



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 5, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 43 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 43.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Aberdeen to 62.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 72.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 85.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received some rain with the highest averaging 1.4 inches in the northeastern part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending April 5, 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	34	4	39	57
Cotton, planted	0	0	0	0
Rice, planted	9	1	5	10
Sorghum, planted	0	0	0	3
Soybeans, planted	6	0	4	6
Watermelons, planted	19	6	17	31
Winter Wheat, headed	3	1	1	17

Crop condition for week ending April 5, 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	9	48	42
Livestock	1	7	31	48	13
Pasture	3	15	34	38	10
Winter Wheat	4	15	29	45	7

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Growers had a good week in the field if their farm didn’t get rain fall. Some growers have not been in the field and others got to plant a good number of acres of corn. We have made good progress on our wheat and it looks better.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma County

“Just got started planting corn and got rained out Saturday. We did get over fifty percent of the corn planted in four days.”

-Steve Winters, Grenada County

“A few dry days this week allowed producers the first solid opportunity to plant a good portion of this year’s corn crop. Aerial applicators are applying burn down and producers are waiting on Mother Nature to cooperate so they can get back in the field.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena County

“Farmers are getting in the fields between rain showers. Pastures are improving as the flush of cool season grasses come on.”

-Amy Ware, Montgomery County

“We made it over a week without rainfall in our area. This allowed for corn to be finally planted. Winter wheat is doing well as expected.”

-Randy McKey, Amite County

“Excess soil moisture still seems to be the order of the day. Some producers were able to sneak some crops into their higher ground. Winter grazing and forage crops are still performing well.”

-Ross Overstreet, Lamar County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 5, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	74.0	53.0	63.5	57.5	6.1	0.37	2	-0.47	4.83	1.95
Cleveland	77.6	53.1	65.4	58.8	6.5	0.17	4	-0.92	4.77	0.67
Lambert	78.3	53.8	66.1	58.4	7.8	0.33	2	-0.53	5.50	1.75
Tunica	73.7	53.6	63.6	58.5	5.1	0.00	0	-1.26	6.71	2.07
Extreme/Average	75.9	53.4	64.6	58.3	6.4	0.22	4	-0.80	5.45	1.61
North-Central										
Ashland	72.9	47.9	60.4	NA	NA	1.30	4	0.13	4.66	0.07
Hickory Flat	74.4	45.4	59.9	55.8	4.1	1.21	5	0.11	5.00	0.61
Independence	73.4	49.3	61.4	56.2	5.1	0.34	1	-0.72	4.72	0.45
Extreme/Average	73.6	47.5	60.5	56.0	4.6	0.95	5	-0.16	4.79	0.38
Northeast										
Booneville	72.7	45.9	59.3	55.7	3.6	1.00	3	-0.09	4.12	-0.24
Corinth	74.3	48.5	61.4	55.5	6.0	1.77	5	0.87	5.74	1.66
Fulton	74.3	46.1	60.2	57.1	3.1	2.73	3	1.64	6.34	1.94
Pontotoc	74.6	50.0	62.3	56.7	5.6	0.54	2	-0.58	3.89	0.09
Tupelo	73.6	50.6	62.1	57.3	4.7	0.97	3	-0.16	4.49	0.08
Extreme/Average	73.9	48.2	61.1	56.5	4.6	1.40	5	0.34	4.92	0.71
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	76.1	56.0	66.1	60.3	5.8	1.83	3	0.70	9.90	5.50
Moorhead	76.6	55.6	66.1	59.9	6.2	0.94	4	-0.23	6.64	2.28
Rolling Fork	79.1	58.6	68.9	60.5	8.4	1.14	2	0.01	5.61	1.46
Yazoo City	81.9	59.4	70.6	59.8	10.8	0.53	3	-0.68	4.19	-0.63
Extreme/Average	78.4	57.4	67.9	60.1	7.8	1.11	4	-0.05	6.58	2.15
Central										
Canton	79.1	53.4	66.3	59.6	6.6	0.42	4	-0.83	4.03	-0.53
Winona	74.5	48.2	61.3	56.5	4.8	0.62	4	-0.28	5.75	1.52
Extreme/Average	76.8	50.8	63.8	58.1	5.7	0.52	4	-0.55	4.89	0.49
East-Central										
Aberdeen	73.8	43.4	58.6	58.5	NA	0.31	4	-0.61	2.59	0.02
Columbus	76.5	53.0	64.8	59.8	4.8	0.48	3	-0.46	2.80	-0.57
Philadelphia	78.6	53.1	65.9	60.6	5.2	0.40	2	-0.86	4.08	-0.53
State University	77.6	53.0	65.3	58.2	7.1	0.65	3	-0.53	5.30	0.97
Extreme/Average	76.6	50.6	63.6	59.3	4.3	0.46	4	-0.61	3.69	-0.03
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	79.7	55.0	67.3	62.1	5.3	0.52	1	-0.50	5.51	1.22
Natchez	78.6	55.7	67.1	61.9	5.2	0.03	1	-1.17	5.04	-0.19
Vicksburg City	76.3	56.9	66.6	60.7	5.9	0.94	3	-0.39	4.89	0.11
Extreme/Average	78.2	55.9	67.0	61.6	5.5	0.50	3	-0.69	5.15	0.38
South-Central										
Collins	85.6	59.0	72.3	61.0	11.3	0.04	2	-1.22	3.08	-1.89
Columbia	80.7	54.3	67.5	62.3	5.2	0.19	2	-1.15	2.14	-2.81
Monticello	85.0	59.0	72.0	62.3	9.7	0.00	0	-0.87	2.34	-1.33
Extreme/Average	83.8	57.4	70.6	61.9	8.7	0.08	2	-1.08	2.52	-2.01
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	80.0	56.4	68.2	62.5	5.7	0.02	1	-1.23	3.79	-0.92
Laurel	NA	NA	NA	61.4	NA	0.22	3	-0.87	3.79	-0.38
Extreme/Average	80.0	56.4	68.2	62.0	5.7	0.12	3	-1.05	3.79	-0.65
Coastal										
Biloxi	76.6	62.4	69.5	64.3	5.2	0.13	2	-1.05	8.32	2.96
Extreme/Average	76.6	62.4	69.5	64.3	5.2	0.13	2	-1.05	8.32	2.96
State	77.5	53.9	65.7	59.9	5.8	0.53	3	-0.59	4.87	0.45

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.