



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending March 22, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 0.6 of a day suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 22, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 84 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 71 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 43.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 64.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Highs ranged from 65.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 86.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received some rain with the highest averaging 1.65 inches in the lower delta part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending March 22, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	0	0	7	17
Rice, planted	0	0	0	0
Sorghum, planted	0	0	0	0
Watermelons, planted	2	0	5	6
Winter Wheat, headed	1	0	0	3

Crop condition for week ending March 22, 2015

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	11	47	41
Livestock	1	8	33	46	12
Pasture	7	18	38	27	10
Winter Wheat	15	16	27	37	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Already wet conditions with the added rainfall has delayed planting even further. Sweet potato bed preparation has not been possible with the additional rain we received.”

-Trent Barnett, Calhoun County

“Fields and pastures continue to stay saturated, imparting any fieldwork and putting farmers further behind. Warmer temperatures are finally greening up cool season forages.”

-Terry “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Rainfall has yet again halted fieldwork in the Lowndes County area. Row Crop producers have applied some burn down applications with air plane and are awaiting drier weather to get in the fields to plant.”

-Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Spring started off wet this year. Drier conditions are needed for corn plantings. Wheat crops are doing well as expected.”

-Randall McKey, Amite County

“Very wet conditions preventing corn planting. Wheat is progressing nicely. Most farmers have applied fertilizer to ryegrass pasture, but some sunshine would be very welcomed!”

-Richard Hay, Walthall County

“Fields are too wet for the most part. Very little farming activity is taking place. Just haying and grazing cattle on rye grass. Winter annuals are taking off, lots of growth.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 22, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	66.6	50.4	58.5	54.9	3.6	1.83	4	0.85	8.04	4.11
Lambert	65.7	48.7	57.2	54.7	2.4	1.36	4	0.50	8.86	4.65
Tunica	65.4	50.1	57.8	54.5	3.3	0.90	3	-0.20	14.65	10.29
Extreme/Average	65.9	49.7	57.8	54.7	3.1	1.36	4	0.38	10.52	6.35
North-Central										
Ashland	67.4	44.1	55.8	NA	NA	0.57	4	-0.57	5.78	1.04
Hickory Flat	68.0	43.9	55.9	51.9	4.1	0.99	4	-0.08	5.92	1.17
Independence	67.7	45.0	56.4	52.4	4.0	0.60	3	-0.47	7.06	2.88
University	69.3	45.9	57.6	53.5	4.1	1.01	4	-0.05	6.66	2.49
Extreme/Average	68.1	44.7	56.4	52.6	4.0	0.79	4	-0.29	6.35	1.90
Northeast										
Booneville	68.9	45.3	57.1	51.9	5.2	0.43	4	-0.65	4.88	0.44
Corinth	67.3	44.9	56.1	51.8	4.3	0.92	3	-0.13	7.88	3.57
Fulton	70.7	46.7	58.7	53.2	5.5	0.55	4	-0.53	5.76	1.19
Pontotoc	69.2	46.5	57.8	53.2	4.8	0.90	2	-0.02	5.73	1.46
Tupelo	67.7	48.6	58.1	53.3	4.9	0.61	3	-0.47	6.02	1.81
Verona	68.9	49.0	58.9	54.3	4.6	1.18	3		5.71	0.58
Extreme/Average	68.8	46.8	57.8	52.9	4.9	0.77	4	-0.30	6.00	1.51
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	69.4	52.6	61.0	56.7	4.3	1.27	4	0.17	7.75	3.18
Moorhead	67.6	51.7	59.6	56.0	3.6	2.34	4	1.29	8.32	4.18
Rolling Fork	72.5	53.7	63.1	56.8	6.3	1.96	2	1.02	6.29	2.54
Yazoo City	73.6	57.3	65.4	56.1	9.3	1.04	3	-0.18	7.93	2.70
Extreme/Average	70.8	53.8	62.3	56.4	5.9	1.65	4	0.57	7.57	3.15
Central										
Canton	73.6	53.7	63.6	56.4	7.3	1.22	4	0.16	5.69	2.01
Kosciusko	72.3	52.7	62.5	54.1	8.4	1.79	4	0.57	9.60	4.47
Winona	68.7	50.4	59.6	53.4	6.2	1.56	4	0.47	6.01	1.31
Extreme/Average	71.5	52.3	61.9	54.6	7.3	1.52	4	0.40	7.10	2.60
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	54.8	NA	0.19	4	-0.80	2.71	-0.73
Columbus	69.8	52.0	60.9	56.6	4.2	0.82	4	0.08	3.95	0.02
Macon	73.4	51.6	62.5	55.8	6.6	1.24	3	0.51	4.82	2.16
Philadelphia	74.6	54.9	64.7	57.5	7.3	1.95	2	0.86	6.59	1.81
State University	71.4	54.3	62.9	54.6	8.3	1.64	3	0.64	8.06	3.33
Extreme/Average	72.3	53.2	62.7	55.9	6.6	1.17	4	0.26	5.23	1.32
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	75.8	57.3	66.6	58.9	7.6	1.71	3	0.67	8.97	3.92
Natchez	75.7	56.1	65.9	59.0	6.9	1.15	4	-0.20	7.55	2.64
Vicksburg City	74.2	56.1	65.2	58.5	6.6	1.26	4	0.10	8.09	3.24
South-Central										
Collins	86.6	64.3	75.4	57.8	17.6	1.01	1	-0.28	7.29	1.93
Columbia	81.3	58.3	69.8	59.5	10.5	0.24	2	-0.82	5.37	0.43
Monticello	81.7	60.0	70.9	59.3	11.6	0.08	2	-0.76	5.21	0.60
Extreme/Average	83.2	60.9	72.0	58.9	13.2	0.44	2	-0.62	5.96	0.99
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	80.6	60.3	70.4	59.5	10.9	0.86	2	-0.25	6.97	1.91
Laurel	NA	NA	NA	58.2	NA	1.57	2	0.61	5.94	1.83
Newton	75.7	53.4	64.6	55.6	9.0	1.49	2	0.37	6.45	1.55
Extreme/Average	78.2	56.8	67.5	57.8	9.9	1.31	2	0.24	6.45	1.76
Coastal										
Biloxi	79.3	62.4	70.9	61.2	9.7	0.38	1	-1.06	8.56	3.35
Poplarville	79.4	60.0	69.7	59.6	10.3	0.08	1	-0.81	5.29	0.36
Extreme/Average	79.3	61.2	70.3	60.4	10.0	0.23	1	-0.94	6.93	1.85
State	73.5	53.7	63.6	56.3	7.3	1.09	3	0.02	6.92	2.36

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.