



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending April 20, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 20, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 47 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 39.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 53.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 65.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Verona to 75.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. The precipitation for the week was spread throughout the state from under an inch in the east-central part of the state to over 5 inches in the lower delta.

Crop progress for week ending April 20, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	64	56	70	87
Corn, emerged	42	28	46	69
Cotton, planted	1	1	0	6
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	2	0	14	18
Rice, planted	15	10	7	39
Rice, emerged	8	0	2	20
Soybeans, planted	14	6	7	26
Soybeans, emerged	4	--	0	11
Watermelons, planted	34	28	29	62
Winter Wheat, headed	16	2	26	64

Crop condition for week ending April 20, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	30	66	3
Livestock	0	4	28	53	15
Pasture	2	14	32	42	10
Winter Wheat	0	3	32	57	8

Comments

“The pattern this week is the same as the last 3 weeks with rain coming every 4 or 5 days. On average most of our producers are getting one or two days of field work done each week.”

-Anthony DeWayne, Tunica

“Fieldwork was very limited from wet soils. Some growers are considering switching corn acres to soybeans. Wheat looks better with the warmer temps.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc

“Once again heavy rains early in the week prevented producers from catching up on their crop planting. Because of the large amount of rainfall in such a short period of time, some corn crops were submerged more than 48 hours and may have to be replanted. However, a large amount of aerial burn down was applied this week in preparation for more soybean planting when mother nature permits.”

-John Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey

“Most fields are still very wet, and growers have been unable to prepare them for planting. In many cases growers are approaching a month behind schedule with the corn crop.”

-Taylor Louis Casey, Attala

“We had a lot of rain the first part of the week which set the farmers back again another week on planting corn. I was driving around the county last week and talked to some farmers in the area and conditions for them were not looking good for corn acreage. The livestock on pasture ground is look adequate and the last bit of hay is about gone. The pastures are green up nice and doing better.”

