



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 23, 2014**. Cool temperatures and wet conditions have prevented fieldwork for most counties. Most fieldwork focused on burndown and seedbed preparation. Subsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus, while topsoil moisture was rated at 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus.

**Crop progress for week ending March 23, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	8	--	34	25
Rice, planted	0	--	0	0
Sorghum, planted	0	--	0	0
Watermelons, planted	6	--	0	13
Winter Wheat, heading	0	--	0	4

**Crop condition for week ending March 23, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	1	31	67	1
Livestock	1	6	38	45	10
Pasture	1	8	40	45	6
Winter Wheat	0	6	28	61	5

## Comments

“Some corn planted but because of cold weather this week most folks stopped planting. Wheat looks better but it has a long way to go. We need some dry and warmer weather.”

--Don Respress, Coahoma

“Field work and burndown work was done this week. Soil temps are too cool for corn right now. Ryegrass is not showing much sign of growing where it was drilled into pasture. Where land was disked then planted, it is looking better.”

--Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Below normal soil temperature and recent rainfall have delayed most local producers from planting this year's corn crop. However, some producers have been able to plant some acres and more favorable planting conditions seem to be on the horizon. Winter wheat looks great and is on schedule.”

--Jon Carson, Sharkey

“The wet and cold conditions have negatively impacted some range and pasture in the county. In addition, a shortage of hay for some producers is straining conditions.”

--Taylor Louis Casey, Attala

“We are very wet, could use some rain free days and some sunshine. Rye grass is in fair shape due to cold weather. Hay stocks are low. Soils are too wet for any kind of field work.”

--Lee Taylor, Forrest

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 23, 2014**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Upper Delta</b>										
Cleveland	63.0	36.4	49.7	55.2	-5.5	0.35	3	-0.63	2.40	-1.49
Lambert	64.0	35.5	49.8	54.9	-5.3	0.55	1	-0.31	3.07	-1.25
Tunica	59.3	37.8	48.6	54.7	-6.0	0.58	2	-0.37	3.19	-1.15
Extreme/Average	62.1	36.6	49.3	54.9	-5.6	0.49	3	-0.44	2.89	-1.30
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	61.4	33.6	47.5	NA	NA	0.33	2	-0.82	1.91	-2.81
Batesville	64.0	31.4	47.7	52.2	-4.4	0.33	3	-0.73	1.62	-3.08
Hickory Flat	64.0	31.4	47.7	52.2	-4.4	0.33	3	-0.73	1.62	-3.08
Independence	62.4	34.0	48.2	52.7	-4.4	0.37	2	-0.70	2.25	-1.92
University	65.6	33.7	49.6	53.7	-4.1	0.42	2	-0.65	2.39	-2.32
Extreme/Average	63.5	32.8	48.2	52.9	-4.6	0.35	3	-0.72	2.03	-2.55
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	63.0	34.6	48.8	52.1	-3.4	0.37	2	-0.71	2.20	-2.38
Corinth	61.0	34.2	47.6	52.0	-4.5	0.14	1	-0.76	2.68	-1.13
Fulton	63.8	35.2	49.5	53.5	-4.2	0.93	2	0.01	1.93	-1.45
Pontotoc	60.7	35.3	48.0	53.4	-5.4	0.80	2	-0.27	1.93	-2.78
Tupelo	64.3	37.6	50.9	53.6	-2.6	0.25	1	-0.84	1.87	-2.36
Verona	64.3	34.6	49.4	54.6	-5.2	0.20	1	-0.95	2.03	-3.04
Extreme/Average	62.9	35.3	49.0	53.2	-4.2	0.45	2	-0.59	2.11	-2.19
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	66.0	38.7	52.4	56.9	-4.6	1.75	2	0.65	3.25	-1.30
Moorhead	65.0	39.9	52.4	56.3	-3.9	0.97	2	-0.09	2.81	-1.65
Rolling Fork	68.1	41.9	55.0	57.1	-2.1	0.44	2	-0.65	3.15	-1.59
Yazoo City	69.6	42.3	55.9	56.4	-0.5	1.17	2	-0.05	4.81	-0.56
Extreme/Average	67.2	40.7	53.9	56.7	-2.8	1.08	2	-0.03	3.50	-1.27
<b>Central</b>										
Caton	67.1	37.0	52.1	56.6	-4.6	0.37	1	-0.69	3.66	-0.81
Eupora	63.6	34.0	48.8	54.4	-5.4	NA	0	-0.89	2.03	-1.41
Kosciusko	66.7	36.6	51.6	54.4	-2.7	0.66	2	-0.58	4.19	-0.92
Winona	63.9	33.9	48.9	53.6	-4.8	1.01	3	-0.07	3.80	-0.85
Extreme/Average	65.3	35.4	50.3	54.7	-4.3	0.68	3	-0.56	3.42	-1.00
<b>East-Central</b>										
Columbus	66.0	41.7	53.9	56.9	-3.0	0.76	2	-0.27	3.77	-0.55
Philadelphia	66.9	40.4	53.6	57.7	-4.1	0.34	1	-0.75	2.94	-1.80
State University	66.7	37.7	52.2	54.8	-2.6	0.68	1	-0.32	3.59	-1.08
Extreme/Average	66.5	39.9	53.2	56.5	-3.2	0.59	2	-0.45	3.43	-1.14
<b>Southwest</b>										
Brookhaven	64.8	39.4	52.1	57.8	-5.5	0.00	0	-0.84	3.04	-1.96
Crystal Springs	72.8	39.9	56.8	59.1	-2.5	0.47	1	-0.72	2.92	-2.43
Natchez	73.0	39.6	56.7	59.2	-2.6	0.30	2	-1.04	3.34	-2.16
Oakley	68.6	36.6	52.6	57.8	-5.2	0.73	2	-0.58	3.49	-1.49
Vicksburg City	71.3	39.6	55.8	57.9	-2.3	0.00	0	-1.11	3.59	-1.15
Extreme/Average	70.1	39.0	54.8	58.4	-3.6	0.30	2	-0.86	3.28	-1.84
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	73.3	41.9	57.6	58.0	-0.5	NA	0	-1.28	7.50	2.17
Columbia	71.1	42.7	56.9	59.7	-2.7	0.34	1	-0.87	3.89	-1.19
Monticello	76.3	47.1	61.7	59.5	2.2	0.30	1	-0.66	3.01	-1.89
Extreme/Average	73.6	43.9	58.7	59.1	-0.3	0.32	1	-0.94	4.80	-0.30
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	71.9	44.3	58.1	59.8	-1.7	0.26	1	-0.83	4.33	-0.67
Laurel	70.9	43.6	57.2	58.4	-1.2	0.00	0	-1.12	4.43	-0.35
Newton	68.3	39.3	53.8	55.8	-2.0	0.55	2	-0.56	2.56	-2.30
Waynesboro	72.6	44.6	58.6	58.1	0.5	0.21	2	-0.91	3.29	-1.62
Extreme/Average	70.9	43.0	56.9	58.0	-1.1	0.26	2	-0.86	3.65	-1.23
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	67.9	49.7	58.8	61.4	-2.6	0.02	2	-1.44	5.16	-0.27
Poplarville	70.7	44.6	57.6	59.8	-2.2	0.54	2	-0.69	4.48	-0.75
Extreme/Average	69.3	47.2	58.2	60.6	-2.4	0.28	2	-1.06	4.82	-0.51
<b>State</b>	67.5	39.3	53.4	56.6	-3.1	0.48	2	-0.66	3.40	-1.35

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available