



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending October 5, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 5, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 23 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 28 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 72.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 78.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Pontotoc to 87.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Most of the state received around an inch of rain, with the southeast and south central regions receiving 1.35 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 5, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	97	94	NA	95
Cotton, open bolls	88	83	NA	92
Cotton, harvested	21	9	NA	33
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	99	98	NA	97
Peanuts, dug	56	50	NA	31
Peanuts, harvested	36	29	NA	27
Rice, mature	97	95	NA	97
Rice, harvested	82	73	NA	75
Sorghum, coloring	100	99	NA	100
Sorghum, mature	92	91	NA	99
Sorghum, harvested	76	66	NA	83
Soybeans, turning color	95	92	NA	96
Soybeans, dropping leaves	87	79	NA	85
Soybeans, harvested	65	56	NA	61
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	46	41	NA	54
Winter Wheat, planted	4	0	NA	11

Crop condition for week ending October 5, 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	26	55	17
Hay	1	6	32	52	9
Livestock	0	3	23	59	15
Pasture	3	9	31	49	8
Peanuts	0	3	22	59	16
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	29	49	22

Comments from Extension Agents

“Thursday rains were welcomed by many but not all. We're in that slot where some fields need harvesting but others need additional moisture to mature out. Overall, yields look better than average which worries growers about the price floor.”

-Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc County

“Producers were able to continue harvesting their crop and prepare their fall beds for most of the week. The cotton crop is being defoliated and harvested with reports of above average yields. A much needed shower came just in time for the weekend to give everyone a break.”

-Jon M. Carson, Issaquena and Sharkey County

“Scattered showers and rain on Thursday ended what had been a great run of ideal harvest conditions. With some sunshine this weekend growers should be able to return to fields on Monday or Tuesday. Cotton harvest was well underway and soybean producers were in the short rows. A somewhat dry October would be a nice exclamation point to end a really good crop year.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“We had a little rain this past week but not much, less than an inch for the whole county. We needed more rain to finish out the soybeans, peanuts and sorghum, but the lack of rain will reduce yields for those commodities. Pasture ground is fair but still need more moisture for the overseeded ryegrass on pastures to germinate and take root. Livestock prices still at a high so some producers are selling lower weight calves to the markets and have reduced their herd numbers.”

-James Randall Nevins, Monroe County

“Cotton is fully open. Corn is harvested and peanuts are being dug and harvested. Cotton harvest will start after the peanuts are finished. Hay harvest is continuing. Rye grass land is being broken and some planting has taken place.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	85.4	59.4	72.4	68.2	3.9	0.00	0	-0.62	0.07	-2.60
Cleveland	84.9	58.4	71.6	69.7	1.9	1.50	1	0.69	1.89	-1.74
Lambert	83.8	55.5	69.7	68.7	0.9	0.00	0	-0.75	0.79	-2.10
Extreme/Average	84.7	57.8	71.2	68.9	2.2	0.50	1	-0.23	0.92	-2.15
North-Central										
Ashland	79.7	51.4	65.6	NA	NA	1.54	1	0.49	1.69	-2.08
Batesville	83.4	55.3	69.4	66.9	2.4	1.48	1	0.49	1.81	-1.59
Hickory Flat	81.6	52.6	67.1	65.4	1.7	1.57	1	0.64	2.03	-1.85
Independence	79.8	54.7	67.3	65.5	1.9	1.02	1	0.07	1.88	-1.50
University	81.3	52.3	66.8	66.6	0.2	1.06	1	0.19	4.75	1.30
Extreme/Average	81.2	53.3	67.2	66.1	1.6	1.33	1	0.38	2.43	-1.14
Northeast										
Booneville	79.4	54.4	66.9	65.2	1.7	0.63	1	-0.34	3.67	-0.05
Corinth	82.5	55.5	69.0	65.0	3.9	1.30	1	0.50	1.30	-2.57
Fulton	79.9	54.6	67.2	66.1	1.1	0.55	1	-0.39	2.08	-1.67
Pontotoc	78.7	56.3	67.5	66.3	1.3	0.60	1	-0.08	1.35	-1.70
Tupelo	82.8	59.8	71.3	67.2	4.0	0.55	1	-0.42	3.94	0.43
Verona	80.9	57.4	69.1	67.6	1.5	0.72	1	-0.38	1.57	-2.62
Extreme/Average	80.7	56.3	68.5	66.2	2.2	0.73	1	-0.18	2.32	-1.36
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	82.4	59.7	71.1	70.2	0.8	1.70	1	0.76	1.84	-1.22
Moorhead	83.9	61.1	72.5	70.2	2.3	0.70	1	-0.19	0.98	-2.68
Rolling Fork	84.7	62.5	73.6	69.9	3.8	1.01	1	0.20	1.01	-1.91
Yazoo City	86.3	64.7	75.5	69.8	5.7	1.22	2	0.34	2.14	-0.68
Extreme/Average	84.3	62.0	73.2	70.1	3.1	1.16	2	0.28	1.49	-1.62
Central										
Canton	83.9	58.1	71.0	68.7	2.3	1.05	1	0.20	1.58	-0.86
Kosciusko	79.6	59.1	69.4	67.0	2.4	1.63	1	0.61	4.75	1.07
Winona	81.0	58.3	69.7	66.2	3.3	0.89	1	0.14	2.24	-1.23
Extreme/Average	81.5	58.5	70.0	67.3	2.7	1.19	1	0.32	2.86	-0.34
East-Central										
Aberdeen	80.7	55.3	68.0	68.2	-0.1	0.59	1	-0.32	2.89	-0.77
Macon	82.7	56.3	69.5	68.0	2.0	2.22	1	1.39	3.46	0.01
Philadelphia	83.7	60.9	72.3	69.6	2.7	0.68	1	-0.17	2.54	-0.47
State University	83.0	59.1	71.1	67.4	3.6	1.21	1	0.29	1.90	-1.41
Extreme/Average	82.5	57.9	70.2	68.3	2.1	1.18	1	0.30	2.70	-0.66
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	84.3	61.3	72.8	72.1	0.7	0.92	1	0.13	2.02	-1.63
Natchez	81.6	62.1	71.9	70.0	1.9	1.65	2	0.79	2.73	-0.83
Vicksburg City	83.7	63.1	73.4	70.0	3.5	0.88	1	-0.06	0.88	-2.44
Extreme/Average	83.2	62.2	72.7	70.7	2.0	1.15	2	0.29	1.88	-1.63
South-Central										
Collins	84.3	62.4	73.4	69.5	3.9	3.01	2	2.19	3.21	-0.23
Columbia	83.7	62.3	73.0	71.6	1.4	0.53	3	-0.25	0.77	-2.57
Monticello	86.4	68.9	77.6	70.8	6.9	0.50	1	-0.10	0.53	-1.71
Extreme/Average	84.8	64.5	74.7	70.6	4.1	1.35	3	0.61	1.50	-1.50
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	82.1	65.3	73.7	71.5	2.2	0.55	3	-0.35	2.56	-1.41
Laurel	87.4	69.0	78.2	70.0	8.2	2.16	2	1.38	3.18	0.06
Extreme/Average	84.8	67.2	76.0	70.7	5.2	1.35	3	0.51	2.87	-0.67
Coastal										
Biloxi	85.0	72.0	78.5	74.4	3.8	0.82	2	0.04	1.67	-2.98
Extreme/Average	85.0	72.0	78.5	74.4	3.8	0.82	2	0.04	1.67	-2.98
State	83.2	61.2	72.2	69.3	2.9	1.12	1	0.27	2.17	-1.29

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.