-James Randall, Monroe

“Farmers took full advantage of sunny and breezy conditions the last three days of the week to bring harvest of cool season forages for hay and/or baleage into full swing. Row crop and vegetable producers are attempting to till fields on high ground in preparation for planting while many low lying areas remain too wet for field work.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 20, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	66.0	44.8	55.4	62.3	-6.8	0.76	1	0.10	4.10	1.30
Cleveland	68.4	45.1	56.8	63.3	-6.5	1.26	3	0.20	7.30	2.90
Lambert	69.7	41.9	55.8	62.8	-7.0	0.82	2	-0.10	4.50	1.00
Tunica	67.9	45.9	56.9	63.0	-6.2	1.12	2	-0.20	5.80	0.70
Extreme/Average	68.0	44.4	56.2	62.9	-6.6	0.99	3	0.0	5.40	1.50
North-Central										
Ashland	67.6	40.7	54.1	NA	NA	0.72	2	-0.50	4.10	-0.70
Batesville	70.0	40.7	55.4	61.2	-5.8	0.32	1	-0.90	3.30	-0.80
Hickory Flat	68.1	39.3	53.7	60.2	-6.5	0.65	3	-0.60	3.90	-0.80
Independence	67.4	41.4	54.4	60.4	-6.0	0.71	2	-0.40	3.60	-0.70
University	70.1	42.3	56.2	61.4	-5.2	1.06	2	-0.20	5.50	0.60
Extreme/Average	68.6	40.9	54.8	60.8	-5.9	0.69	3	-0.50	4.10	-0.50
Northeast										
Booneville	67.0	41.0	54.0	59.8	-5.8	0.78	3	-0.40	3.80	-0.70
Corinth	66.3	40.0	53.2	59.7	-6.4	0.65	2	-0.30	3.10	-0.90
Fulton	67.9	40.6	54.2	61.1	-6.9	1.84	2	0.60	6.10	1.60
Pontotoc	69.8	44.2	57.0	60.8	-3.8	2.20	2	1.30	6.90	2.60
Tupelo	67.6	43.2	55.4	62.2	-6.5	1.67	2	0.80	6.30	2.50
Verona	65.4	43.1	54.3	61.9	-7.6	1.31	2	0.20	6.30	2.10
Extreme/Average	67.3	42.0	54.7	60.9	-6.2	1.41	3	0.40	5.40	1.20
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	69.6	46.4	58.0	64.6	-6.6	4.25	2	3.00	12.50	8.40
Moorhead	68.1	46.9	57.5	64.2	-6.7	3.16	2	1.90	10.10	5.30
Rolling Fork	73.2	50.3	61.8	64.6	-2.9	5.00	2	3.90	13.60	9.20
Yazoo City	73.3	50.0	61.6	64.0	-2.4	5.34	2	4.10	17.90	13.10
Extreme/Average	71.0	48.4	59.7	64.3	-4.6	4.44	2	3.20	13.50	9.00
Central										
Caton	69.4	42.7	56.1	63.3	-7.2	3.95	2	2.70	12.00	7.00
Europa	67.8	39.7	53.8	61.7	-8.1	2.60	1	1.70	7.40	3.70
Kosciusko	66.3	42.7	54.5	61.7	-6.7	4.42	2	3.90	14.10	9.50
Winona	67.4	41.3	54.4	60.1	-5.8	3.09	2	1.90	8.80	4.50
Extreme/Average	67.7	41.6	54.7	61.7	-6.9	3.52	2	2.50	10.60	6.20
East-Central										
Aberdeen	69.9	43.7	56.8	62.3	-5.5	0.00	0	-0.80	5.30	1.80
Columbus	69.8	44.0	56.9	63.6	-6.6	0.07	1	-0.90	7.60	3.50
Macon	66.8	41.8	54.3	62.6	-8.4	0.71	2	-0.10	7.70	4.60
Philadelphia	67.8	44.4	56.1	64.0	-7.7	3.23	2	2.30	12.80	8.10
State University	68.3	43.3	55.8	62.5	-6.7	3.20	2	2.00	9.10	4.40
Extreme/Average	68.5	43.4	56.0	63.0	-7.0	1.44	2	0.50	8.50	4.50
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	69.1	44.6	56.9	65.8	-8.9	1.89	2	0.70	11.70	7.00
Natchez	73.5	45.7	60.7	65.2	-4.6	0.49	2	-0.60	10.10	5.40
Oakley	71.5	41.7	56.6	64.3	-7.7	2.13	2	1.10	10.80	6.10
Vicksburg City	72.7	46.4	60.3	64.6	-4.3	4.97	2	3.70	12.70	7.80
Extreme/Average	71.7	44.6	58.6	65.0	-6.4	2.37	2	1.30	11.30	6.60
South-Central										
Collins	69.9	44.6	57.2	64.5	-7.2	1.80	2	0.70	9.80	5.00
Columbia	70.0	46.0	58.0	65.8	-7.8	1.49	3	0.20	6.80	1.60
Monticello	75.3	52.1	63.7	65.4	-1.7	1.28	1	0.10	3.70	-0.60
Extreme/Average	71.7	47.6	59.6	65.2	-5.6	1.52	3	0.30	6.80	2.00
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	68.7	45.1	56.9	65.9	-9.0	2.60	3	1.40	7.60	2.80
Laurel	70.7	49.9	60.3	65.0	-4.7	3.57	3	2.50	11.30	7.20
Waynesboro	70.4	42.4	56.4	64.6	-8.0	2.00	2	1.30	9.60	5.80
Extreme/Average	69.9	45.8	57.9	65.2	-7.2	2.72	3	1.70	9.50	5.30
Coastal										
Biloxi	72.0	53.2	62.6	68.1	-5.5	3.80	3	2.90	10.00	5.40
Poplarville	73.0	49.7	61.3	65.7	-3.9	2.15	1	1.70	6.40	2.50
Extreme/Average	72.5	51.5	62.0	66.9	-4.7	2.97	3	2.30	8.20	4.00
State	69.7	44.8	57.3	63.6	-6.2	2.28	2	1.20	8.70	4.30

DFN = Departure from Normal.
 NA = Not Available.