



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 27, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 35 percent very short, 42 percent short, 21 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 32 percent very short, 40 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 55.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 68.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 82.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 92.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello. Most of the state received some rain with the coastal part of the state receiving the most at an average of 1.02 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 27, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	96	93	93	96
Cotton, open bolls	92	86	82	87
Cotton, harvested	16	6	8	21
Hay-Cool Season, 2nd cutting	99	97	97	96
Peanuts, dugged	52	37	49	30
Peanuts, harvested	32	26	28	21
Rice, mature	96	94	93	94
Rice, harvested	76	59	69	72
Sorghum, mature	97	96	90	96
Sorghum, harvested	85	72	64	77
Soybeans, turning color	92	87	91	93
Soybeans, dropping leaves	81	74	77	77
Soybeans, mature	74	64	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	59	46	54	51
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	28	20	39	48
Winter Wheat, planted	9	2	0	7
Winter Wheat, emerged	0	NA	0	2

Crop condition for week ending September 27, 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	9	50	40
Cotton	1	7	34	45	13
Livestock	0	6	29	53	12
Pasture	8	23	36	28	5
Peanuts	0	6	24	58	12
Rice	1	2	22	53	22
Sorghum	1	7	34	47	11
Soybeans	3	8	23	43	23
Sweet Potatoes	0	4	27	57	12

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“We have started picking cotton. Corn and sorghum harvest is about over and we are making progress with our rice. We are getting a lot of fall tillage work done with this dry weather.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“Everything is finished except for some late beans. Defoliants are going out in blocks. This week saw the second block getting its first shot. We will start picking our first block of cotton starting Monday or Tuesday. Cattlemen are holding up on planting ryegrass due to extremely dry pastures.”

- Stephen “Steve” R. Winters, Grenada County

“Harvest is beginning to wind down. The overall crops were down from the last three or four years.”

-Lester Stephens, Washington County

“Peanut harvest has begun, but due to the dry weather most producers have quit digging as a result of the hard, dry soil conditions. Late planted soybeans could use rain to help with pods filling out as well.”

-Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“It was a dry week for most of the county. Some of the peanuts were being dug the past few weeks and some farmers were able to harvest peanuts. Soybeans are getting ready for harvest within the next few weeks. Cotton is also close to being picked. Livestock producers are sowing ryegrass in their pastures for winter grazing and hay production is on the downhill.”

-James “Randall” Nevins Adams, Monroe County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 27, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	86.4	61.4	73.9	71.3	2.7	0.18	1	-0.35	0.18	-1.53
Cleveland	89.3	62.9	76.1	72.8	3.3	0.09	1	-0.81	1.25	-2.48
Lambert	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tunica	86.0	61.2	73.6	71.4	2.3	0.11	2	-0.35	0.30	-1.73
Extreme/Average	87.2	61.8	74.5	71.8	2.8	0.13	2	-0.50	0.58	-1.91
North-Central										
Ashland	82.0	56.3	69.1	NA	NA	0.10	2	-0.89	0.82	-2.40
Hickory Flat	83.9	55.6	69.7	68.6	1.1	0.20	3	-0.79	0.44	-3.34
Independence	83.0	56.1	69.6	68.8	0.8	0.05	1	-0.78	0.32	-2.72
University	85.4	57.6	71.5	69.9	1.6	0.05	1	-0.86	0.15	-3.06
Extreme/Average	83.6	56.4	70.0	69.1	1.2	0.10	3	-0.83	0.43	-2.88
Northeast										
Booneville	82.9	57.9	70.4	68.4	2.0	0.03	1	-0.88	0.73	-2.76
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fulton	82.7	57.7	70.2	69.3	0.9	0.04	1	-0.92	0.66	-2.95
Pontotoc	82.7	58.9	70.8	69.4	1.4	0.06	1	-0.81	0.23	-3.14
Tupelo	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	82.8	58.2	70.5	69.0	1.4	0.04	1	-0.87	0.54	-2.95
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Moorhead	88.7	63.5	76.1	73.0	2.9	0.17	1	-0.66	0.45	-2.90
Rolling Fork	88.3	64.3	76.3	72.9	3.4	0.15	1	-0.48	1.13	-1.39
Yazoo City	89.5	65.0	77.3	72.7	4.5	0.00	0	-0.59	0.25	-2.42
Extreme/Average	88.8	64.3	76.6	72.9	3.6	0.11	1	-0.58	0.61	-2.24
Central										
Canton	88.9	59.3	74.1	71.9	2.2	0.01	1	-0.80	0.31	-2.89
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	87.7	56.4	72.1	69.4	2.7	0.14	2	-0.75	0.32	-3.19
Extreme/Average	88.3	57.8	73.1	70.7	2.4	0.08	2	-0.78	0.32	-3.04
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	71.3	NA	0.00	0	-0.67	0.48	-2.50
Columbus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	88.6	59.8	74.2	72.8	1.0	NA	0	-0.48	NA	-2.75
State University	85.6	62.0	73.8	70.6	3.2	0.09	2	-0.74	1.38	-1.79
Extreme/Average	87.1	60.9	74.0	71.6	2.1	0.04	2	-0.63	0.93	-2.35
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	90.4	63.1	76.8	75.0	1.8	0.10	1	-0.68	0.20	-2.91
Natchez	88.4	61.6	75.0	72.7	2.3	0.04	1	-0.69	0.62	-3.07
Oakley	89.0	57.8	73.4	72.8	0.2	0.14	2	-0.39	1.72	-1.13
Vicksburg City	87.3	64.0	75.6	72.8	2.8	0.18	1	-0.51	0.39	-2.89
Extreme/Average	88.8	61.6	75.2	73.3	1.8	0.12	2	-0.57	0.73	-2.50
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	88.4	62.9	75.6	74.4	1.3	1.00	2	0.24	1.91	-1.56
Monticello	92.6	64.6	78.6	73.8	4.4	0.13	2	-0.40	0.72	-1.91
Extreme/Average	90.5	63.8	77.1	74.1	2.9	0.56	2	-0.08	1.31	-1.73
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	87.3	64.3	75.8	74.4	1.4	0.42	2	-0.52	2.00	-2.25
Laurel	86.6	61.1	73.9	72.9	1.0	0.24	2	-0.51	2.26	-1.11
Waynesboro	86.8	61.8	74.3	72.9	1.3	0.73	2	0.03	1.33	-2.48
Extreme/Average	86.9	62.4	74.7	73.4	1.2	0.46	2	-0.33	1.86	-1.95
Coastal										
Biloxi	84.4	68.7	76.6	76.8	-0.2	1.02	1	-0.21	2.86	-2.38
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	84.4	68.7	76.6	76.8	-0.2	1.02	1	-0.21	2.86	-2.38
State	87.0	61.3	74.2	72.2	1.9	0.25	1	-0.55	0.99	-2.41

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.