



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 13, 2014**. Continued rainfall in the past week caused fields and pastures to be muddy and has lead to flooding in some counties. Subsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture was rated at 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 65 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 40.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Batesville to 57.6 degrees Fahrenheit in Biloxi. High temperatures ranged from 57.5 degrees Fahrenheit at University to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Rainfall amounts ranged from under an inch to 6.89 inches in Yazoo City.

**Crop progress for week ending April 13, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	56	41	53	77
Corn, emerged	28	--	36	55
Cotton, planted	1	0	0	2
Rice, planted	10	6	4	23
Soybeans, planted	6	4	3	15
Watermelons, planted	28	18	27	48
Winter Wheat, headed	2	1	6	41

**Crop condition for week ending April 13, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	31	65	3
Livestock	0	5	30	53	12
Pasture	2	14	33	42	9
Winter Wheat	0	4	28	61	7

## Comments

“Fields were too wet for most farmers to do any field work this week. I did see tractors running Saturday on lighter, well drained soils. We need a couple of weeks of dry weather to get some seed in the ground.”

-Jeremy Wayne, Quitman

“2.5 inches of rain overnight and still raining. These rains every 5-7 days just will not allow growers in the field to plant. I am afraid our initial corn planting intentions might change drastically after this rain. At this point, we are getting behind on soybean planting. We need a planting window in a bad way.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys

“An early week rain saturated most of the county preventing any notable field work, however followed by normal to above normal temperatures. These rains added some needed moisture as Prentiss County has been drier than other parts of the state for this time of year. Other than field prep, little row activities performed. No corn reported to be planted. The warm mid-late week temperatures gave a much needed boost to pastures. Gardeners and vegetable growers seem to be cautious about planting as well, even with Good Friday only 5 days away.”

-Terry “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss

“The recent rains caused low lying areas to flood, current rains will increase moisture in those areas, many crops have not been planted due to cool temperatures at night.”

-Ruby Rankin, Kemper

“Floods last week damaged some pasture. Ryegrass will start being cut and baled as soon as weather permits and grounds dry out.”

-Charles Franklin, Simpson

“Local flooding has had a profound impact on pastures with many being underwater for the majority of last week. While local rivers have crested for now, a predicted rainfall of 5 inches for Monday will cause the rivers to swell beyond their banks and result in pastures and forages being under water again. We need some extended days of dry weather.”

