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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 8, 2013**. Dry weather has allowed harvest activities to move forward at a rapid pace. Several corn growers have completed corn harvest and are now moving into soybean harvest. Rice growers are also busy with harvest activities. Soil moisture was rated 13 percent very short, 37 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Crop progress for week ending September 8, 2013**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	98	90	100	99
Corn, harvested	60	34	91	77
Corn Silage, harvested	100	98	100	96
Cotton, open bolls	25	10	80	66
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	90	86	92	89
Peanuts, dug	10	5	12	4
Peanuts, harvested	6	4	7	3
Rice, headed	93	90	100	99
Rice, mature	39	22	95	82
Rice, harvested	9	5	68	41
Sorghum, coloring	92	90	100	99
Sorghum, mature	45	22	96	90
Sorghum, harvested	10	0	49	43
Soybeans, setting pods	99	99	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	40	29	81	74
Soybeans, dropping leaves	19	9	65	54
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	6	4	9	13

**Crop condition for week ending September 8, 2013**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	1	5	15	53	26
Cotton	1	5	31	50	13
Hay	0	0	38	57	5
Livestock	0	0	24	70	6
Pasture	0	1	50	43	6
Peanuts	0	0	40	38	22
Rice	0	1	30	56	13
Sorghum	0	1	22	62	15
Soybeans	1	4	21	54	20
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	12	67	20

### Comments

“Corn harvest is going nicely and a few soybeans have been cut. Still watering some cotton and soybeans.”

- Don Respass, Coahoma

“Great weather for harvest with early planted soybeans ready to cut and corn still coming in. However, late planted crops could really use some rain.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Dry weather has allowed harvest activities to move forward at a rapid pace. Several corn growers have completed corn harvest and are now moving into soybean harvest. Rice growers are also busy with harvest activities.”

- Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Corn harvest is winding down and soybean harvest is picking up fast. Cotton is opening up. Rice harvest is progressing very well. Fall field work is moving right along.”

- Lester Stephens, Washington

“Corn harvest is in full swing. Hot dry weather has allowed hay harvest to resume in areas that have been inundated with rainfall over the last several weeks.”

- Reid Nevins, Lowndes

“It has been a good week for corn harvest. Soybeans have suffered the last two weeks from heat and dry conditions. Still expecting a very good yield. Cotton made up ground in maturity the last 10 days.”

- Dennis Reginelli, Noxubee

“Much of the last hay cuttings have been made. Bermuda grass stem maggot is very prevalent in fields and pastures. We are at the very beginning stages of corn harvest, and soybeans look very good as long as weather at harvest is suitable.”

- Charlie Bush, Simpson

“Hotter sunny days have helped beef producers harvest hay. However; quality will be low and some hay got wet from afternoon showers. Corn harvest is essentially complete. Cotton and peanuts look good. Peanut harvest is beginning.”

- Lee Taylor, Forrest

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