



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending September 14, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 14, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 23 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 25 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 62.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland and Hickory Flat to 75.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Highs ranged from 79.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 95.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Light rain was widespread throughout the state, with the northeast region receiving an average of 0.86 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending September 14, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	97	92	100	100
Corn, harvested	76	61	77	88
Cotton, open bolls	60	43	48	74
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	92	91	92	92
Peanuts, dug	28	15	21	10
Peanuts, harvested	10	7	18	8
Rice, headed	100	99	99	100
Rice, mature	73	58	53	85
Rice, harvested	31	16	16	50
Sorghum, coloring	92	89	99	100
Sorghum, mature	74	61	65	91
Sorghum, harvested	35	21	17	55
Soybeans, turning color	79	68	51	76
Soybeans, dropping leaves	55	39	31	58
Soybeans, harvested	29	17	0	31
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	16	9	15	26

**Crop condition for week ending September 14, 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
Cotton	0	2	27	56	15
Hay	1	6	33	50	10
Livestock	0	3	23	58	16
Pasture	1	8	26	54	11
Peanuts	0	3	23	62	12
Rice	0	0	14	57	29
Sorghum	0	13	28	42	17
Soybeans	0	4	16	51	29
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	30	48	22

## Comments from Extension Agents

“Producers are winding up corn harvest while soybean harvest is in full swing. Bolls are really starting to open up in cotton and defoliation is going out accordingly. Rice harvest has begun and the forecast for this week calls for lots of sunshine. Our late planted sorghum crop has matured and some producers have begun harvesting. We faced lots of challenges with sorghum this year, but overall the crop looks good. White Sugarcane Aphid pressure has declined drastically over the last couple of weeks.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Pasture conditions have become dry and dusty as grass continues to become brittle and slow growing without rain. Cattle however still look in good shape. Producers are trying to get in one more cutting this week before rain begins to move in.”

-Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“Conditions still dry in the county. Some farmers are holding on digging peanuts till we get some rain. Corn harvest is close to the end now, and soybeans are dropping leaves and drying down as well. Harvest will begin on sorghum and soybeans soon. Pastures are seeing some signs of stress due to the lack of rain.”

-James Randall Nevins, Monroe County

“Good working week for farmers. Some late summer crops are still producing and being harvested. Soils are still holding enough moisture for crops.”

-Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“Cotton bolls are opening. Corn harvest is underway. Peanut harvest will follow. Some hay is being rolled in between showers. Instances of beetle activity are low.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 14, 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	82.3	66.7	74.5	75.9	-1.5	0.00	0	-0.56	2.46	0.67
Cleveland	85.9	66.9	76.4	77.6	-1.3	0.20	3	-0.83	1.75	-1.62
Lambert	86.0	66.6	76.3	76.5	-0.2	0.09	1	-0.63	1.78	-0.79
Tunica	83.6	65.6	74.6	76.3	-1.7	2.57	3	1.98	8.13	5.79
Extreme/Average	84.4	66.5	75.4	76.6	-1.2	0.71	3	-0.01	3.53	1.01
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	80.7	62.6	71.6	NA	NA	0.02	1	-0.81	1.44	-1.38
Batesville	84.6	64.1	74.4	74.6	-0.2	0.33	1	-0.49	1.79	-0.48
Hickory Flat	81.9	62.6	72.2	73.7	-1.5	0.14	2	-0.86	2.60	-0.93
Independence	79.9	63.7	71.8	73.9	-2.1	0.50	1	-0.29	1.82	-0.94
University	84.1	63.9	74.0	75.1	-1.1	2.18	1	1.33	6.99	3.84
Extreme/Average	82.2	63.4	72.8	74.3	-1.2	0.63	2	-0.22	2.93	0.02
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	80.4	64.1	72.3	73.3	-1.0	1.04	1	0.11	5.38	1.99
Fulton	85.3	65.3	75.3	74.2	1.1	0.59	1	-0.33	1.72	-1.76
Pontotoc	88.4	68.8	78.6	74.2	4.0	0.52	1	-0.11	3.96	0.91
Tupelo	86.7	67.5	77.1	75.5	1.4	1.54	2	0.85	2.69	-0.27
Verona	84.3	65.7	75.0	76.0	-1.0	0.63	1	-0.34	2.66	-0.72
Extreme/Average	85.0	66.3	75.7	74.7	0.9	0.86	2	0.04	3.28	0.03
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	87.0	68.1	77.6	77.8	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.76	1.30	-1.66
Moorhead	86.3	68.6	77.4	77.4	0.0	0.05	1	-0.84	1.76	-1.11
Rolling Fork	88.9	69.9	79.4	77.4	2.0	0.00	0	-0.77	0.80	-2.09
Yazoo City	90.3	73.9	82.1	77.1	5.0	0.01	1	-0.70	1.85	-1.36
Extreme/Average	88.1	70.1	79.1	77.4	1.7	0.02	1	-0.77	1.43	-1.55
<b>Central</b>										
Eupora	86.1	68.0	77.1	74.7	2.4	0.00	0	-0.97	1.82	-1.73
Kosciusko	86.9	68.4	77.6	75.0	2.6	0.08	1	-0.83	2.32	-1.15
Winona	85.1	66.3	75.7	74.2	1.5	0.00	0	-0.94	1.48	-2.13
Extreme/Average	86.0	67.6	76.8	74.6	2.2	0.03	1	-0.91	1.87	-1.67
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	90.5	68.0	79.3	75.9	2.6	0.00	0	-0.92	0.50	-2.55
Macon	86.9	68.3	77.6	76.2	1.4	0.23	2	-0.69	4.34	0.88
State University	88.4	69.3	78.9	75.6	3.3	0.06	1	-0.73	2.08	-1.30
Extreme/Average	88.6	68.5	78.6	75.9	2.4	0.10	2	-0.78	2.31	-0.99
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	87.9	69.1	78.5	79.0	-0.5	1.10	1	0.12	3.32	-0.61
Natchez	88.8	68.9	79.4	76.8	2.5	0.35	1	-0.58	3.25	-0.86
Oakley	92.2	72.0	82.1	77.1	4.7	0.00	0	-0.56	3.69	0.28
Vicksburg City	86.7	70.7	78.7	77.4	1.3	0.00	0	-0.95	1.91	-1.80
Extreme/Average	88.9	70.2	79.7	77.6	2.0	0.36	1	-0.49	3.04	-0.75
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	92.4	74.4	83.4	76.7	6.7	0.10	1	-0.90	2.30	-1.79
Columbia	89.6	71.0	80.3	78.4	1.9	0.02	1	-0.96	3.42	-0.74
Extreme/Average	91.0	72.7	81.9	77.6	4.3	0.06	1	-0.93	2.86	-1.27
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	91.1	72.3	81.7	78.4	3.3	0.96	2	-0.16	3.45	-1.35
Laurel	95.0	75.4	85.2	77.1	8.1	0.72	3	-0.08	4.05	0.22
Extreme/Average	93.0	73.8	83.5	77.8	5.7	0.84	3	-0.12	3.75	-0.57
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	90.4	74.7	82.6	80.0	2.6	0.13	1	-1.23	1.59	-3.72
Poplarville	89.6	71.3	80.4	77.8	2.7	0.74	2	-0.20	2.44	-1.52
Extreme/Average	90.0	73.0	81.5	78.9	2.6	0.43	2	-0.71	2.02	-2.62
<b>State</b>	88.0	69.3	78.7	76.5	2.2	0.39	1	-0.51	2.70	-0.88

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.