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Crop Progress & Condition Report**



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 05, 2013**. Extremely wet weather, again, has caused fieldwork to remain at a standstill. Producers are behind on cutting hay and planting crops. Soil moisture was rated 36 percent adequate, and 64 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 5, 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	90	84	100	98
Corn, emerged	79	56	98	94
Cotton, planted	2	--	64	35
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	16	15	55	44
Peanuts, planted	0	--	38	20
Rice, planted	14	13	98	80
Rice, emerged	11	7	87	62
Sorghum, planted	2	1	73	54
Sorghum, emerged	0	--	53	39
Soybeans, planted	15	11	72	60
Soybeans, emerged	6	3	55	42
Watermelons, planted	31	30	88	88
Winter Wheat, jointing	99	97	100	100
Winter Wheat, heading	73	52	100	97

Crop condition for week ending May 5, 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	8	53	37
Corn	1	11	48	34	6
Livestock	0	1	34	56	9
Pasture	0	5	42	40	13
Winter Wheat	1	8	31	55	5

Comments

“Wet conditions continue to affect field work. It looks like we are missing the majority of our corn planting.”

— Trent Barnett, Calhoun

“Desoto County received 3 to 4 inches of rain last week. Fields that have been planted recently are having a hard time emerging with the cooler temps and the rain. More rain is expected for the later part of the week.”

— Dan Haire, Desoto

“Prentiss County enjoyed 4.5 days of 80+ degree temperatures and sunshine; however we also received our weekly quota of precipitation. Unfortunately, this time rain was accompanied by near frost lows. Further saturating untilled fields, and slowing pasture growth. Wheat continues to be doing well in spite of the excess moisture. Corn planting continues to be only wishful thinking.”

— Skip Glidewell, Prentiss

“Another wet week and we might plant a few more acres of irrigated corn, but time is running out fast. Farmers are still waiting on favorable weather for cotton and soybean planting to begin. Thin wheat stands, will hold yields back this year and will produce fair to average yields.”

— Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee

“Weather conditions have not been conducive for any agriculture practices. Cool and wet weather might make for pleasant evenings on the porch, but is not an ideal start for a growing season. Many producers are behind on cutting hay and planting crops.”

— Charlie Bush, Simpson

“Weather is a big factor affecting our crop conditions due to excessive rain. Strawberries are still coming in nicely although producers report harvesting is rather difficult in the wet fields. Furthermore, strawberry producers report a lack of quality in the berries stating that the berries are not as sweet due to the excessive rain. Blueberry growers are carefully monitoring for spotted wing drosophila, and have not seen any evidence of this invasive pest to date. Blueberry producers have an aggressive spraying program in place to help prevent damage from spotted wing drosophila.”

— Christy King, Clarke

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 5, 2013

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	82	37	63	67	-4	3.45	2.26	3	8.39
Cleveland	85	38	59	68	-9	2.49	1.18	4	7.84
Lambert 5E	83	46	64			4.28	3.04	4	14.20
Tunica 2	83	37	61	67	-6	3.64	2.31	4	7.12
Extreme/Average	85	37	62	67	-5	3.47	2.21	4	11.02
North-Central									
Hickory Flat	82	31	59	64	-5	2.35	1.09	4	8.63
Holly Springs 4	82	34	60	63	-3	2.10	0.86	3	9.30
Independence 1W	81	34	60	64	-4	2.74	1.55	4	8.86
University	83	32	60	64	-4	2.15	0.89	4	8.63
Water Valley 1N	82	33	59	65	-6	1.94	0.68	3	11.54
Extreme/Average	83	31	60	65	-5	2.26	1.00	4	9.39
Northeast									
Pontotoc Exp	79	35	61	66	-5	1.87	0.61	4	7.47
Booneville	80	37	61	64	-3	1.77	0.41	2	6.98
Tupelo 2	81	37	62			2.02		4	5.97
Corinth City	82	37	64	67	-3	1.88	0.58	1	8.13
Verona Exp	83	37	63	66	-3	1.45	0.33	4	5.57
Extreme/Average	83	35	62	65	-3	1.80	0.50	3	6.82
Lower Delta									
Moorhead	82	40	61	69	-8	3.51	2.25	6	10.11
Rolling Fork	83	46	65	68	-3	1.03	-0.23	2	6.18
Yazoo City 5NNE	86	42	67	69	-2	4.28	2.95	6	10.76
Extreme/Average	86	40	64	69	-5	2.94	1.61	5	9.02
Central									
Canton	81	35	62	68	-6	4.85	3.45	6	9.00
Kosciusko	81	36	60	66	-6	4.86	3.53	6	10.14
Winona 5E	80	34	59	63	-4	4.91	3.72	6	9.09
Extreme/Average	81	34	60	67	-7	4.87	3.60	6	9.41
East-Central									
Aberdeen	80	37	63	66	-3	2.68	1.43	3	6.78
Columbus	83	40	64	67	-3	1.05	-0.03	2	6.01
Macon 2E	80	38	62	66	-4	2.57	1.43	4	7.06
State University	82	39	63	66	-3	2.53	1.33	5	6.81
Extreme/Average	83	37	63	67	-4	2.21	0.96	4	6.53
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	81	42	65	69	-4	4.27	3.05	4	9.17
Natchez	82	50	67	69	-2	1.23	-0.09	4	5.36
Vicksburg	82	42	66			2.36		4	7.01
Extreme/Average	82	42	66	69	-3	2.62	1.31	4	7.18
South-Central									
Collins	79	40	64	68	-4	2.50	1.17	3	6.90
Columbia	83	40	66	69	-3	3.70	2.37	5	9.82
Monticello	87	43	69	68	1	2.11	0.71	5	6.09
Raleigh	79	53	65			4.27		4	8.09
Extreme/Average	87	40	66	69	-3	3.15	1.82	4	7.73
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	80	38	65	69	-4	4.87	3.61	5	13.11
Laurel	83	42	67	68	-1	4.19	2.98	6	8.77
Newton Exp	81	37	62	66	-4	6.00	4.87	5	9.00
Extreme/Average	83	37	64	68	-4	5.02	3.83	5	10.29
Coastal									
State	87	31	63	67	-4	3.25	1.98	4	8.55

DFN = Departure from Normal.