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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2015. Topsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 32 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 12 percent very short, 35 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 62.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Belzoni to 75.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 83.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Fulton and Pontotoc to 94.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. Most of the state received some rain with the northeast and south central parts of the state receiving the most at an average of 2.43 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 23, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	100	98	99	100
Corn, dent	94	91	94	98
Corn, mature	81	66	70	84
Corn, harvested	52	31	18	36
Cotton, setting bolls	94	91	93	97
Cotton, open bolls	31	19	14	26
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	90	86	86	85
Peanuts, pegging	99	95	97	99
Peanuts, dugged	3	1	3	3
Peanuts, harvested	1	0	1	1
Rice, headed	97	95	96	95
Rice, mature	55	38	27	45
Rice, harvested	10	3	2	10
Sorghum, headed	100	98	99	100
Sorghum, coloring	93	85	64	81
Sorghum, mature	63	39	29	48
Sorghum, harvested	20	7	1	8
Soybeans, blooming	99	96	99	100
Soybeans, setting pods	92	87	90	96
Soybeans, turning color	55	42	28	37
Soybeans, dropping leaves	30	13	11	17
Soybeans, mature	16	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	8	0	2	5
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	1	0	1	2
Watermelons, harvested	98	95	96	99

Crop condition for week ending August 23, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	8	50	41
Corn	1	5	28	45	21
Cotton	2	7	35	40	16
Livestock	0	4	27	55	14
Pasture	4	15	33	40	8
Peanuts	0	4	24	60	12
Rice	1	2	17	54	26
Sorghum	2	8	38	42	10
Soybeans	2	8	24	40	26
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	26	61	11

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Scattered rain delayed harvest in some areas and some slight damage from hail occurred in small areas. Corn harvest is winding down. Soybeans and grain sorghum harvest is starting to pick up. During the next two weeks, we will see a lot of grain crops come out of the field if the weather holds.

-Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Rain chances throughout the week failed to deliver adequate amount we hoped to receive. Some isolated areas received beneficial rain, but mostly just enough to keep combines out of the field. Corn harvest is winding down and soybean harvest should be in full swing next week, weather permitting. Insect pressure on late beans remains heavy.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Rains last week making big improvement in crop condition. Soybean disease increasing; frog eye, web blight, and anthracnose. Grain sorghum maturing, but sugarcane aphids are moving up the plant. Many acres will need another treatment before harvest. .”

-Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc County

“Intermittent rain showers this week gave producers a break from harvesting their crop. The corn harvest is almost complete and soybeans are well underway with nearly half the crop harvested. Cotton and sorghum producers are reporting little pest damage and expect good yields.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“The conditions are getting close to harvest on soybeans, cotton, and peanuts in Monroe County. We have had a few showers the last few weeks that have helped with final stages of crop growth and production. The livestock and pastures have been on an incline and the hay fields are greatly improved. Some are ready to cut for a third time on their hay ground. Vegetable growers are looking at winter crops to plant.”

