



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending August 31, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 31, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 32 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 31 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Aberdeen to 75.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 86.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 95.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. Rain was widespread throughout the state, with the upper delta region receiving an average of 1.82 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 31, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	100	99	100	100
Corn, dent	98	95	100	100
Corn, mature	85	72	89	96
Corn, harvested	42	20	31	61
Cotton, setting bolls	99	94	99	100
Cotton, open bolls	23	15	9	44
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	89	86	88	86
Peanuts, pegging	100	98	100	100
Peanuts, dug	6	4	5	3
Peanuts, harvested	3	1	4	2
Rice, headed	98	96	89	98
Rice, mature	44	28	21	60
Rice, harvested	5	2	4	25
Sorghum, coloring	79	66	86	95
Sorghum, mature	45	30	20	71
Sorghum, harvested	7	1	0	20
Soybeans, setting pods	96	91	98	99
Soybeans, turning color	50	31	27	54
Soybeans, dropping leaves	24	13	8	31
Soybeans, harvested	9	2	0	10
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	5	1	4	5
Watermelons, harvested	98	96	100	100

Crop condition for week ending August 31, 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	30	64	5
Corn	0	6	19	44	31
Cotton	0	2	26	55	17
Hay	1	5	32	52	10
Livestock	0	3	23	58	16
Pasture	1	8	28	51	12
Peanuts	0	5	27	53	15
Rice	0	0	14	58	28
Sorghum	0	11	26	45	18
Soybeans	0	4	17	52	27
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	30	45	25

Comments from Extension Agents

“Some of our growers have begun their sweet potato harvest. Other growers should begin in the next week or so, just waiting for a little more size on potatoes.”

-Trent Barnette, Calhoun County

“Corn harvest is beginning. Reported yields are excellent. Sugarcane aphids are exploding on sorghum.”

-Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc County

“Harvest is continuing between rains. Corn and soybean yields have been outstanding so far this year.”

-Lester Stephens, Washington County

“Rainfall is still bringing about good moisture for farmers. Vegetable farmers are very pleased with their gardens. Some farmers have replanted for a late summer’s crop.”

-Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“We have continued to enjoy light showers and some additional moisture. It is great for forage crops but is making hay harvest a little more difficult in some areas of the county.”

