



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 16, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 29 percent very short, 40 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 46 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 64.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 78.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Highs ranged from 87.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 100.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state experienced hot, dry weather conditions. The south central part of the state received the most rain at an average of 0.94 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 16, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	98	95	97	99
Corn, dent	91	85	88	96
Corn, mature	66	44	58	72
Corn, harvested	31	8	8	21
Cotton, squaring	100	99	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	91	87	89	95
Cotton, open bolls	19	7	5	12
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	86	82	82	82
Peanuts, pegging	95	93	91	98
Peanuts, dugged	1	0	0	1
Rice, headed	95	88	91	90
Rice, mature	38	16	18	30
Rice, harvested	3	0	0	4
Sorghum, headed	98	96	94	98
Sorghum, coloring	85	76	54	72
Sorghum, mature	39	15	21	34
Sorghum, harvested	7	0	0	1
Soybeans, blooming	96	94	95	99
Soybeans, setting pods	87	84	84	92
Soybeans, turning color	42	24	9	23
Soybeans, dropping leaves	13	0	2	8
Watermelons, harvested	95	92	93	99

Crop condition for week ending August 16, 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	8	50	41
Corn	1	5	26	44	24
Cotton	1	6	36	41	16
Livestock	0	4	27	56	13
Pasture	4	17	34	38	7
Peanuts	0	1	26	61	12
Rice	1	2	16	52	29
Sorghum	1	7	40	42	10
Soybeans	2	8	23	40	27
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	27	60	13

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Good week for all farming activities in Prentiss County following some moisture the week before. We saw a welcomed dip in temperatures mid-week. Spray applications and hay harvest are the main activities being performed. Pastures continue to do exceptionally well.”

-Terry Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Another dry week allowed a portion of the soybean crop and most of the corn crop to be harvested. Yields are being reported from below to slightly above average. The majority of the cotton crop has entered the cut out stage and looks great.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“Conditions are very dry in most parts of the county. Lack of rain and high temperatures continue to persist.”

-Tyler Braud, Leake County

“No rain again this week. Corn is done and cotton is winding down quickly. There is very little top crop left. Beans are stressing from lack of water and lack of potassium since the plant is having a hard time picking it up without water.”

- Steven R. Winters, Grenada County

“Rain started this morning, good steady rain. More rain predicted this week. We needed the moisture, it was getting very dry. Corn harvest will be stopped due to showers. Lots of hay was being baled.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 16, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	90.8	70.4	80.6	80.8	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.42	1.41	-0.49
Cleveland	95.4	70.7	83.1	82.4	0.6	0.00	0	-0.64	0.54	-2.34
Lambert	94.7	69.5	82.1	81.9	0.2	0.87	1	0.21	3.42	0.44
Tunica	88.4	69.1	78.8	81.5	-2.7	0.27	2	-0.36	6.13	3.47
Extreme/Average	92.3	69.9	81.1	81.7	-0.5	0.29	2	-0.30	2.88	0.27
North-Central										
Ashland	87.4	64.3	75.9	NA	NA	0.35	2	-0.42	5.71	1.98
Independence	88.1	65.7	76.9	79.1	-2.2	0.10	1	-0.64	2.37	-1.04
University	90.9	67.0	78.9	80.4	-1.5	0.23	1	-0.60	5.64	1.99
Extreme/Average	88.8	65.7	77.2	79.8	-1.8	0.23	2	-0.55	4.57	0.98
Northeast										
Booneville	87.1	66.6	76.9	78.6	-1.8	0.31	3	-0.57	3.08	-0.46
Corinth	87.0	65.4	76.2	79.0	-2.8	0.36	1	-0.33	3.84	0.51
Fulton	89.9	66.4	78.1	79.4	-1.3	0.76	2	-0.21	3.52	0.11
Pontotoc	89.0	67.9	78.4	79.2	-0.8	0.37	1	-0.58	2.95	-0.95
Tupelo	90.3	70.8	80.6	81.0	-0.4	1.45	1	0.70	3.47	0.12
Extreme/Average	88.7	67.4	78.0	79.5	-1.4	0.65	3	-0.20	3.37	-0.13
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	93.0	69.2	81.1	82.3	-1.2	0.00	0	-0.56	0.00	-2.27
Moorhead	95.3	72.9	84.1	82.4	1.7	0.00	0	-0.64	0.04	-2.99
Rolling Fork	97.3	72.3	84.8	82.1	2.7	0.04	1	-0.65	0.20	-2.86
Yazoo City	96.6	73.2	84.9	81.6	3.3	0.67	2	0.07	0.68	-1.72
Extreme/Average	95.6	71.9	83.7	82.1	1.6	0.18	2	-0.45	0.23	-2.46
Central										
Canton	97.4	67.7	82.6	80.7	1.9	1.25	2	0.42	1.25	-1.45
Winona	94.8	65.7	80.3	78.8	1.5	0.11	1	-0.60	0.96	-2.37
Extreme/Average	96.1	66.7	81.4	79.7	1.7	0.68	2	-0.09	1.10	-1.91
East-Central										
Columbus	91.4	70.2	80.8	81.6	-0.8	1.25	2	0.59	4.12	1.25
Philadelphia	95.4	69.0	82.2	81.6	0.7	0.10	1	-1.00	1.12	-3.08
State University	93.4	70.0	81.7	80.7	1.0	0.11	1	-0.84	3.33	-0.34
Extreme/Average	93.4	69.7	81.6	81.3	0.3	0.49	2	-0.42	2.86	-0.72
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	99.0	71.4	85.2	82.6	2.6	0.81	2	0.10	1.04	-2.65
Natchez	92.7	70.0	81.3	80.8	0.6	0.10	1	-0.74	1.16	-2.34
Vicksburg City	94.6	72.6	83.6	81.7	1.9	1.00	2	0.39	1.07	-1.80
Extreme/Average	95.4	71.3	83.4	81.7	1.7	0.64	2	-0.08	1.09	-2.26
South-Central										
Collins	100.9	78.6	89.7	80.7	9.0	0.40	1	-0.60	10.41	6.07
Columbia	95.0	71.1	83.1	82.0	1.1	0.24	2	-0.79	3.68	-0.74
Monticello	100.3	73.8	87.1	81.9	5.2	2.19	3	1.34	2.32	-1.26
Extreme/Average	98.7	74.5	86.6	81.5	5.1	0.94	3	-0.02	5.47	1.36
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	94.4	71.4	82.9	81.8	1.2	0.00	0	-1.29	3.16	-1.63
Laurel	93.4	68.7	81.1	81.1		0.37	1	-0.70	2.54	-1.89
Extreme/Average	93.9	70.1	82.0	81.4	0.6	0.18	1	-0.99	2.85	-1.76
Coastal										
Biloxi	90.6	76.9	83.7	82.8	0.9	0.18	2	-1.24	4.41	-1.58
Poplarville	95.7	72.5	84.1	81.0	3.1	0.02	1	-1.03	3.76	-1.45
Extreme/Average	93.2	74.7	83.9	81.9	2.0	0.10	2	-1.14	4.08	-1.52
State	93.8	70.0	81.9	81.0	1.0	0.45	2	-0.41	2.71	-0.96

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.