-James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 23, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	87.4	69.6	78.5	80.4	-1.9	0.02	1	-0.40	0.51	-1.45
Cleveland	89.1	71.1	80.1	82.1	-1.9	1.22	4	0.50	1.26	-1.65
Lambert	88.0	70.4	79.2	81.3	-2.1	1.44	4	0.67	3.06	0.09
Tunica	87.8	70.3	79.1	81.0	-1.9	1.32	3	0.78	3.03	0.61
Extreme/Average	88.1	70.3	79.2	81.2	-2.0	1.00	4	0.39	1.96	-0.60
North-Central										
Ashland	84.3	68.0	76.1	NA	NA	1.68	4	0.95	5.50	2.07
Hickory Flat	85.3	67.9	76.6	78.6	-2.0	2.31	6	1.39	4.78	0.96
Independence	83.9	68.0	75.9	78.7	-2.8	2.76	4	2.05	4.71	1.55
University	86.4	69.1	77.8	80.0	-2.3	1.33	6	0.52	5.48	1.97
Extreme/Average	85.0	68.3	76.6	79.1	-2.3	2.02	6	1.23	5.12	1.64
Northeast										
Booneville	83.4	68.7	76.1	78.1	-2.0	2.44	7	1.52	4.92	1.31
Corinth	83.7	68.6	76.1	78.3	-2.2	2.44	3	1.68	5.14	2.03
Fulton	83.0	70.4	76.7	79.0	-2.3	2.90	4	1.92	5.58	2.11
Pontotoc	83.0	69.6	76.3	78.8	-2.5	2.17	6	1.28	4.89	1.07
Tupelo	84.8	70.8	77.8	80.6	-2.9	2.20	3	1.53	4.84	1.67
Extreme/Average	83.6	69.6	76.6	79.0	-2.4	2.43	7	1.59	5.07	1.64
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	86.0	62.5	74.3	82.0	-7.7	0.01	1	-0.68	0.01	-2.52
Moorhead	88.3	72.4	80.4	81.9	-1.6	0.68	6	0.06	0.69	-2.10
Rolling Fork	90.6	72.7	81.6	81.7		0.38	3	-0.37	0.42	-2.54
Extreme/Average	88.3	69.2	78.8	81.9	-3.1	0.36	6	-0.33	0.37	-2.39
Central										
Canton	89.3	70.6	79.9	80.4	-0.5	0.57	3	-0.21	1.82	-1.52
Kosciusko	87.9	70.9	79.4	79.4	-0.1	0.81	3	-0.06	1.52	-2.15
Winona	87.9	69.3	78.6	78.4	0.1	0.71	6	-0.18	1.08	-2.16
Extreme/Average	88.4	70.3	79.3	79.4	-0.1	0.70	6	-0.15	1.47	-1.94
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	80.4	NA	1.90	5	1.30	2.12	0.19
Columbus	88.8	72.4	80.6	81.1	-0.5	3.55	4	2.87	7.79	4.76
Philadelphia	90.4	71.8	81.1	81.2	-0.2	0.75	2	-0.05	0.85	-3.06
State University	89.0	71.9	80.4	80.3	0.2	0.85	3	-0.11	2.49	-1.21
Extreme/Average	89.4	72.0	80.7	80.7	-0.2	1.76	5	1.00	3.31	0.17
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	91.9	70.3	81.1	82.4	-1.4	0.39	3	-0.66	1.43	-2.30
Natchez	88.1	71.3	79.7	80.5	-0.7	0.37	4	-0.67	0.71	-2.97
Vicksburg City	88.9	73.9	81.4	81.4	-0.1	0.87	2	0.05	1.87	-1.06
Extreme/Average	89.6	71.8	80.7	81.4	-0.7	0.54	4	-0.43	1.34	-2.11
South-Central										
Collins	94.6	75.9	85.2	80.4	4.8	4.60	3	3.53	14.41	10.12
Columbia	89.1	71.7	80.4	81.7	-1.3	1.21	6	0.09	3.61	-0.79
Monticello	91.6	74.8	83.2	81.6	1.6	1.47	5	0.75	3.79	0.13
Extreme/Average	91.8	74.1	82.9	81.2	1.7	2.43	6	1.46	7.27	3.15
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	88.1	71.1	79.6	81.6	-2.0	2.32	6	0.99	3.66	-1.19
Laurel	89.0	70.6	79.8	80.7	-0.9	1.76	5	0.70	3.25	-1.10
Extreme/Average	88.5	70.8	79.7	81.2	-1.5	2.04	6	0.84	3.46	-1.15
Coastal										
Biloxi	89.6	75.1	82.4	82.6	-0.2	2.11	5	0.72	5.59	-0.34
Extreme/Average	89.6	75.1	82.4	82.6	-0.2	2.11	5	0.72	5.59	-0.34
State	88.3	71.1	79.7	80.7	-1.0	1.49	5	0.57	3.34	-0.35

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.