-Christy King, Clarke

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 13, 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>										
Clarksdale	65.3	53.3	59.3	60.0	-0.7	1.23	1	1.77	3.33	0.27
Cleveland	66.3	48.3	57.3	61.2	-3.9	2.09	2	0.99	6.36	2.11
Lambert	65.7	45.3	55.5	60.6	-5.0	1.30	2	0.40	4.35	0.76
Tunica	63.2	47.2	55.2	60.9	-5.4	0.80	2	0.50	5.46	0.56
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	68.0	45.0	56.5	NA	NA	0.84	3	0.35	3.66	-1.01
Batesville	67.8	40.2	54.0	59.1	-5.3	0.00	0	0.96	3.29	-0.66
Hickory Flat	68.9	41.9	55.4	58.1	-2.7	1.26	3	0.08	3.55	-0.89
Independence	66.3	45.6	55.9	58.4	-2.5	0.75	1	0.32	3.29	-0.97
University	57.5	42.0	49.8	59.3	-8.9	1.25	2	0.91	4.81	1.11
Extreme/Average	65.7	42.9	54.3	58.7	-4.8	0.82	3	0.13	3.72	-0.48
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	68.7	42.6	55.6	57.9	-2.2	1.56	3	0.43	3.37	-1.03
Corinth	69.0	45.7	57.4	57.7	-0.4	0.86	1	0.24	2.59	-1.51
Fulton	69.3	43.7	56.5	59.3	-2.8	2.20	2	1.06	5.17	0.79
Pontotoc	69.0	47.7	58.4	58.8	-0.4	2.25	2	1.02	5.49	1.02
Tupelo	68.0	44.7	56.3	59.9	-3.4	2.45	2	1.53	4.92	0.83
Verona	63.0	43.0	53.0	60.0	-6.6	2.54	2	1.42	5.21	0.91
Extreme/Average	67.8	44.6	56.2	58.9	-2.6	1.98	3	0.87	4.46	0.17
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	62.2	44.8	53.5	62.5	-8.9	3.68	2	2.80	9.05	5.03
Rolling Fork	69.6	51.7	60.6	62.6	-1.9	4.79	2	3.58	9.00	4.64
Yazoo City	71.9	53.1	62.5	62.0	0.5	6.89	2	5.61	13.71	9.12
Extreme/Average	67.9	49.9	58.9	62.4	-3.4	5.12	2	4.00	10.59	6.26
<b>Central</b>										
Caton	69.0	46.4	57.7	61.5	-3.8	3.82	2	2.52	8.42	3.64
Europa	67.5	42.3	54.9	59.8	-4.8	3.05	2	1.94	3.84	1.33
Kosciusko	69.6	46.1	57.9	59.8	-2.0	5.29	2	3.95	10.31	5.08
Winona	66.9	43.7	55.3	58.3	-3.1	2.72	3	1.57	6.68	2.48
Extreme/Average	68.3	44.6	56.4	59.9	-3.4	3.72	3	2.50	7.31	3.13
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	69.4	45.4	57.4	60.5	-3.1	3.66	3	2.49	6.04	1.92
Columbus	74.0	47.6	60.8	61.8	-0.8	0.32	1	0.51	5.76	1.76
Macon	72.6	43.8	58.6	60.8	-2.2	3.00	2	2.19	8.24	4.97
Philadelphia	67.2	43.4	55.3	62.4	-6.8	5.05	2	3.76	9.87	5.06
State University	71.6	46.0	58.8	60.4	-1.6	3.24	3	2.04	6.54	2.07
Extreme/Average	71.0	45.2	58.2	61.2	-2.9	3.05	3	1.99	7.29	3.16
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	70.7	45.0	57.9	64.0	-6.1	3.74	2	2.56	10.30	5.60
Natchez	70.3	47.7	59.0	63.6	-4.6	3.97	3	2.85	9.87	4.89
Oakley	66.4	42.6	54.5	62.4	-7.7	2.73	3	1.57	9.38	4.37
Vicksburg City	68.9	50.4	59.6	62.6	-3.0	3.31	1	2.13	7.93	3.15
Extreme/Average	69.1	46.4	57.8	63.2	-5.3	3.44	3	2.28	9.37	4.50
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	71.4	47.3	59.4	62.8	-3.4	1.70	2	0.48	8.00	2.97
Columbia	73.4	48.4	60.9	64.1	-3.1	1.20	3	0.13	5.69	0.48
Monticello	76.6	53.7	65.1	63.9	1.2	0.10	1	0.93	2.75	-1.42
Extreme/Average	73.8	49.8	61.8	63.6	-1.8	1.00	3	0.19	5.48	0.68
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	71.4	47.6	59.5	64.2	-4.7	1.32	2	0.06	5.29	0.52
Laurel	77.0	51.7	64.3	63.3	1.0	1.16	2	0.21	7.71	3.60
Waynesboro	73.0	48.2	60.6	62.9	-2.0	1.44	2	0.73	7.82	3.84
Extreme/Average	73.8	49.2	61.5	63.5	-1.9	1.31	2	0.33	6.94	2.65
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	73.3	57.6	65.4	66.3	-0.8	0.47	2	0.66	6.19	1.05
Poplarville	68.3	46.7	57.5	64.0	-6.1	0.47	2	0.06	4.81	0.54
Extreme/Average	70.8	52.2	61.5	65.1	-3.5	0.47	2	0.36	5.50	0.80

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.