



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 24, 2014. Topsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 34 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 32 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Batesville to 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 88.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 99.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. Rain was widespread throughout the state, with the east central region receiving an average of 1.14 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 24, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	99	97	100	100
Corn, dent	95	89	99	99
Corn, mature	72	60	76	88
Corn, harvested	20	9	13	38
Cotton, setting bolls	94	90	94	99
Cotton, open bolls	15	5	4	27
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	86	83	86	84
Peanuts, pegging	98	91	100	100
Peanuts, dug	4	0	4	2
Peanuts, harvested	1	0	3	1
Rice, headed	96	93	83	96
Rice, mature	28	19	14	45
Rice, harvested	2	0	0	12
Sorghum, headed	100	95	100	100
Sorghum, coloring	66	55	64	88
Sorghum, mature	30	23	8	54
Sorghum, harvested	1	0	0	9
Soybeans, setting pods	91	85	94	98
Soybeans, turning color	31	10	12	40
Soybeans, dropping leaves	13	2	0	19
Soybeans, harvested	2	--	0	5
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	1	0	2	2
Watermelons, harvested	96	94	100	100

Crop condition for week ending August 24, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	30	64	5
Corn	0	6	20	43	31
Cotton	0	2	27	54	17
Hay	0	5	30	54	11
Livestock	0	3	22	58	17
Pasture	1	8	26	52	13
Peanuts	0	5	27	53	15
Rice	0	0	14	58	28
Sorghum	0	10	27	44	19
Soybeans	0	4	17	52	27
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	30	48	22

Comments from Extension Agents

“All crops are maturing rapidly. Stink bug numbers were high this week and grain sorghum is covered with white sugarcane aphids.”

-Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Summer conditions have finally made it this week. Pastures are becoming very dry and in need of rain to cut that last little bit of grass.”

-Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“High temperatures and abundant sunshine allowed producers to harvest a large portion of their corn crop this week. Most farmers reported average to slightly above average yields. Some producers also reported a start to their soybean harvest, while others say they will spray a defoliant in the next few days and begin next week. A few farmers also reported mild plant bug damage to their cotton, but the majority is blooming out of the top and looks great.”

-John M. Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“We are still making applications for armyworms in our forages. Next hay cutting will be the last for the year for many.”

-Charles Franklin Bush, Simpson County

“Hot and dry conditions have crops maturing rapidly. Beans are turning every day, cotton bolls are opening and milo is coloring. Corn harvest is in full swing now with moisture ranging from 15-20 percent. Irrigation events are taking place on later planted beans and cotton and will likely be the last event of the season.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 24, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	93.4	70.3	81.9	82.0	-0.1	0.13	1	-0.59	2.74	-0.17
Lambert	93.8	71.6	82.7	81.2	1.6	0.89	1	0.35	3.12	0.38
Tunica	91.3	73.2	82.3	80.9	1.3	0.58	3	0.04	1.61	-0.79
Extreme/Average	92.8	71.7	82.3	81.4	0.9	0.53	3	-0.07	2.49	-0.19
North-Central										
Ashland	89.3	71.1	80.2	NA	NA	0.24	2	-0.47	1.19	-2.18
Batesville	89.8	67.5	78.7	79.1	-0.5	0.75	2	0.20	2.22	-0.20
Hickory Flat	89.3	69.3	79.3	78.5	0.8	0.54	2	-0.37	2.00	-1.80
Independence	88.3	71.4	79.9	78.6	1.3	0.26	1	-0.44	1.76	-1.35
University	91.1	70.4	80.8	79.9	0.8	0.72	2	-0.08	1.11	-2.36
Extreme/Average	89.6	69.9	79.8	79.0	0.6	0.50	2	-0.23	1.66	-1.58
Northeast										
Booneville	88.0	69.3	78.6	78.0	0.6	2.48	2	1.57	3.94	0.33
Corinth	90.7	70.4	80.6	78.2	2.4	1.19	1	0.43	1.60	-1.47
Fulton	89.6	69.9	79.7	78.9	0.8	0.40	2	-0.56	2.80	-0.66
Pontotoc	89.0	70.6	79.8	78.7	1.0	0.10	1	-0.54	2.49	-1.08
Tupelo	91.0	72.7	81.8	80.5	1.3	0.30	1	-0.47	0.66	-2.76
Extreme/Average	89.7	70.6	80.1	78.9	1.2	0.89	2	0.09	2.30	-1.13
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	91.3	71.7	81.5	81.9	-0.4	0.00	0	-0.80	2.05	-1.09
Moorhead	93.7	72.4	83.1	81.8	1.2	0.02	1	-0.59	1.10	-1.65
Rolling Fork	95.6	72.1	83.9	81.6	2.3	0.00	0	-0.76	2.18	-0.77
Yazoo City	96.2	76.0	86.1	81.1	5.0	0.00	0	-0.80	3.01	-0.36
Extreme/Average	94.2	73.1	83.6	81.6	2.0	0.01	1	-0.74	2.08	-0.97
Central										
Kosciusko	93.0	72.2	82.6	79.4	3.2	0.00	0	-0.75	1.49	-2.02
Winona	91.0	68.7	79.9	78.4	1.5	0.00	0	-0.89	1.54	-1.81
Extreme/Average	92.0	70.5	81.2	78.9	2.3	0.00	0	-0.82	1.52	-1.92
East-Central										
Aberdeen	90.8	69.4	80.1	80.3	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.69	1.20	-1.43
Columbus	97.7	71.5	84.6	81.0	3.6	0.00	0	-0.80	0.12	-3.42
Macon	92.1	71.3	81.7	80.4	1.3	2.58	4	1.66	3.73	0.39
Philadelphia	91.0	72.0	81.5	81.2	0.3	2.94	2	2.17	5.11	1.06
State University	95.1	74.9	85.0	80.2	4.8	0.18	1	-0.77	1.15	-2.55
Extreme/Average	93.3	71.8	82.6	80.6	2.0	1.14	4	0.31	2.26	-1.19
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	93.7	71.0	82.4	82.4	0.0	0.11	1	-0.96	2.23	-1.67
Natchez	91.2	72.0	81.6	80.4	1.2	0.10	1	-0.81	7.79	3.97
Vicksburg City	92.3	74.6	83.4	81.4	2.0	0.02	1	-0.85	2.69	-0.15
Extreme/Average	92.4	72.5	82.5	81.4	1.1	0.08	1	-0.87	4.24	0.72
South-Central										
Columbia	92.9	72.3	82.6	81.7	0.9	0.82	2	-0.30	5.07	0.68
Monticello	99.1	77.1	88.1	81.5	6.6	0.10	2	-0.92	1.62	-1.70
Extreme/Average	96.0	74.7	85.4	81.6	3.8	0.46	2	-0.61	3.35	-0.51
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	93.4	73.8	83.6	81.6	2.0	0.00	0	-0.95	0.44	-3.87
Laurel	96.1	76.0	86.1	80.7	5.4	0.67	3	-0.40	3.41	-0.77
Extreme/Average	94.8	74.9	84.8	81.1	3.7	0.34	3	-0.68	1.93	-2.32
Coastal										
Biloxi	93.9	78.3	86.1	82.5	3.6	0.00	0	-1.38	2.28	-3.63
Poplarville	93.8	72.8	83.3	80.8	2.5	0.02	1	-0.82	1.88	-2.73
Extreme/Average	93.8	75.5	84.7	81.6	3.0	0.01	1	-1.10	2.08	-3.18
State	92.9	72.5	82.7	80.6	2.1	0.38	1	-0.50	2.41	-1.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.