



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 26, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 63 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 47 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Fulton to 63.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 68.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 81.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hattiesburg. Most of the state received some rain with the highest averaging 2.73 inches in the upper delta part of the state.

Crop progress for week ending April 26, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	77	71	73	89
Corn, emerged	61	31	50	74
Cotton, planted	6	3	4	13
Cotton, emerged	2	0	0	2
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	4	0	6	26
Peanuts, planted	4	0	7	5
Rice, planted	49	38	23	51
Rice, emerged	30	19	13	33
Sorghum, planted	24	18	7	30
Sorghum, emerged	16	7	1	18
Soybeans, planted	39	32	23	34
Soybeans, emerged	30	12	8	17
Watermelons, planted	57	49	46	63
Winter Wheat, headed	64	30	38	68

Crop condition for week ending April 26, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	8	49	42
Corn	0	12	25	50	13
Livestock	0	5	27	55	13
Pasture	3	9	32	46	10
Winter Wheat	2	10	34	43	11

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“We started last week with 2-4 inches of rain. We got another quarter inch Thursday. We have done nothing in the field. Even pastures are too muddy to spray, fertilize, or do anything else!”

-Stephen “Steve” Winters, Grenada County

“There were a couple days suitable for some fieldwork such as spraying, or some fertilize applications for farmers with well drained or elevated fields. Extremely wet condition still prevent any significant tillage or corn planting. However, wheat continues to progress surprisingly well. Cool season forages continue to grow lush, thus improving livestock conditions, despite many muddy pasture situations.

Terry “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Producers completed their corn planting this week and have an excellent stand. Nitrogen and post-emergence herbicides are also being applied to the corn crop. Soybean planting continues at a slow pace due to intermittent rainfall. The winter wheat crop is headed out and looks great. Cotton fields are prepped and waiting on sunshine and warmer soil temperatures to be planted.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey County

“Received another 2” plus of rain thus furthering delays in planting. Wheat is looking fair to good but what little corn that was planted is stunted and drowning out in low lying areas. Pastures are looking good except in the low areas where water is standing.”

-Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Still just a few farmers who have not been able to plant due to time and weather conditions. Rainfall and wet soils are still a problem for some farmers.”

-Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“Frequent rain showers and muddy field conditions continued this week. However, a few cattle and dairy producers were able to harvest small acreages of their ryegrass for baleage and or dry hay early in the week. Corn planted several weeks ago is up and looking good. Several rain free days are needed to allow producers to get into fields for herbicide and fertilizer applications.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 26, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	72.3	52.3	62.3	64.3	-2.0	2.36	3	1.22	5.29	2.02
Cleveland	73.1	54.4	63.8	65.1	-1.3	2.08	3	0.87	5.87	1.41
Lambert	73.7	51.7	62.7	64.7	-2.0	3.87	2	2.69	7.38	3.40
Tunica	68.8	52.8	60.8	64.9	-3.9	2.60	2	1.50	5.27	0.69
Extreme/Average	72.0	52.8	62.4	64.8	-2.3	2.73	3	1.57	5.95	1.88
North-Central										
Ashland	71.7	48.7	60.2	NA	NA	2.09	3	0.80	6.95	2.09
Hickory Flat	72.6	47.4	60.0	62.0	-2.0	2.50	2	1.19	6.51	1.68
Independence	71.1	48.7	59.9	62.1	-2.2	1.91	2	0.70	7.00	2.73
University	74.3	49.0	61.6	63.2	-1.6	4.18	3	2.88	6.96	3.55
Extreme/Average	72.4	48.5	60.4	62.4	-1.9	2.67	3	1.39	6.86	2.51
Northeast										
Booneville	72.1	47.7	59.9	61.5	-1.6	1.61	3	0.38	5.40	0.95
Corinth	71.5	49.0	60.3	61.5	-1.3	2.34	2	1.26	7.27	3.21
Fulton	72.6	45.2	58.9	62.7	-4.1	3.71	2	2.41	9.73	5.02
Pontotoc	71.0	48.6	59.8	62.5	-2.4	0.40	1	-0.53	5.17	0.65
Tupelo	71.7	51.7	61.7	64.2	-2.5	0.51	2	-0.63	7.10	2.74
Verona	71.4	52.7	62.1	63.6	-1.5	2.65	2	1.47	7.48	3.78
Extreme/Average	71.7	49.1	60.4	62.7	-2.2	1.87	3	0.73	7.03	2.73
Lower Delta										
Moorhead	73.1	55.3	64.2	65.9	-1.7	2.69	4	1.45	6.62	1.64
Rolling Fork	76.0	57.5	66.8	66.3	0.4	1.91	4	0.87	4.62	0.03
Yazoo City	78.7	59.6	69.1	65.7	3.4	1.34	4	0.11	5.89	1.07
Extreme/Average	75.9	57.5	66.7	66.0	0.7	1.98	4	0.81	5.71	0.91
Central										
Canton	74.2	52.5	63.3	64.9	-1.8	0.86	2	-0.10	2.73	-1.51
Winona	70.3	50.0	60.2	61.8	-1.6	2.29	3	1.23	7.50	3.25
Extreme/Average	72.3	51.3	61.8	63.4	-1.7	1.57	3	0.56	5.12	0.87
East-Central										
Aberdeen	75.3	57.0	66.2	63.9	2.6	0.53	3	-0.46	2.37	-0.54
Macon	79.0	52.8	65.9	64.2	1.6	0.50	2	-0.46	3.21	0.02
Philadelphia	74.7	54.3	64.5	65.5	-1.0	0.52	1	-0.63	4.21	-0.76
State University	73.9	52.3	63.1	64.3	-1.2	1.83	3	0.75	6.81	2.16
Extreme/Average	75.7	54.1	64.9	64.5	0.5	0.84	3	-0.20	4.15	0.22
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	77.4	56.7	67.1	67.5	-0.4	0.13	1	-1.07	7.59	3.16
Natchez	76.4	57.0	66.7	66.7		0.41	3	-0.59	3.40	-0.98
Vicksburg City	75.0	56.6	65.8	66.4	-0.6	1.48	4	0.36	6.52	1.66
Extreme/Average	76.3	56.8	66.5	66.8	-0.3	0.67	4	-0.43	5.84	1.28
South-Central										
Columbia	79.4	57.4	68.4	67.3	1.1	0.19	2	-0.94	4.34	-0.73
Extreme/Average	79.4	57.4	68.4	67.3	1.1	0.19	2	-0.94	4.34	-0.73
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	81.0	55.6	68.3	67.4	1.2	0.00	0	-0.77	3.91	-0.56
Laurel	79.0	56.3	67.6	66.6	1.1	0.07	2	-0.95	4.16	-0.11
Extreme/Average	80.0	56.0	68.0	67.0	1.1	0.04	2	-0.86	4.04	-0.34
Coastal										
Biloxi	80.0	63.4	71.7	69.7	2.0	1.20	1	0.23	12.62	8.32
Extreme/Average	80.0	63.4	71.7	69.7	2.0	1.20	1	0.23	12.62	8.32
State	75.7	54.6	65.2	65.4	-0.3	1.26	2	0.18	5.89	1.49

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.