



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 20, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 30 percent very short, 44 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 26 percent very short, 44 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 67.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 81.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tupelo to 91.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Rolling Fork. Most of the state received no rain with the lower delta part of the state receiving the most at an average of 0.24 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 20, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	100	98	99	100
Corn, harvested	93	90	86	93
Cotton, open bolls	86	73	71	81
Cotton, harvested	6	1	3	13
Hay-Cool Season, 2nd cutting	97	96	94	94
Peanuts, dugged	37	32	38	23
Peanuts, harvested	26	23	19	15
Rice, mature	94	82	82	89
Rice, harvested	59	45	46	61
Sorghum, mature	96	91	83	91
Sorghum, harvested	72	61	47	66
Soybeans, turning color	87	80	85	86
Soybeans, dropping leaves	74	63	66	67
Soybeans, mature	64	52	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	46	34	39	40
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	20	14	24	39
Winter Wheat, planted	2	0	0	3

Crop condition for week ending September 20, 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	51	40
Cotton	2	7	34	43	14
Livestock	0	5	27	56	12
Pasture	6	23	36	30	5
Peanuts	0	6	22	60	12
Rice	1	2	22	53	22
Sorghum	1	7	34	47	11
Soybeans	2	8	25	40	25
Sweet Potatoes	0	5	26	57	12

NA= Not Available

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Great week of harvest and fall tillage work. We should pick some cotton this week. Lots of harvest aid materials going out on cotton. We will dig more peanuts and harvest some also.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“Soybean disease severity increasing rapidly in most fields. Rain is needed to finish late soybeans, hay, and pastures. Growers are seeing effects of sorghum midge and sugarcane aphids on yields. Dry soils making nematode hot spots easy to see.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Pontotoc County

“Nearly all the soybean crop has been harvested and the cotton harvest is beginning. Producers are reporting a wide variety of yields for all crops ranging from below satisfactory to slightly above average. Fall field preparations are being executed behind harvest machinery.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“The crop conditions are as expected for this dry time of the year. We have not had much rain in the last few weeks. Within the county, the corn is being harvested and the soybeans are dropping leaves, peanuts have been dug and turned over. Soybeans and peanuts will be harvested soon. Our livestock is as expected for this time of the year. The pastures are also dry. Cattle producers are looking at seeding ryegrass for fall and early winter grazing.”

-James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

“Very dry weather conditions continue to hinder growth of summer forages, delay planting of cool season forages, and negatively impact performance of all classes of livestock. Dairy farmers are seeing milk production levels drop considerably due to prolonged hot and dry weather conditions resulting in heat stress on cattle and forages. We need several days of nice, slow rainfall to replenish soil moisture so livestock producers can get cool season annual grasses and legumes planted for late fall and winter grazing.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 20, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	86.6	58.6	72.6	73.9	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.47	0.00	-1.72
Cleveland	90.0	62.4	76.2	75.5	0.7	0.00	0	-0.90	1.16	-2.35
Lambert	87.7	57.7	72.7	74.4	-1.9	0.00	0	-0.59	1.31	-1.31
Tunica	87.4	59.6	73.5	74.2	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.42	0.19	-1.87
Extreme/Average	87.9	59.6	73.7	74.5	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.59	0.66	-1.81
North-Central										
Ashland	83.6	55.9	69.7	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.87	0.85	-1.97
Hickory Flat	85.1	53.1	69.1	71.4	-2.3	0.00	0	-0.94	0.30	-3.25
Independence	83.7	56.7	70.2	71.6	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.79	0.31	-2.51
University	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	84.1	55.2	69.7	71.5	-1.8	0.00	0	-0.87	0.49	-2.58
Northeast										
Booneville	82.1	54.1	68.1	71.2	-3.0	0.00	0	-0.90	0.87	-2.50
Corinth	85.0	53.6	69.3	70.9	-1.5	0.00	0	-0.71	1.47	-1.65
Fulton	84.2	54.3	69.3	72.1	-2.7	0.11	1	-0.81	1.57	-1.86
Pontotoc	83.0	57.7	70.4	72.1	-1.8	0.12	1	-0.73	0.17	-3.11
Tupelo	81.0	56.0	68.5	73.2	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.56	0.04	-2.71
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	83.1	55.1	69.1	71.9	-2.8	0.05	1	-0.74	0.82	-2.37
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	88.5	62.0	75.3	75.7	-0.4	0.03	1	-0.55	0.27	-2.36
Moorhead	88.8	62.7	75.8	75.5	0.1	0.00	0	-0.78	0.33	-2.65
Rolling Fork	91.5	63.2	77.3	75.4	1.9	0.95	1	0.35	1.11	-1.51
Yazoo City	91.3	62.1	76.7	75.2	1.6	0.00	0	-0.62	0.25	-2.44
Extreme/Average	90.0	62.5	76.3	75.4	0.8	0.24	1	-0.40	0.49	-2.24
Central										
Canton	89.6	54.6	72.1	74.5	-2.5	0.00	0	-0.78	0.31	-2.82
Kosciusko	87.3	57.1	72.2	72.9	-0.7	0.15	1	-0.70	1.13	-2.31
Winona	87.7	51.7	69.7	72.1	-2.5	0.00	0	-0.77	0.21	-3.27
Extreme/Average	88.2	54.5	71.3	73.2	-1.9	0.05	1	-0.75	0.55	-2.80
East-Central										
Aberdeen	84.5	55.5	70.0	73.9	-4.1	0.00	0	-0.89	0.48	-2.49
Columbus	85.0	60.8	72.9	74.6	-1.9	0.00	0	-0.58	1.30	-1.36
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State University	86.0	57.7	71.9	73.4	-1.5	0.00	0	-0.76	1.42	-1.79
Extreme/Average	85.2	58.0	71.6	74.0	-2.5	0.00	0	-0.74	1.07	-1.88
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Natchez	88.0	59.9	73.9	75.1	-1.1	0.00	0	-0.96	0.78	-3.22
Oakley	88.4	55.0	71.7	75.2	-3.9	0.00	0	-0.55	1.69	-1.44
Vicksburg City	88.2	62.8	75.5	75.4	0.0	0.00	0	-0.68	0.21	-3.31
Extreme/Average	88.2	59.2	73.7	75.2	-1.7	0.00	0	-0.73	0.89	-2.66
South-Central										
Collins	84.6	59.0	71.8	74.9	-3.1	0.00	0	-0.85	10.00	6.11
Columbia	89.6	59.6	74.6	76.7	-2.1	0.00	0	-0.84	0.91	-2.85
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	87.1	59.3	73.2	75.8	-2.6	0.00	0	-0.84	5.46	1.63
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	88.3	58.7	73.5	76.7	-3.2	0.00	0	-1.02	1.58	-2.79
Laurel	85.7	56.8	71.3	75.3	-4.1	0.00	0	-0.71	2.02	-1.61
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	87.0	57.8	72.4	76.0	-3.7	0.00	0	-0.86	1.80	-2.20
Coastal										
Biloxi	87.0	67.9	77.4	78.6	-1.2	0.00	0	-1.31	1.84	-3.39
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	87.0	67.9	77.4	78.6	-1.2	0.00	0	-1.31	1.84	-3.39
State	86.9	58.5	72.7	74.6	-1.9	0.03	0	-0.78	1.38	-2.07

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.