



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 71.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 78.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 88.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received some rain with the highest averaging 1.82 inches in the south central part of the state.

**Crop progress for week ending May 17, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	97	95	97	98
Corn, emerged	91	85	88	95
Cotton, planted	70	43	61	62
Cotton, emerged	49	16	30	36
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	55	44	34	55
Peanuts, planted	44	24	40	46
Peanuts, emerged	18	NA	21	19
Rice, planted	93	82	80	81
Rice, emerged	72	61	56	67
Sorghum, planted	77	65	53	60
Sorghum, emerged	52	33	31	48
Soybeans, planted	79	70	70	69
Soybeans, emerged	60	45	46	52
Sweet Potatoes, planted	8	1	4	4
Watermelons, planted	78	75	73	79
Winter Wheat, headed	96	90	95	99
Winter Wheat, coloring	57	15	NA	NA

**Crop condition for week ending May 17, 2015**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	9	50	40
Corn	0	5	21	59	15
Livestock	0	4	26	55	15
Pasture	1	8	29	48	14
Rice	0	0	21	71	8
Soybeans	1	1	19	60	19
Winter Wheat	1	8	29	48	14

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Rain on Friday stopped all fieldwork. Another good week for growers. Almost all cotton planted. Good progress made in soybeans, corn, peanuts, and rice.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“Heavy rains over the weekends saturated the ground and flooded many low fields. Need several days of dry weather to finish planting.”

-Tarah Ferguson, Tate County

“The weather conditions this weekend have been very rainy. This will set our producers back more than they already were due to less than desirable weather conditions. It will be several days before farmers will be able to get back into their fields.”

-Suzanne “Marie” Rogers, Itawamba County

“We are going on three weeks without any significant rainfall. Most crops are in the ground, but many will need a rain to come to compete stands with top soil moisture diminishing and some are waiting on a rain to complete planting. Producers are gearing up to start corn irrigation.”

-Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Cool season hay harvest is complete with high yields hindered by reduced nutritional quality because of the advanced forage maturity resulting from rain delayed harvest. Producers are actively fertilizing summer perennial pastures and hay fields to capitalize upon frequent rains showers for excellent growth of forage grasses and legumes.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike County

“We have received several good showers this week with most areas receiving around 2 inches total. The majority of most crops are planted. Corn is looking good and cotton and peanuts are up to a stand. Pastures will need spraying soon.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 17, 2015**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Upper Delta</b>										
Clarksdale	83.6	64.6	74.1	70.7	3.5	0.62	1	-0.35	3.04	-1.07
Cleveland	83.9	65.9	74.9	71.4	3.5	1.16	4	-0.36	3.89	-1.89
Lambert	85.6	64.9	75.2	71.5	3.7	1.11	2	-0.38	5.84	0.34
Tunica	79.0	62.0	70.5	71.3	-0.5	0.02	1	-0.88	4.41	-0.36
Extreme/Average	83.0	64.3	73.7	71.2	2.6	0.73	4	-0.49	4.29	-0.74
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	80.0	58.7	69.4	NA	NA	0.92	3	-0.41	3.07	-2.22
Hickory Flat	82.0	58.0	70.0	67.8	2.2	0.64	2	-0.76	3.15	-2.35
Independence	78.6	60.1	69.4	68.1	1.3	3.12	3	1.84	5.78	0.65
University	83.9	61.3	72.6	69.5	3.1	1.14	3	-0.28	5.35	-0.19
Extreme/Average	81.1	59.5	70.3	68.4	2.2	1.45	3	0.10	4.34	-1.03
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	80.4	58.3	69.4	67.2	2.1	1.44	2	0.07	3.05	-2.18
Corinth	81.2	58.2	69.7	67.6	2.0	0.83	1	-0.42	3.24	-2.01
Fulton	81.7	59.4	70.6	68.3	2.3	1.30	2	-0.24	5.13	-0.29
Pontotoc	81.2	59.0	70.1	68.7	1.7	0.00	0	-0.95	2.23	-2.15
Tupelo	82.4	62.1	72.3	70.0	2.3	0.86	2	-0.53	1.38	-3.83
Verona	83.6	63.0	73.3	70.1	3.2	1.20	2	-0.13	3.85	-1.32
Extreme/Average	81.8	60.0	70.9	68.6	2.3	0.94	2	-0.37	3.15	-1.96
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	85.8	67.2	76.5	72.8	3.7	0.17	3	-0.90	1.07	-2.14
Moorhead	83.7	66.7	75.2	72.0	3.3	0.57	3	-0.53	3.39	-1.32
Rolling Fork	86.3	66.3	76.3	72.5	3.7	1.00	3	-0.15	3.00	-1.63
Yazoo City	87.6	69.4	78.5	71.6	6.9	0.50	3	-0.80	2.02	-2.86
Extreme/Average	85.8	67.4	76.6	72.2	4.4	0.56	3	-0.59	2.37	-1.99
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	83.9	64.7	74.3	70.8	3.5	0.40	4	-0.84	1.27	-3.26
Kosciusko	82.2	62.7	72.4	69.1	3.5	0.44	2	-0.57	1.60	-2.84
Winona	82.3	60.6	71.4	67.9	3.5	1.24	2		3.95	-1.13
Extreme/Average	82.8	62.7	72.7	69.3	3.5	0.69	4	-0.47	2.27	-2.41
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	69.7	NA	0.94	3	-0.12	1.57	-2.71
Columbus	83.8	62.0	72.9	71.1	2.0	0.24	1	-0.41	0.56	-2.57
Philadelphia	83.0	62.6	72.8	71.3	1.7	0.76	1	0.06	1.28	-2.67
State University	84.6	63.7	74.1	70.2	3.9	0.40	3	-0.63	2.53	-1.63
Extreme/Average	83.8	62.8	73.3	70.6	2.6	0.58	3	-0.28	1.48	-2.39
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	83.9	65.9	74.9	73.7	1.2	0.38	3	-0.61	0.61	-3.61
Natchez	82.7	68.1	75.4	72.1	3.3	0.58	4	-0.48	1.69	-2.31
Vicksburg City	83.7	68.3	76.0	72.4	3.6	0.32	4	-0.86	2.19	-2.44
Extreme/Average	83.4	67.4	75.4	72.7	2.7	0.43	4	-0.65	1.50	-2.79
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	88.1	71.4	79.8	71.4	8.4	0.83	3	-0.38	1.33	-3.15
Columbia	85.0	67.2	76.1	73.2	2.8	3.28	3	2.38	3.92	-0.12
Monticello	86.4	68.6	77.5	72.4	5.4	1.35	1	0.46	1.60	-1.62
Extreme/Average	86.5	69.1	77.8	72.3	5.6	1.82	3	0.82	2.28	-1.63
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	85.5	66.2	75.8	72.8	3.0	1.99	3	1.18	2.45	-1.23
Laurel	84.3	64.7	74.5	71.9	2.6	1.16	3	0.16	1.31	-2.53
Extreme/Average	84.9	65.5	75.2	72.4	2.8	1.57	3	0.67	1.88	-1.88
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	84.4	71.9	78.1	75.5	2.7	1.09	4	0.13	3.28	-0.64
Extreme/Average	84.4	71.9	78.1	75.5	2.7	1.09	4	0.13	3.28	-0.64
<b>State</b>	83.8	65.0	74.4	71.3	3.1	0.98	3	-0.11	2.52	-1.87

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.