-Amanda Walker, Lawrence County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 31, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	89.4	72.3	80.9	79.2	1.7	0.86	2	0.33	4.50	2.57
Cleveland	91.3	71.4	81.4	81.0	0.4	1.13	3	0.41	3.42	0.59
Lambert	91.9	70.4	81.1	80.0	1.1	0.74	2	0.08	3.77	1.10
Tunica	90.6	72.3	81.4	79.8	1.7	4.55	4	3.98	6.11	3.63
Extreme/Average	90.8	71.6	81.2	80.0	1.2	1.82	4	1.20	4.45	1.97
North-Central										
Ashland	88.4	68.0	78.2	NA	NA	0.94	3	0.35	2.12	-0.78
Hickory Flat	89.6	67.4	78.5	77.3	1.2	1.11	3	0.36	3.10	-0.42
Independence	87.7	68.6	78.1	77.5	0.7	0.68	2	0.07	2.41	-0.42
University	90.9	68.1	79.5	78.8	0.7	1.22	1	0.50	2.67	-0.55
Extreme/Average	89.2	68.0	78.6	77.9	0.9	0.99	3	0.32	2.58	-0.54
Northeast										
Booneville	86.9	68.1	77.5	76.8	0.7	1.78	2	1.00	5.72	2.25
Corinth	88.4	68.9	78.6	76.8	1.9	0.60	1	-0.11	2.20	-0.72
Fulton	87.4	67.9	77.6	77.7	0.0	0.44	1	-0.33	3.24	-0.45
Pontotoc	88.1	69.6	78.9	77.7	1.2	2.58	1	1.81	5.03	1.68
Tupelo	89.0	71.1	80.1	79.3	0.8	0.80	1	0.10	1.43	-1.91
Verona	89.0	69.4	79.2	79.3	-0.1	0.75	1	-0.02	1.62	-1.81
Extreme/Average	88.1	69.2	78.7	77.9	0.7	1.16	2	0.41	3.21	-0.16
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	89.3	75.3	82.3	80.9	1.4	0.70	2	0.10	2.67	-0.23
Moorhead	90.3	72.1	81.2	80.7	0.5	1.44	3	0.81	2.30	-0.28
Rolling Fork	93.8	72.3	83.1	80.5	2.5	0.00	0	-0.62	1.43	-1.37
Yazoo City	95.0	74.0	84.5	80.1	4.4	0.76	2	-0.07	3.67	0.31
Extreme/Average	92.1	73.4	82.8	80.6	2.2	0.72	3	0.06	2.52	-0.39
Central										
Canton	90.4	68.4	79.4	79.5	-0.1	0.49	2	-0.25	2.04	-1.14
Eupora	90.7	67.9	79.3	78.1	1.2	0.57	1	-0.26	0.95	-1.83
Kosciusko	90.1	69.0	79.6	78.3	1.2	0.89	3	0.04	2.35	-1.09
Winona	89.0	66.9	77.9	77.4	0.5	0.56	2	-0.32	1.46	-1.96
Extreme/Average	90.1	68.1	79.1	78.3	0.7	0.63	3	-0.20	1.70	-1.50
East-Central										
Aberdeen	88.0	66.3	77.2	79.1	-2.3	0.10	1	-0.47	0.80	-1.66
Macon	89.1	68.3	78.7	79.4	-0.7	1.16	1	0.36	3.91	0.61
Philadelphia	90.8	70.0	80.4	80.3	0.2	1.20	1	0.42	5.63	1.63
State University	91.9	69.6	80.7	79.0	1.7	1.81	2	0.97	2.64	-1.02
Extreme/Average	89.9	68.5	79.3	79.5	-0.3	1.07	2	0.32	3.25	-0.11
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	89.6	70.0	79.8	81.6	-1.8	0.20	1	-0.73	1.34	-2.41
Natchez	87.9	70.6	79.2	79.5	-0.3	0.60	1	-0.30	4.07	0.13
Oakley	92.6	70.0	81.3	80.0	1.3	0.34	2	-0.62	1.48	-2.65
Vicksburg City	89.4	72.0	80.7	80.5	0.2	1.19	4	0.25	2.77	-0.35
Extreme/Average	89.9	70.7	80.3	80.4	-0.2	0.58	4	-0.35	2.42	-1.32
South-Central										
Collins	91.7	72.1	81.9	79.5	2.4	1.10	2	0.11	4.10	-0.02
Columbia	91.3	69.7	80.5	81.0	-0.5	1.00	3	-0.02	5.88	1.61
Extreme/Average	91.5	70.9	81.2	80.2	1.0	1.05	3	0.04	4.99	0.80
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	93.0	70.9	81.9	80.9	1.0	1.15	2	-0.05	1.32	-3.25
Laurel	94.9	75.3	85.1	79.8	5.3	1.28	2	0.29	5.07	0.87
Waynesboro	93.1	68.7	80.9	80.0	1.0	0.26	1	-0.72	2.30	-1.31
Extreme/Average	93.7	71.6	82.6	80.2	2.4	0.90	2	-0.16	2.90	-1.23
Coastal										
Biloxi	89.9	75.7	82.8	81.9	0.9	1.00	2	-0.22	2.88	-2.62
Saucier	89.1	73.4	81.3	81.4	-0.1	0.54	2	-0.76	3.28	-2.94
Extreme/Average	89.5	74.6	82.0	81.6	0.4	0.77	2	-0.49	3.08	-2.78
State	90.6	70.5	80.5	79.6	0.9	0.92	2	0.06	2.98	-0.65

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.