



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending August 17, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 17, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 60.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 73.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 84.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland and Independence to 94.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. Rain was widespread throughout the state, with the south central region receiving an average of 1.77 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending August 17, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	97	95	100	100
Corn, dent	89	82	95	98
Corn, mature	60	44	51	74
Corn, harvested	9	2	5	23
Cotton, squaring	100	98	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	90	85	89	97
Cotton, open bolls	5	3	0	13
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	83	77	83	82
Peanuts, pegging	91	91	100	100
Rice, headed	93	78	69	90
Rice, mature	19	11	7	30
Sorghum, headed	95	87	96	99
Sorghum, coloring	55	47	56	78
Sorghum, mature	23	11	3	36
Soybeans, blooming	95	92	99	100
Soybeans, setting pods	85	79	86	95
Soybeans, turning color	10	--	4	28
Soybeans, dropping leaves	2	--	0	11
Watermelons, harvested	94	89	100	100

**Crop condition for week ending August 17, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	30	64	5
Corn	0	6	20	44	30
Cotton	0	2	26	57	15
Hay	0	5	29	54	12
Livestock	0	3	20	61	16
Pasture	1	6	23	57	13
Peanuts	0	6	27	53	14
Rice	0	1	13	57	29
Sorghum	0	8	24	47	21
Soybeans	0	4	17	53	26
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	30	48	22

## Comments from Extension Agents

“Corn will be hitting maturity in the next week. We have yet to see an open boll but we are at cutout in most fields.”

-Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

“Rains this week helped as our crops are getting closer to harvest. We could harvest corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans this week. We are still spraying insects in some crops.”

- Don Respass, Coahoma County

“Rains early in the week were followed by hot August weather. Corn harvest got under way with growers harvesting high moisture grain. Many growers will have to wait another week before the moisture is low enough to deliver to the local elevator. April and early May soybeans are beginning to turn, and a few acres of soybeans have been harvested. Cotton is cutting out with a high number of bolls and looks to be a really good crop. We need some hot dry weather to get this crop to harvest.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Mild temperatures and timely rainfall continue to bless Prentiss county crops. An early week rain, followed by a late week thunderstorm once again provided adequate moisture for all crops and pastures to continue to excel. However, not all areas of the county have received these rains. Spot spraying and harvest equipment maintenance are the main activities reported. Some weather related issues have been reported by some vegetable producers, mainly tomatoes. Hay harvest continues to be in full swing, with some producers reporting a small surplus despite the lighter yields earlier in the hay season.”

-Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Scattered showers occurring in the county. Some are getting good rains and some are not. Cotton and peanuts look good. Hay cutting is chancy with scattered showers. Cattle look good. Weeds are a problem with the increased rainfall this summer.”

Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 17, 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	86.5	66.3	76.4	80.8	-4.3	2.00	1	1.50	3.51	1.01
Cleveland	87.9	65.9	76.9	82.4	-5.5	2.16	2	1.52	2.70	-0.18
Lambert	89.0	65.0	77.0	81.8	-4.8	1.98	2	1.32	2.23	-0.31
Tunica	84.8	65.2	75.0	81.5	-6.5	0.22	1	-0.23	1.45	-1.02
Extreme/Average	87.0	65.6	76.3	81.6	-5.3	1.59	2	1.03	2.47	-0.13
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	84.4	61.1	72.8	NA	NA	0.05	1	-0.71	0.95	-2.75
Batesville	87.6	64.7	76.1	79.6	-3.5	0.02	1	-0.56	1.47	-1.22
Hickory Flat	86.4	60.6	73.5	79.0	-5.5	0.13	1	-0.77	1.46	-2.39
Independence	84.4	62.9	73.6	79.1	-5.4	0.00	0	-0.73	4.05	0.67
Extreme/Average	85.7	62.3	74.0	79.2	-4.8	0.05	1	-0.69	1.98	-1.42
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	84.7	62.1	73.4	78.6	-5.1	0.64	1	-0.25	2.95	-0.60
Fulton	84.6	62.4	73.5	79.4	-5.9	0.05	1	-0.92	2.40	-1.02
Tupelo	85.7	65.9	75.8	80.9	-5.2	0.00	0	-0.89	0.36	-3.13
Extreme/Average	85.0	63.5	74.2	79.6	-5.4	0.23	1	-0.69	1.90	-1.58
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Moorhead	86.6	67.7	77.1	82.4	-5.2	0.54	2	-0.09	1.10	-1.90
Rolling Fork	88.0	68.0	78.1	82.0	-4.0	0.88	1	0.19	3.16	0.12
Yazoo City	90.4	69.1	79.8	81.5	-1.7	2.06	2	1.19	3.11	-0.30
Extreme/Average	88.3	68.3	78.3	82.0	-3.6	1.16	2	0.43	2.46	-0.69
<b>Central</b>										
Kosciusko	86.3	64.3	75.3	79.7	-4.4	1.19	3	0.37	1.58	-2.42
Winona	84.7	61.3	73.0	78.7	-5.7	0.55	3	-0.29	1.57	-1.85
Extreme/Average	85.5	62.8	74.1	79.2	-5.1	0.87	3	0.04	1.58	-2.13
<b>East-Central</b>										
Columbus	89.7	62.5	76.1	81.5	-5.5	0.00	0	-0.79	0.29	-3.22
Macon	88.0	64.7	76.3	80.7	-4.3	0.11	2	-0.63	1.27	-1.97
Philadelphia	90.0	64.3	77.1	81.5	-4.4	0.25	1	-0.87	2.17	-2.20
State University	88.0	65.6	76.8	80.6	-3.9	0.15	2	-0.81	0.97	-2.71
Extreme/Average	88.9	64.3	76.6	81.1	-4.5	0.13	2	-0.78	1.18	-2.53
<b>Southwest</b>										
Brookhaven City	87.0	65.6	76.3	80.7	-4.4	0.84	2	0.07	0.84	-3.24
Crystal Springs	90.0	66.2	78.1	82.6	-4.5	1.03	2	0.32	2.12	-1.71
Natchez	87.3	65.3	76.3	80.8	-4.5	2.87	3	1.90	7.82	4.29
Vicksburg City	87.1	66.4	76.8	81.7	-4.9	0.93	2	0.33	2.67	-0.18
Extreme/Average	87.8	65.9	76.9	81.4	-4.6	1.42	3	0.66	3.36	-0.21
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	90.7	69.0	79.9	80.7	-0.8	2.30	1	1.29	5.60	1.27
Columbia	89.9	67.4	78.6	81.9	-3.3	1.68	2	0.64	4.91	0.50
Monticello	94.6	72.1	83.4	81.8	1.5	1.33	1	0.47	2.04	-1.21
Extreme/Average	91.7	69.5	80.6	81.5	-0.9	1.77	2	0.80	4.18	0.19
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	90.1	68.3	79.2	81.8	-2.5	0.07	1	-1.06	1.21	-3.42
Laurel	91.9	71.1	81.5	81.0	0.5	1.00	2	-0.07	3.21	-1.05
Extreme/Average	91.0	69.7	80.4	81.4	-1.0	0.54	2	-0.57	2.21	-2.23
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	89.7	73.4	81.6	82.8	-1.2	0.04	2	-1.38	2.74	-3.23
Poplarville	90.0	69.2	79.6	80.9	-1.4	0.08	1	-0.80	2.63	-2.18
Saucier	88.9	71.1	80.0	82.3	-2.3	0.04	1	-1.62	2.97	-4.13
Extreme/Average	89.5	71.2	80.4	82.0	-1.6	0.05	2	-1.27	2.78	-3.18
<b>State</b>	88.1	66.2	77.2	80.9	-3.7	0.78	2	-0.11	2.38	-1.43

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Date from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.