



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 12, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 43 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 68.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 73.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 85.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received some rain with the highest averaging 1.71 inches in the northeast part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending April 12, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	62	34	54	70
Cotton, planted	1	0	1	1
Rice, planted	29	9	9	19
Rice, emerged	4	0	0	7
Sorghum, planted	4	0	0	8
Soybeans, planted	22	6	6	12
Watermelons, planted	43	19	27	41
Winter Wheat, headed	6	3	2	30

Crop condition for week ending April 12, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	8	49	42
Livestock	0	6	28	52	14
Pasture	3	12	36	40	9
Winter Wheat	3	10	30	50	7

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Rice, corn, and soybeans were planted this past week. Lots of ground is now ready to plant when it dries.”

-Don Respass, Quitman County

“Different week, same story... Little to no fieldwork possible due to extremely wet conditions. Still no corn planted. There was a narrow window for some spray and fertilize applications in well drained areas. However, forecast predicts rain for a majority of the coming week as farmers are put further behind.”

Skip Glidewell, Prentiss County

“A few more days of sunshine this week allowed for most producers to complete their corn planting with a few fields showing emergence. Winter wheat conditions look good to excellent with a most fields in the boot growth stage. A few soybeans have been planted. However, this will soon come to an end as heavy rains are expected this week.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey County

“Things are improving for farmers but fields are still wet and more rain today will just keep it that way for a few more days. Farmers that had corn planting on the menu will have to look at soybeans now. Cattle herds and pasture land are improving.”

-Randall Nevins, Monroe County

“A good start to the week but weather turned wet again by Friday. Some producers were able to get into the fields before the rain arrived. Crops that are in the ground are proceeding well but many are delayed. Producers are chomping at the bit to get crops in the ground.”

-Ross Overstreet, Lamar County

“A sizeable acreage of corn has been planted. Some earlier planted corn is in the three leaf stage. Very good stand. Ryegrass pastures growing well. Newly leased row cropland being prepared for planting cotton and peanuts.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 12, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Cleveland	80.2	59.4	69.8	60.9	9.2	1.99	1	1.22	4.34	0.42
Lambert	79.0	54.3	66.7	60.4	6.2	1.34	1	0.44	3.49	-0.12
Extreme/Average	79.6	56.8	68.2	60.6	7.7	1.67	1	0.83	3.92	0.15
North-Central										
Ashland	73.6	52.3	62.9	NA	NA	1.09	3	-0.09	3.62	-1.04
Hickory Flat	74.6	50.1	62.4	57.8	4.6	1.39	4	0.22	4.25	-0.18
Independence	74.6	51.4	63.0	58.1	4.9	1.18	2	0.12	2.57	-1.69
University	79.2	55.0	67.1	59.0	7.9	2.02	2	0.95	4.09	0.17
Extreme/Average	75.5	52.2	63.8	58.3	5.8	1.42	4	0.30	3.63	-0.69
Northeast										
Booneville	73.7	54.0	63.9	57.6	6.3	0.94	2	-0.18	2.84	-1.55
Corinth	75.0	54.8	64.9	57.4	7.3	0.99	2	0.06	4.81	0.87
Fulton	74.7	52.4	63.6	59.0	4.5	2.17	2	1.04	6.27	1.89
Pontotoc	75.3	54.3	64.8	58.5	6.3	1.84	3	0.63	4.18	0.18
Tupelo	74.4	55.4	64.9	59.6	5.4	1.72	3	0.65	3.95	-0.44
Verona	75.1	53.4	64.3	59.7	4.6	2.58	2	1.47	4.93	1.37
Extreme/Average	74.7	54.0	64.4	58.6	5.7	1.71	3	0.61	4.50	0.39
Lower Delta										
Moorhead	75.4	58.6	67.0	61.8	5.2	1.05	2	-0.23	4.68	0.10
Rolling Fork	77.7	59.1	68.4	62.3	6.1	0.46	2	-0.74	3.71	-0.65
Yazoo City	82.7	59.5	71.1	61.7	9.4	0.33	2	-0.77	2.39	-2.38
Extreme/Average	78.6	59.1	68.8	62.0	6.9	0.61	2	-0.58	3.59	-0.98
Central										
Canton	77.0	57.6	67.3	61.3	6.0	0.86	4	-0.41	2.66	-2.07
Kosciusko	77.9	56.1	67.0	59.6	7.4	0.21	3	-1.13	2.87	-2.34
Winona	75.0	53.3	64.1	58.1	6.0	0.91	5	-0.23	4.12	-0.08
Extreme/Average	76.6	55.7	66.1	59.7	6.5	0.66	5	-0.59	3.22	-1.50
East-Central										
Macon	78.8	55.3	67.1	60.5	6.6	1.05	3	0.08	2.79	-0.09
Philadelphia	78.6	56.7	67.6	62.1	5.5	0.04	1	-1.24	2.86	-1.92
State University	76.7	56.3	66.5	60.1	6.4	1.56	4	0.36	4.49	0.05
Extreme/Average	78.0	56.1	67.1	60.9	6.2	0.88	4	-0.27	3.38	-0.65
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	78.4	59.3	68.9	63.7	5.1	1.81	4	0.64	4.15	-0.23
Natchez	77.9	60.9	69.4	63.4	5.9	0.71	2	-0.43	2.01	-3.02
Oakley	78.0	60.1	69.1	62.2	6.9	0.70	4	-0.45	3.77	-0.72
Vicksburg City	76.1	59.3	67.7	62.3	5.4	2.02	3	0.84	4.04	-0.92
Extreme/Average	77.6	59.9	68.8	62.9	5.8	1.31	4	0.15	3.49	-1.22
South-Central										
Collins	85.3	66.1	75.7	62.6	13.1	0.01	1	-1.20	1.06	-3.79
Columbia	80.1	60.9	70.5	63.8	6.7	0.88	4	-0.44	1.55	-3.47
Extreme/Average	82.7	63.5	73.1	63.2	9.9	0.45	4	-0.82	1.31	-3.63
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	78.9	60.9	69.9	64.0	5.8	0.55	3	-0.70	1.91	-2.85
Laurel	NA	NA	NA	63.0	NA	0.32	3	-0.78	2.45	-1.82
Extreme/Average	78.9	60.9	69.9	63.5	5.8	0.44	3	-0.74	2.18	-2.33
Coastal										
Biloxi	79.6	68.2	73.9	66.0	8.1	0.68	2	-0.13	2.34	-2.51
Extreme/Average	79.6	68.2	73.9	66.0	8.1	0.68	2	-0.13	2.34	-2.51
State	78.1	58.5	68.3	61.6	6.7	0.94	3	-0.19	3.11	-1.37

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.