



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, October 11, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 46 percent very short, 35 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 44 percent very short, 38 percent short, 17 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 54.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 64.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 77.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Fulton to 85.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Rolling Fork. Most of the state received some rain with the northeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 1.38 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 11, 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	99	98	98	99
Cotton, open bolls	98	94	92	96
Cotton, harvested	51	27	36	53
Peanuts, dugged	79	65	62	54
Peanuts, harvested	51	45	45	45
Rice, mature	99	98	97	98
Rice, harvested	91	87	86	89
Sorghum, mature	100	99	97	99
Sorghum, harvested	96	92	84	91
Soybeans, turning color	98	94	97	98
Soybeans, dropping leaves	92	88	91	92
Soybeans, mature	87	83	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	79	69	73	77
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	49	37	49	65
Winter Wheat, planted	21	16	10	15
Winter Wheat, emerged	9	1	2	8

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 11, 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	9	34	43	13
Livestock	1	6	29	52	12
Pasture	12	25	35	23	5
Peanuts	0	5	21	63	11
Soybeans	4	9	23	41	23
Sweet Potatoes	0	3	34	55	8

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Cotton and peanut harvest is in full swing. Yields are good. We only have some late planted soybeans to harvest. We are getting lots of ground ready for next year.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“The recent rain has settled the dust. Pastures are still dry and the last cuttings of hay have produced brittle, long stem hay. There are still fields of cotton ready for defoliation and needed rain has helped open up the remaining bolls.”

- Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“The peanuts, cotton and soybeans are coming out of the field now and the yields are looking good. We had a little rain this past Friday which delayed some harvest, but the farmers are back on it now. With a good week ahead of us the farmers should get most of the crops out of the fields this week. Livestock are still looking good and the pastures with the moisture are getting some fall/winter ryegrass emerging.”

- James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

“Very dry weather and pasture conditions are severely hindering animal performance. Extreme shortage of soil moisture continues to delay seeding of cool season forages. Beef and dairy producers are being forced to feed hay earlier than normal to offset lack of suitable quantities of warm season forages and late planting of cool season forages.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Very dry conditions persist. Need a good general, slow rain for two or three days. Generally the peanut crop looks good. Some fields or varieties yielding less than expected. Winter grazing off to a slow start due to dry conditions.”

-Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 11, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	79.8	55.6	67.7	66.0	1.6	0.00	0	-0.63	0.21	-2.18
Cleveland	83.7	58.1	70.9	67.4	3.5	0.05	1	-0.78	0.14	-3.31
Lambert	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tunica	82.0	56.7	69.4	66.1	3.2	0.05	1	-0.78	0.31	-2.50
Extreme/Average	81.8	56.8	69.3	66.5	2.8	0.03	1	-0.73	0.22	-2.66
North-Central										
Ashland	78.4	55.0	66.7	NA	NA	0.02	1	-1.02	0.49	-3.45
Hickory Flat	79.3	54.0	66.6	63.2	3.4	0.21	1	-0.69	0.57	-3.21
Independence	78.1	54.7	66.4	63.3	3.1	0.05	1	-0.86	0.27	-3.21
University	80.7	55.7	68.2	64.3	3.9	0.07	2	-0.94	0.15	-3.29
Extreme/Average	79.1	54.8	67.0	63.6	3.5	0.09	2	-0.88	0.37	-3.29
Northeast										
Booneville	79.7	55.9	67.8	63.0	4.8	0.10	1	-0.81	1.02	-2.67
Corinth	79.3	55.4	67.4	62.8	4.6	0.45	1	-0.41	1.08	-2.76
Fulton	77.6	56.0	66.8	63.9	2.9	1.43	2	0.52	1.63	-2.10
Pontotoc	78.1	57.0	67.6	64.1	3.4	3.85	1	2.94	4.69	1.12
Tupelo	80.0	58.1	69.1	65.2	3.9	1.07	1	-0.02	3.35	-0.56
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	78.9	56.5	67.7	63.8	3.9	1.38	2	0.44	2.35	-1.39
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	82.8	55.8	69.3	68.2	1.1	0.55	1	-0.31	0.61	-1.79
Moorhead	83.3	59.4	71.4	68.2	3.2	0.77	1	-0.10	0.94	-2.72
Rolling Fork	85.1	61.1	73.1	67.8	5.3	0.55	1	-0.49	1.65	-1.41
Yazoo City	84.1	59.7	71.9	67.7	4.2	0.61	2	-0.39	0.61	-2.32
Extreme/Average	83.8	59.0	71.4	68.0	3.5	0.62	2	-0.32	0.95	-2.06
Central										
Canton	82.7	57.0	69.9	66.4	3.4	0.01	1	-0.87	0.03	-3.29
Kosciusko	81.8	59.4	70.6	64.7	5.5	0.12	1	-0.61	1.50	-1.98
Winona	81.3	54.4	67.9	64.0	3.9	0.28	3	-0.62	0.46	-2.86
Extreme/Average	81.9	56.9	69.4	65.1	4.3	0.14	3	-0.70	0.66	-2.71
East-Central										
Aberdeen	79.5	56.8	68.1	65.9	2.6	0.10	1	-0.74	0.31	-2.62
Columbus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	82.4	60.2	71.3	67.3	3.7	0.00	0	-0.64	0.56	-2.28
State University	81.4	59.3	70.4	65.2	5.1	0.41	3	-0.52	0.63	-2.80
Extreme/Average	81.1	58.8	69.9	66.1	3.8	0.17	3	-0.63	0.50	-2.57
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Natchez	80.1	57.0	68.6	68.0	0.5	0.00	0	-0.93	0.04	-3.44
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	81.3	58.9	70.1	68.0	2.1	0.04	1	-1.05	0.86	-2.50
Extreme/Average	80.7	58.0	69.3	68.0	1.3	0.02	1	-0.99	0.45	-2.97
South-Central										
Collins	81.0	60.4	70.7	67.4	3.3	0.00	0	-0.76	0.30	-2.92
Columbia	83.3	59.1	71.2	69.5	1.7	0.00	0	-0.78	1.21	-1.94
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	82.2	59.8	71.0	68.4	2.5	0.00	0	-0.77	0.76	-2.43
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	82.7	61.8	72.3	69.4	2.8	0.00	0	-0.70	1.82	-1.76
Laurel	80.7	58.1	69.4	67.9	1.6	0.00	0	-0.76	1.30	-1.68
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	81.7	60.0	70.8	68.6	2.2	0.00	0	-0.73	1.56	-1.72
Coastal										
Biloxi	80.7	64.4	72.6	72.5	0.1	0.00	0	-0.97	1.13	-3.47
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.7	64.4	72.6	72.5	0.1	0.00	0	-0.97	1.13	-3.47
State	81.2	58.4	69.8	67.0	2.8	0.21	1	-0.66	0.87	-2.53

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.