stop.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada

“This makes three consecutive Thursdays in a row that it has rained. We received 1.5-2 inches Thursday evening. We did manage to get two days in the field this week. Producers were planting and replanting corn, fertilizing corn and planting beans. Looks like it will be Tuesday before we can get back in field, assuming it doesn't rain before then.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“The weekly story continues, we get two, maybe three days of field work then another big rain. Drainage ditches and rivers are full of water. Water has backed out into low lying fields.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Some field work first of week and the rain came again. Time is getting short to plant corn. Wheat needs some sunshine.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Farmers were able to get in the fields for a day or so before the rains came again and shut them down. We just need several weeks of dry weather to get much needed planting and field work done. Wheat is looking good to excellent across the county.”

— Reid Nevins, Lowndes

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 21, 2013**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Nor m	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Cleveland	85	40	65	64	1	1.51	0.18	2	6.44
Lambert 5E	86	39	65			1.81	0.69	1	10.23
Tunica 2	85	41	64	62	2	1.97	0.64	1	3.78
Extreme/Average	86	39	65	63	2	1.76	0.50	1	8.34
<b>North-Central</b>									
Hickory Flat	85	31	61	60	1	1.62	0.36	1	7.06
Holly Springs 4	88	30	63	59	4	2.88	1.68	3	7.71
Independence 1W	84	36	62	61	1	1.75	0.63	2	7.08
University	87	34	63	61	2	1.49	0.30	3	7.43
Water Valley 1N	85	34	64	61	3	0.00	-1.26	0	9.08
Extreme/Average	88	30	63	61	2	1.55	0.29	2	7.67
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	84	33	61	61		1.49	0.30	1	5.26
Tupelo 2	87	38	64			0.00		0	4.19
Corinth City	85	36	62	63	-1	1.46	0.27	1	6.31
Pontotoc Exp	86	37	62	61	1	2.10	0.82	1	6.15
Verona Exp	87	37	64	62	2	1.15	-0.04	1	4.42
Extreme/Average	87	33	63	61	2	1.24	0.05	1	5.05
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	84	42	65	64	1	1.45	0.12	1	6.45
Moorhead	85	43	65	65		2.54	1.22	1	7.74
Rolling Fork	88	41	64	64		1.60	0.31	2	4.98
Yazoo City 5NNE	91	42	69	65	4	2.40	1.03		6.72
Extreme/Average	91	41	66	65	1	2.00	0.68	1	6.97
<b>Central</b>									
Carthage 3SW	94	54	76	63	13	1.45	0.12	1	3.43
Winona 5E	84	32	62	59	3	1.27	0.01	1	5.47
Extreme/Average	94	32	69	63	6	1.36	0.03	1	5.47
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen				62		1.28	0.08	1	3.97
Columbus	86	42	67	63	4	1.18	-0.12	1	5.57
Macon 2E	83	36	62	62		2.23	0.91	2	6.34
State University	86	39	64	62	2	2.40	1.10	2	5.09
Extreme/Average	86	36	64	63	1	1.77	0.46	2	5.24
<b>Southwest</b>									
Crystal Springs	85	36	64	65	-1	1.20	-0.20	2	5.23
Natchez	85	36	65	66	-1	1.15	-0.25	3	4.53
Vicksburg	86	40	66			1.21		1	4.71
Extreme/Average	86	36	65	65	0	1.19	-0.21	2	4.82
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	85	37	64	65	-1	0.90	-0.36	2	4.50
Columbia	86	38	65	65		0.72	-0.65	2	5.63
Monticello	90	42	70	65	5	2.44	1.04	2	4.82
Raleigh	83	33	64			1.35	0.00	3	4.73
Extreme/Average	90	33	66	65	1	1.35	0.01	2	4.92
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	85	36	66	66		0.90	-0.36	2	7.95
Laurel	85	37	66	64	2	1.70	0.51	2	4.95
Newton Exp	85	46	69	62	7	2.21	0.83	2	3.75
Extreme/Average	85	36	67	65	2	1.60	0.39	2	5.55
<b>Coastal</b>									
Biloxi	79	47	70	67	3	1.16	0.09	1	8.09
Saucier Exp	84	36	65	67	-2	1.40	0.28	1	8.06
Extreme/Average	84	36	68	67	1	1.28	0.14	1	8.08
<b>State Averages</b>	94	30	66	64	2	1.50	0.22	2	6.02

DFN=Departure from normal.