



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 28, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 33 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 35 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi and Laurel. Highs ranged from 80.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Tupelo to 89.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Dry weather prevailed throughout the state, with the central region receiving an average of 0.94 inches of rain.

Crop progress for week ending September 28, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	99	100	100
Corn, harvested	94	88	92	94
Cotton, open bolls	83	73	73	87
Cotton, harvested	9	3	3	20
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	98	94	99	96
Peanuts, dug	50	40	36	21
Peanuts, harvested	29	20	28	17
Rice, mature	95	84	79	95
Rice, harvested	73	48	40	65
Sorghum, coloring	99	95	100	100
Sorghum, mature	91	84	93	99
Sorghum, harvested	66	49	46	75
Soybeans, turning color	92	86	88	92
Soybeans, dropping leaves	79	68	51	75
Soybeans, harvested	56	41	25	48
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	41	25	35	46

Crop condition for week ending September 28, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	30	64	5
Cotton	0	2	25	57	16
Hay	1	6	32	52	9
Livestock	0	3	23	59	15
Pasture	3	8	31	49	9
Peanuts	0	3	22	60	15
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

“Getting reports on good yields for soybeans and corn... Saw lots of hay equipment in fields this weekend as many producers are rounding out the hay season.”

-Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“Cotton defoliation went out across the county this week. By Sunday, we will probably have it on close to half the crop.”

-Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

“The corn and rice harvest is complete and the soybean harvest is nearly complete with producers reporting record yields across the farm. The cotton harvest is just beginning and so far yields are being reported as average to slightly above average. Fall field preparation is in full swing with row hipping, sub-soiling, disking, and field cultivators taking advantage of the dry weather.”

-Jon M. Carson, Issaquena and Sharkey Counties

“Dry conditions continue throughout the county. Most of the hay is on the ground and being baled. Livestock conditions are good for the most part as we head into the cooler months but could still use some rain.”

-Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“Cotton bolls are opening. Several fields of peanuts have been dug. Yields potentially look good. More hay needs to be rolled, this next cool snap should allow for more hay harvest. Cattle for the most part look good. Seems like more timber being cut than usual this year.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 28, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	84.8	60.8	72.8	70.9	2.0	0.00	0	-0.65	0.08	-1.87
Cleveland	85.9	60.1	73.0	72.4	0.6	0.00	0	-0.92	0.68	-3.08
Tunica	82.2	56.5	69.3	71.0	-1.9	0.00	0	-0.57	3.48	1.27
Extreme/Average	84.3	59.1	71.7	71.4	0.2	0.00	0	-0.71	1.41	-1.23
North-Central										
Ashland	82.0	50.9	66.4	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.01	0.39	-3.02
Batesville	85.3	55.3	70.3	69.5	0.7	0.00	0	-0.91	0.75	-2.37
Hickory Flat	84.1	51.6	67.9	68.2	-0.3	0.07	1	-0.94	1.29	-2.53
Independence	81.6	53.4	67.5	68.3	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.86	1.36	-1.73
University	83.9	53.9	68.9	69.4	-0.6	0.00	0	-0.94	6.22	2.85
Extreme/Average	83.4	53.0	68.2	68.9	-0.3	0.01	1	-0.93	2.00	-1.36
Northeast										
Booneville	80.9	55.3	68.1	68.0	0.1	0.00	0	-0.92	3.12	-0.40
Corinth	82.4	52.0	67.2	67.8	-0.6	0.00	0	-1.04	0.19	-3.71
Fulton	81.0	53.9	67.4	68.9	-1.5	0.28	1	-0.69	1.82	-1.81
Pontotoc	82.0	56.6	69.3	69.0	0.3	0.00	0	-0.76	1.51	-1.64
Tupelo	80.3	58.0	69.1	69.9	-0.8	0.79	1	-0.14	3.44	0.23
Verona	81.6	56.9	69.2	70.6	-1.3	0.00	0	-1.08	1.94	-1.95
Extreme/Average	81.4	55.4	68.4	69.0	-0.6	0.18	1	-0.77	2.00	-1.55
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	82.7	59.8	71.3	72.8	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.70	0.74	-2.09
Moorhead	86.2	59.8	73.0	72.7	0.1	0.00	0	-0.85	0.54	-2.86
Rolling Fork	85.3	62.5	73.9	72.5	1.5	0.00	0	-0.65	0.80	-2.05
Yazoo City	87.5	63.8	75.7	72.4	3.1	0.00	0	-0.61	2.00	-0.66
Extreme/Average	85.4	61.5	73.5	72.6	0.9	0.00	0	-0.70	1.02	-1.91
Central										
Canton	84.3	57.0	70.6	71.5	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.83	0.89	-1.49
Kosciusko	81.6	58.1	69.9	69.7	0.2	2.81	1	1.89	4.51	1.01
Winona	82.0	56.6	69.3	69.0	0.3	0.02	1	-0.88	2.28	-1.35
Extreme/Average	82.6	57.2	69.9	70.1	-0.1	0.94	1	0.06	2.56	-0.61
East-Central										
Aberdeen	81.3	55.7	68.5	70.9	-3.2	0.00	0	-0.94	2.70	-0.82
Columbus	83.5	56.3	69.9	71.6	-1.9	0.00	0	-0.76	3.10	-0.15
Macon	82.1	58.9	70.5	70.8	-0.3	0.11	1	-0.78	1.56	-1.85
Philadelphia	85.0	57.4	71.2	72.4	-1.6	0.28	1	-0.22	1.92	-0.81
State University	83.9	58.9	71.4	70.2	1.2	0.48	1	-0.35	0.75	-2.41
Extreme/Average	83.2	57.4	70.3	71.2	-1.2	0.17	1	-0.61	2.01	-1.21
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	84.9	61.0	72.9	74.6	-1.7	0.00	0	-0.92	3.01	-0.78
Natchez	83.0	58.7	70.9	72.4	-1.5	0.00	0	-0.85	2.18	-1.60
Vicksburg City	85.1	60.7	72.9	72.5	0.5	0.00	0	-0.72	0.71	-2.63
Extreme/Average	84.3	60.1	72.2	73.2	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.83	1.97	-1.67
South-Central										
Collins	85.3	64.1	74.7	72.1	2.6	0.00	0	-0.79	1.30	-2.35
Columbia	85.4	59.1	72.3	74.0	-1.7	0.00	0	-0.77	1.82	-1.76
Monticello	89.0	63.3	76.1	73.4	2.7	0.00	0	-0.77	2.42	-0.07
Extreme/Average	86.6	62.2	74.4	73.2	1.2	0.00	0	-0.78	1.85	-1.39
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	84.6	60.7	72.6	74.0	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.94	3.31	-0.90
Laurel	89.4	67.0	78.2	72.5	5.7	0.00	0	-0.74	1.50	-1.80
Waynesboro	86.0	57.9	71.9	72.5	-0.5	0.00	0	-0.81	2.50	-1.40
Extreme/Average	86.7	61.9	74.3	73.0	1.3	0.00	0	-0.83	2.44	-1.37
Coastal										
Biloxi	85.8	67.0	76.4	76.5	-0.1	0.33	2	-0.71	1.23	-3.83
Poplarville	83.2	61.8	72.5	73.6	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.60	2.78	-0.59
Extreme/Average	84.5	64.4	74.5	75.0	-0.8	0.17	2	-0.66	2.00	-2.21
State	84.3	59.2	71.7	71.7	0.0	0.17	0	-0.66	1.99	-1.41

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.