



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 30, 2014**. Over the weekend heavy rain halted most fieldwork. Cool temperatures continue to delay the planting of most crops. Subsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus, while topsoil moisture was rated at 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 57 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 32.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 49.0 degrees Fahrenheit in Monticello. High temperatures ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Eupora. Rainfall amounts ranged from under an inch in the north to over 5 inches in the coastal region.

Crop progress for week ending March 30, 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	30	8	43	47
Rice, planted	2	0	1	4
Soybeans, planted	1	0	0	3
Watermelons, planted	9	6	10	28

Crop condition for week ending March 30, 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	32	66	1
Livestock	0	7	35	47	11
Pasture	1	13	33	46	7
Winter Wheat	0	5	31	59	5

Comments

“Seedbed preparation is in full swing. Low temps are preventing corn from being planted.”

-Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Producers are waiting for soil temps to get up for corn planting. Some dirt work and more burndown went out this week. Ryegrass is beginning to grow where drilled directly into pastures. Where the pasture was prepped, the grass has been doing well.”

-Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Temps in the low 20's last Tuesday night may have damaged some early fruiting peaches and plums. Ryegrass pastures and wheat crops showing growth after temperatures climbed late in the week. Farmers were able to work 3 - 4 days fertilizing wheat and pastures, spraying spring burndown on row crops. Most of the cattle look fair to good coming out of the winter.”

-Stanley G. Wise, Jr., Union

“A lot of field work progress was made this week in a short window of time. Most producers either completed or nearly completed their corn planting. Producers say they will begin planting soybeans next week.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena/Sharkey

“The entire growing season is two to three weeks behind schedule this year, and field conditions are too wet to allow any form of field work at this time.”

-Ernie Flint, Montgomery

“Wet conditions continue to be a problem for workers to get into the field.”

-Mitchell Hunter, Greene

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 30, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	62.2	35.0	48.6	55.6	-7.1	0.89	2	0.22	2.53	-0.14
Cleveland	63.0	39.6	51.3	57.1	-5.9	2.96	2	1.86	4.89	0.93
Lambert	61.6	35.9	48.7	56.8	-8.1	1.67	2	0.68	4.00	-0.02
Tunica	57.6	36.2	46.9	56.7	-9.6	0.31	1	0.55	3.49	-0.49
Extreme/Average	61.1	36.7	48.9	56.6	-7.6	1.46	2	0.55	3.73	0.07
North-Central										
Ashland	57.0	33.3	45.1	NA	NA	1.68	3	0.51	3.39	-1.20
Batesville	62.9	35.4	49.1	55.1	-6.0	2.48	2	1.50	4.15	-0.12
Hickory Flat	58.7	32.9	45.8	54.1	-8.3	1.48	4	0.39	2.77	-1.69
Independence	58.4	33.3	45.9	54.6	-8.7	1.66	2	0.58	3.73	-0.56
University	62.0	35.5	48.8	55.5	-6.8	2.47	2	1.51	4.43	0.13
Extreme/Average	59.8	34.1	46.9	54.8	-7.5	1.95	4	0.90	3.69	-0.69
Northeast										
Booneville	58.4	34.4	46.4	54.1	-7.6	0.68	3	0.43	2.24	-2.18
Corinth	57.8	34.7	46.3	53.9	-7.7	0.97	3	0.06	3.48	0.00
Fulton	61.1	35.1	48.1	55.5	-7.4	1.28	3	0.19	2.83	-0.24
Pontotoc	58.0	35.1	46.6	55.2	-8.6	1.74	2	0.70	3.19	-1.13
Tupelo	62.0	38.2	50.1	55.5	-5.3	1.50	2	0.55	2.98	-1.20
Verona	59.7	36.3	48.0	56.4	-8.4	1.57	3	0.46	3.11	-1.65
Extreme/Average	59.5	35.6	47.6	55.1	-7.5	1.29	3	0.26	2.97	-1.07
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	64.2	41.5	52.8	58.7	-6.0	3.68	3	2.75	6.69	2.41
Moorhead	62.7	42.4	52.6	58.2	-5.7	3.53	2	2.44	5.97	1.65
Rolling Fork	65.0	43.1	54.1	58.9	-4.8	2.52	2	1.44	5.39	0.86
Yazoo City	69.2	42.2	55.7	58.2	-2.7	4.60	2	3.55	9.23	4.21
Extreme/Average	65.3	42.3	53.8	58.5	-4.8	3.58	3	2.54	6.82	2.28
Central										
Caton	64.1	37.9	51.0	58.3	-7.3	2.36	2	1.20	5.84	1.39
Eupora	73.0	42.0	57.5	56.2	1.0	0.62	1	0.45	2.55	-0.13
Kosciusko	63.6	37.9	50.7	56.2	-5.4	2.76	3	1.45	6.71	1.65
Winona	60.9	36.1	48.5	55.2	-6.7	1.63	4	0.56	4.93	0.55
Extreme/Average	65.4	38.5	51.9	56.5	-4.6	1.84	4	0.91	5.01	0.86
East-Central										
Aberdeen	58.8	34.6	46.7	57.0	10.0	1.47	3	0.44	2.10	-2.10
Columbus	64.0	39.7	51.9	58.5	-6.6	1.56	3	0.52	4.70	0.68
Macon	63.1	37.9	50.5	57.6	-7.1	3.19	2	2.47	6.64	3.45
Philadelphia	64.1	38.6	51.4	59.3	-7.9	3.20	2	2.04	5.82	1.27
State University	62.3	37.9	50.1	56.6	-6.5	1.59	3	0.52	4.46	0.12
Extreme/Average	62.5	37.7	50.1	57.8	-7.6	2.20	3	1.20	4.74	0.68
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	64.7	40.6	52.6	60.7	-8.1	3.67	3	2.52	6.22	1.21
Natchez	65.4	41.1	53.3	60.7	-7.4	4.36	2	3.02	7.20	1.76
Oakley	65.7	37.4	51.6	59.2	-7.7	3.02	3	1.72	6.05	0.96
Vicksburg City	62.0	37.6	49.8	59.4	-9.4	1.29	2	0.29	4.57	0.04
Extreme/Average	64.5	39.2	51.8	60.0	-8.1	3.08	3	1.89	6.01	0.99
South-Central										
Collins	68.6	40.0	54.3	59.7	-5.4	3.00	2	1.71	9.50	4.24
Columbia	65.4	41.9	53.6	61.1	-7.5	3.06	3	1.74	6.05	0.97
Monticello	69.7	49.1	59.4	61.1	-1.7	1.83	1	0.67	3.35	-1.17
Extreme/Average	67.9	43.7	55.8	60.6	-4.8	2.63	3	1.37	6.30	1.35
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	66.5	45.2	55.8	61.3	-5.5	2.96	3	1.94	6.38	1.74
Laurel	65.4	42.6	54.0	60.0	-6.0	3.15	3	2.03	6.84	2.20
Waynesboro	67.4	42.6	55.0	59.7	-4.7	4.00	2	2.85	6.69	1.84
Extreme/Average	66.4	43.5	54.9	60.3	-5.4	3.37	3	2.27	6.64	1.93
Coastal										
Biloxi	66.0	47.7	56.8	63.0	-6.1	5.17	2	3.97	8.26	2.92
Poplarville	65.9	44.3	55.1	61.1	-6.1	3.30	1	2.03	6.21	1.15
Extreme/Average	66.0	46.0	56.0	62.0	-6.1	4.23	2	3.00	7.23	2.04
State	64.0	39.7	51.9	58.3	-6.4	2.60	3	1.52	5.40	0.90

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.