



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 30, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 35 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 38 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 57.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 70.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 82.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville and Pontotoc to 94.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. Most of the state received very little rain with the northeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 0.29 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 30, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dent	99	94	98	99
Corn, mature	91	81	83	93
Corn, harvested	68	52	39	57
Cotton, setting bolls	96	94	98	99
Cotton, open bolls	43	31	22	41
Hay-Cool Season, 2nd cutting	93	90	89	87
Peanuts, pegging	100	99	100	100
Peanuts, dugged	15	3	6	4
Peanuts, harvested	5	1	3	2
Rice, headed	98	97	98	97
Rice, mature	65	55	42	58
Rice, harvested	22	10	5	23
Sorghum, coloring	96	93	77	90
Sorghum, mature	77	63	43	63
Sorghum, harvested	36	20	6	18
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	95	92	95	98
Soybeans, turning color	64	55	47	53
Soybeans, dropping leaves	44	30	22	29
Soybeans, mature	29	16	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	17	8	8	9
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	4	1	4	5
Watermelons, harvested	100	98	98	100

Crop condition for week ending August 30, 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	28	45	21
Cotton	1	7	34	42	16
Livestock	0	4	25	57	14
Pasture	5	15	34	38	8
Peanuts	0	4	20	63	13
Rice	1	2	26	50	21
Sorghum	1	7	33	47	12
Soybeans	2	7	24	41	26
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	26	61	13

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“We started harvesting corn, grain sorghum, rice, and soybeans last week. We are having great harvest weather, but some growers turned the water back on for some later maturing crops.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“Most crops look fair throughout the county. Corn harvest should start this week. Hay fields had to be sprayed or cut last week because fields are under heavy pressure from army worms and Bermuda grass stem maggots.”

-Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“Soybean rust confirmed in area over the weekend. Sugarcane aphid has caused some milo fields to shut down prematurely. Soybeans look good but diseases are building.”

-Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc County

“Nice cool weather and lots of sunshine this week allowed the corn harvest to be completed and the soybean harvest is over fifty percent complete. Producers are reporting a large number of soybeans loopers being discovered in the later maturity groups. The cotton crop is beginning to open a large portion of the lower bolls and all irrigation has been terminated for this growing season.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“Conditions are getting better for the approaching harvest of corn and soybeans. Some sugarcane aphids have shown up on some grain sorghum. The rains have improved the peanut crops. Also the pastures are better for the grazing livestock. Hay fields are seeing their third cutting.”

-James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 30, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cleveland	89.4	62.7	76.1	81.3	-5.2	0.00	0	-0.68	1.26	-1.56
Lambert	87.7	61.9	74.8	80.4	-5.6	0.14	1	-0.56	3.20	0.35
Tunica	83.2	61.6	72.4	80.1	-7.9	0.00	0	-0.41	3.03	0.77
Extreme/Average	86.8	62.1	74.4	80.6	-6.2	0.05	1	-0.55	2.50	-0.15
North-Central										
Ashland	83.0	58.4	70.7	NA	NA	0.13	1	-0.46	5.63	2.64
Hickory Flat	84.1	57.9	71.0	77.7	-6.7	0.06	1	-0.7	4.84	1.25
Independence	83.3	59.1	71.2	77.8	-6.6	0.04	1	-0.57	4.75	1.86
University	85.6	59.7	72.6	79.1	-6.5	0.03	1	-0.69	5.51	2.24
Extreme/Average	84.0	58.8	71.4	78.2	-6.6	0.07	1	-0.6	5.18	2.00
Northeast										
Booneville	82.7	59.6	71.1	77.2	-6.1	0.17	1	-0.62	5.09	1.58
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fulton	84.0	59.4	71.7	78	-6.3	0.95	1	0.17	6.32	2.58
Pontotoc	82.7	61.1	71.9	78	-6.1	0.00	0	-0.78	4.89	1.26
Tupelo	84.0	63.1	73.6	79.7	-6.1	0.04	1	-0.69	6.33	3.04
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	83.3	60.8	72.1	78.2	-6.1	0.29	1	-0.48	5.66	2.12
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	89.2	58.2	73.7	81.2	-7.6	0.06	1	-0.54	0.07	-2.4
Moorhead	89.7	64.6	77.1	81.0	-3.9	0.05	1	-0.53	0.73	-1.85
Rolling Fork	92.0	63.5	77.9	80.8	-2.9	0.13	1	-0.6	0.55	-2.36
Yazoo City	92.8	65.4	79.1	80.4	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.61	1.98	-1.29
Extreme/Average	90.9	62.9	77.0	80.9	-3.9	0.06	1	-0.57	0.83	-1.97
Central										
Canton	89.6	59.4	74.5	79.8	-5.3	0.01	1	-0.73	1.83	-1.39
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	88.4	60.8	75.2	77.7	-2.5	0.03	1	-0.83	1.11	-2.16
Extreme/Average	89.0	60.1	74.8	78.7	-3.9	0.02	1	-0.78	1.47	-1.77
East-Central										
Aberdeen	85.0	65.5	75.3	79.5	-4.6	0.00	0	-0.66	2.12	0.05
Columbus	85.4	62.0	74.0	80.2	-6.2	0.00	0	-0.62	7.24	4.24
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	86.8	60.2	73.5	80.6	-7.2	0.00	0	-0.67	0.90	-3.04
State University	86.9	63.7	75.3	79.4	-4.1	0.13	1	-0.74	1.96	-1.73
Extreme/Average	86.0	62.8	74.5	79.9	-5.5	0.03	1	-0.67	3.05	-0.12
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	91.9	66.4	79.4	81.9	-2.4	0.00	0	-0.98	1.43	-2.22
Natchez	88.4	65.0	78.1	79.8	-1.7	0.20	1	-0.84	0.71	-3.21
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	90.0	69.8	80.5	80.8	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.8	1.87	-1.04
Extreme/Average	90.1	67.1	79.3	80.8	-1.5	0.07	1	-0.87	1.34	-2.16
South-Central										
Collins	88.4	60.4	74.4	79.8	-5.3	0.00	0	-1.00	14.4	10.25
Columbia	90.3	63.4	76.9	81.2	-4.3	0.00	0	-1.05	1.96	-2.35
Monticello	94.7	67.8	81.3	81.0	0.3	0.26	1	-0.52	3.92	0.17
Extreme/Average	91.1	63.9	77.5	80.6	-3.1	0.09	1	-0.86	6.76	2.69
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	90.3	67.0	78.7	81.1	-2.5	0.00	0	-1.07	2.67	-2.32
Laurel	89.3	65.4	78.1	80.1	-1.9	0.00	0	-1.01	3.13	-1.09
Waynesboro	90.6	65.1	77.9	80.2	-2.3	0.00	0	-0.95	3.48	-0.08
Extreme/Average	90.1	65.8	78.2	80.5	-2.3	0.00	0	-1.01	3.09	-1.16
Coastal										
Biloxi	90.1	70.1	80.1	82.1	-1.9	0.00	0	-1.22	3.78	-1.81
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	90.1	70.1	80.1	82.1	-1.9	0.00	0	-1.22	3.78	-1.81
State	88.3	63.5	76.1	80.0	-3.9	0.06	0	-0.78	3.21	-0.39

DFN = Departure from Normal.
 Normal = Averaged Collected Date from the Years 1981-2010.
 NA = Not Available.