



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 6, 2014**. Continued rainfall in the past week has caused fields and pastures to be muddy and has lead to flooding in some counties. Subsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture was rated at 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 71 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 57.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel and Biloxi. High temperatures ranged from 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 83.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. Rainfall amounts ranged from under an inch in the north to over 3 inches in the southern part of the state.

**Crop progress for week ending April 6, 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	41	30	46	63
Rice, planted	6	2	1	11
Soybeans, planted	4	1	0	7
Watermelons, planted	18	9	23	37
Winter Wheat, heading	1	0	0	21

**Crop condition for week ending April 6, 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	65	2
Livestock	0	6	33	49	12
Pasture	2	14	34	42	8
Winter Wheat	0	6	30	58	6

## Comments

“Growers were only able to get in the field a couple of days this week. Warmer weather should help corn emerge. We still have a lot of field work to complete before planting. Recent rain halted field work this week.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma

“Two separate storms have halted Ag work in its tracks. High winds downed several trees and damaged fences. Most burndowns are applied but few corn acres planted so far.”

-Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc

“We still remain a couple weeks behind from a consistent favorable soil temperature standpoint; therefore, no corn was reported to have been planted. Burndown applications and ground prep are the main activities. Inconsistent warm weather still has pastures struggling to flourish, and a near frost Saturday morning did not help. A mid-week storm front brought some useful rain. However, these storms resulted in some reported fence and structure damage.”

-Terry “Skip” Glidewell

“Rains continue to put a damper on corn and soybean planting progress. Growers have been held to planting only 1-2 days per week due to frequent rainfall. Early planted corn has emerged and looks good. We really need a good stretch of dry weather to get planting season back on track in my area.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Frequent showers have many farmers feeling they are behind schedule.”

-Alex Deason, Sunflower

“Flash flooding occurred in many low areas of the county last weekend lasting into the first of this previous week. Several inches of rain fell Friday adding more moisture to all ready soaked ground. Hilly areas are even wet. Many ryegrass fields are in fair condition, but most grazing pastures are muddy. High water and flooded roads are preventing soybeans fields from being prepared and planted along the western side of the county.”

-Lionel Brown, Jr., Wilkinson

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 6, 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	70.9	50.7	60.8	59.1	1.7	0.97	4	0.10	4.69	0.59
Lambert	72.6	50.4	61.5	58.7	2.9	0.73	1	0.03	3.47	-0.25
Tunica	71.4	52.9	62.1	58.8	3.3	0.86	3	0.40	4.84	0.17
Extreme/Average	71.6	51.3	61.5	58.9	2.6	0.85	4	0.16	4.33	0.17
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	71.6	45.3	58.4	NA	NA	0.81	2	0.35	3.26	-1.33
Batesville	70.4	42.6	56.5	57.0	-0.5	0.50	1	0.51	3.61	-0.44
Hickory Flat	72.4	43.6	58.0	56.1	1.9	0.48	2	0.63	2.71	-1.67
Independence	70.4	47.3	58.9	56.5	2.4	0.51	1	0.53	2.94	-1.31
University	74.3	45.9	60.1	57.4	2.7	0.66	1	0.51	3.91	-0.51
Extreme/Average	71.8	44.9	58.4	56.7	1.6	0.59	2	0.51	3.29	-1.05
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	72.6	42.1	57.4	55.9	1.4	0.76	2	0.32	2.16	-2.19
Corinth	70.0	47.2	58.6	55.8	2.7	0.62	2	0.27	3.16	-0.13
Fulton	73.1	45.1	59.1	57.4	1.7	0.76	2	0.32	2.97	-1.41
Pontotoc	71.4	47.9	59.6	56.9	2.7	0.70	1	0.43	3.24	-1.00
Tupelo	71.4	48.9	60.1	57.6	2.5	0.72	3	0.41	2.95	-1.30
Extreme/Average	71.7	46.2	59.0	56.7	2.2	0.71	3	0.35	2.90	-1.21
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	70.2	48.2	59.2	60.6	-1.4	0.88	2	0.08	6.56	2.33
Moorhead	74.7	55.2	64.9	60.2	4.9	0.77	1	0.24	5.79	1.58
Rolling Fork	78.0	52.8	65.4	60.7	4.8	1.25	1	0.27	5.16	0.87
Yazoo City	76.3	56.7	66.5	60.1	6.3	1.05	2	0.01	9.30	4.67
Extreme/Average	74.8	53.2	64.0	60.4	3.7	0.99	2	0.01	6.70	2.36
<b>Central</b>										
Caton	74.6	49.3	61.9	59.9	2.1	1.87	3	0.61	6.83	2.26
Kosciusko	78.6	50.2	64.4	58.0	6.7	1.11	1	0.15	6.45	1.72
Winona	71.3	48.3	59.8	56.7	3.0	1.34	3	0.44	5.19	0.98
Extreme/Average	74.8	49.3	62.1	58.2	3.9	1.44	3	0.40	6.16	1.65
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	73.5	52.0	62.8	58.8	3.6	0.81	2	0.12	2.68	-1.33
Columbus	74.6	51.4	63.0	60.1	2.9	3.12	2	2.02	7.06	2.79
Philadelphia	78.6	51.0	64.8	60.8	4.2	0.53	1	0.38	5.67	1.40
State University	75.0	46.3	60.6	58.4	2.2	1.03	3	0.17	4.61	0.26
Extreme/Average	75.4	50.2	62.8	59.5	3.2	1.37	3	0.34	5.00	0.78
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	75.9	48.7	62.3	62.3	NA	2.42	3	1.24	8.00	3.22
Natchez	75.6	51.9	63.7	62.1	1.6	1.24	4	0.06	7.53	2.32
Oakley	76.4	49.6	63.0	60.8	2.2	2.95	3	1.71	8.19	3.06
Vicksburg City	74.8	56.6	65.7	60.9	4.6	1.91	3	0.97	5.25	1.04
Extreme/Average	75.7	51.7	63.7	61.5	2.1	2.13	4	0.99	7.24	2.41
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	76.1	50.7	63.4	61.2	2.2	3.30	2	2.06	11.7	6.57
Columbia	76.7	53.1	64.9	62.5	2.4	1.17	4	0.18	6.14	1.01
Monticello	83.2	56.2	69.7	62.5	7.4	0.52	2	0.34	2.80	-1.12
Extreme/Average	78.7	53.3	66.0	62.1	4.0	1.66	4	0.51	6.88	2.15
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	78.6	52.3	65.4	61.2	4.2	2.17	2	1.17	8.24	3.75
Laurel	71.7	57.9	64.8	64.6	0.2	0.53	3	0.62	8.04	2.70
Waynesboro	78.6	52.3	65.4	61.2	4.2	2.17	2	1.17	8.24	3.75
Extreme/Average	77.0	52.5	64.7	61.9	2.9	1.87	2	0.93	7.75	3.41
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	71.7	57.9	64.8	64.6	0.2	0.53	3	0.62	8.04	2.70
Poplarville	74.7	54.4	64.6	62.5	2.1	0.50	2	0.74	5.84	0.86
Extreme/Average	73.2	56.1	64.7	63.5	1.1	0.52	3	0.68	6.94	1.78

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.