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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, April 28, 2013**. Soils are very wet from frequent rains, delaying planting and putting farmers behind schedule. It appears the cooler ground temperatures are slowing germination for corn. Dryer weather is desperately needed at this time. Soil moisture was rated 48 percent adequate, and 52 percent surplus.

**Crop progress for week ending April 28, 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	84	73	98	95
Corn, emerged	56	48	94	87
Cotton, planted	0	--	35	21
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	15	14	37	33
Rice, planted	13	7	93	68
Rice, emerged	7	2	75	43
Sorghum, planted	1	1	56	45
Sorghum, emerged	0	--	30	25
Soybeans, planted	11	7	56	47
Soybeans, emerged	3	--	33	26
Watermelons, planted	30	29	83	82
Winter Wheat, jointing	97	91	100	100
Winter Wheat, heading	52	29	100	89

**Crop condition for week ending April 28, 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	38	36	24
Livestock	0	1	32	56	11
Pasture	0	3	39	47	11
Winter Wheat	0	11	36	48	5

### Comments

“The wet weather is keeping farmers from field work. Very little corn has been planted. We have had very little ground broken due to wet conditions.”

—Trent Barnett, Calhoun

“Rain has kept farmers out of the field for the most part. Farmers are getting only one or two days a week to plant which has put them behind schedule. Last week’s frost damaged vegetable crops and blueberries.”

— Dan Haire, Desoto

“Scattered showers have again delayed planting. Pasture applications of fertilizers are in full swing. Farmers desperately need dryer weather at this time.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Aerial application work of applying herbicides and fertilizer is going strong due to limited days of dry weather for field work. None of the corn is looking good for the end of April. In general, no one is happy with their corn stand or its color. Some corn will be destroyed due to poor/spotted stands. Most of that will be replanted with soybean.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“More heavy rain just as fields were almost ready to be worked. Light worm populations found in pastures and lawns but well below treatment thresholds.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Most of the corn we will plant this year was planted this week. Growers worked all night trying to get acres planted ahead of the next rain. Resistant wheat varieties are keeping disease pressure down to zero. Susceptible varieties showing stripe rust at high levels.”

— Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee

“Equipment sits idle another week in Prentiss County. If April showers bring May flowers, Prentiss County will have a bumper crop!! For the fourth consecutive week fields were once again soaked by heavy mid-week rain, along with a shower on Saturday for good measure. Wheat is doing well in spite of the rain; however, early corn planting appears to not be an option.”

— Skip Glidewell, Prentiss

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 28**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	76	39	56	65	-9	1.30	0.11	1	5.55
Cleveland	80	38	60	66	-6	1.43	0.10	3	6.49
Lambert 5E	80	36	60			2.11	0.98	2	10.85
Tunica 2	78	41	60	64	-4	1.51	0.18	3	4.17
Extreme/Average	80	36	59	65	-6	1.59	0.33	2	8.67
<b>North-Central</b>									
Hickory Flat	80	31	56	62	-6	0.76	-0.50	4	6.88
Holly Springs 4	76	29	55	61	-6	0.58	-0.61	3	7.56
Independence 1W	75	33	56	62	-6	0.57	-0.60	4	6.67
University	82	31	59	62	-3	1.13	-0.07	4	7.19
Water Valley 1N	80	34	57	63	-6	2.30	1.04	1	10.38
Extreme/Average	82	29	57	63	-6	1.07	-0.19	3	7.74
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	75	35	58	62	-4	1.25	0.01	3	5.86
Corinth City	76	36	58	65	-7	1.56	0.34	4	6.84
Pontotoc Exp	80	35	59	64	-5	0.80	-0.46	2	6.12
Tupelo 2	80	38	61			0.76		3	4.19
Verona Exp	80	39	62	63	-1	0.97	-0.18	3	4.98
Extreme/Average	80	35	59	63	-4	1.07	-0.17	3	5.60
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	84	42	59	66	-7	1.35	0.00	2	7.20
Moorhead	78	41	60	66	-6	0.79	-0.47	3	7.71
Rolling Fork	83	43	62	66	-4	1.05	-0.21	2	6.03
Yazoo City 5NNE	88	46	67	67	0	1.45	0.12	1	7.32
Extreme/Average	88	41	62	67	-5	1.16	-0.13	2	7.52
<b>Central</b>									
Canton	81	40	62	66	-4	0.88	-0.50	2	4.92
Eupora 2E	81	36	58	64	-6	1.08	-0.14	2	3.67
Kosciusko	82	39	61	64	-3	1.10	-0.21	1	6.82
Winona 5E	80	34	59	61	-2	0.92	-0.31	2	5.13
Extreme/Average	82	34	60	65	-5	1.00	-0.33	2	5.98
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	79	41	61	64	-3	1.35	0.16	2	5.02
Columbus	78	41	62	65	-3	2.48	1.26	2	6.00
Macon 2E	80	43	63	64	-1	0.11	-1.13	2	6.00
State University	83	41	62	64	-2	0.86	-0.40	2	5.31
Extreme/Average	83	41	62	65	-3	1.20	-0.06	2	5.58
<b>Southwest</b>									
Crystal Springs	80	44	63	67	-4	1.10	-0.21	1	6.33
Natchez	82	46	64	68	-4	1.13	-0.21	2	5.58
Vicksburg	82	44	64			1.01	0.00	2	5.63
Extreme/Average	82	44	64	67	-3	1.08	-0.25	2	5.85
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	82	40	61	66	-5	0.60	-0.68	2	5.10
Columbia	83	43	65	67	-2	1.92	0.59	2	7.55
Monticello	86	45	67	66	1	0.62	-0.78	1	5.44
Raleigh	80	40	61			0.55	0.00	2	4.66
Extreme/Average	86	40	64	67	-3	0.92	-0.41	2	5.69
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	80	41	62	67	-5	2.04	0.78	1	9.99
Laurel	83	39	62	66	-4	0.51	-0.68	2	5.45
Newton Exp	82	41	61	64	-3	0.25	-1.03	1	3.97
Waynesboro 2W	85	42	64	66	-2	0.85	-0.20	1	6.53
Extreme/Average	85	39	62	66	-4	0.91	-0.28	1	6.49
<b>Coastal</b>									
Biloxi	77	53	67	69	-2	0.44	-0.68	1	8.27
Saucier Exp	80	52	69	69	0	0.99	-0.22	2	8.91
Extreme/Average	80	52	68	69	-1	0.72	-0.47	2	8.59
<b>State</b>	88	29	62	66	-4	1.06	-0.21	2	6.61

DFN = Departure from Normal.