



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending October 18, 2015**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 18, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 52 percent very short, 31 percent short, 17 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 47 percent very short, 37 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 41.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Hickory Flat to 59.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 77.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 89.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Oakley. The U. S. Drought monitor, released October 15, showed 82.9 percent of the state in abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions. Most of the state received very light rain with the southeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 0.07 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending October 18, 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	100	99	99	99
Cotton, open bolls	99	98	96	98
Cotton, harvested	69	51	48	66
Peanuts, dug	93	79	72	66
Peanuts, harvested	80	51	58	56
Rice, mature	100	99	99	99
Rice, harvested	98	91	89	95
Sorghum, harvested	98	96	87	94
Soybeans, turning color	99	98	99	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	95	92	95	97
Soybeans, mature	90	87	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	85	79	81	86
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	64	49	54	72
Winter Wheat, planted	25	21	17	21
Winter Wheat, emerged	15	9	6	12

**Crop condition for week ending October 18, 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	1	9	34	43	13
Livestock	1	8	31	50	10
Pasture	13	30	33	20	4
Sweet Potatoes	1	3	35	56	5

NA = Not Available.

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Harvest of all crops should be completed within the next few days. We are extremely dry. Most of the county has not received any appreciable rainfall in over 2 months.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“Harvest is complete with the exception of a few scattered acres of cotton and soybeans. I expect all crops to be completed this week. Conditions remain dry, but cooler. Producers continue to do fall tillage preparing for next spring. Harvest is complete.”

- Jon Carson, Sharkey County

“Like many parts of the state we are desperate for rain. Over two months of drought has hurt all aspects of the county. Many ranchers are trying to get extra hay cut in fear of no rain and poor stands of rye grass. The problem is all hay fields look horrible but for many it’s all they got.”

- David Carter, Adams County

“To say we need rain is an understatement and we look forward to the forecasted rainfall next weekend.”

-Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“Still very dry. Winter forages are late being planted and some will likely be replanted due to lack of rainfall.”

-Charles Franklin Bush, Simpson County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 18, 2015**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Upper Delta</b>										
Clarksdale	78.0	46.4	62.2	63.6	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.64	0.21	-2.54
Cleveland	84.1	50.7	67.4	64.9	2.5	0.00	0	-0.94	0.14	-3.35
Lambert	84.6	46.4	65.5	64.2	1.3	0.00	0	-0.79	M	-3.25
Tunica	82.5	48.8	65.7	63.8	1.9	0.00	0	-0.81	0.31	-2.73
Extreme/Average	82.3	48.1	65.2	64.1	1.1	0.00	0	-0.80	0.22	-2.97
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	78.9	43.3	61.1	NA	NA	0.01	1	-1.01	0.50	-3.59
Hickory Flat	79.6	41.1	60.4	60.8	-0.5	0.02	1	-0.93	0.59	-3.20
Independence	79.0	42.9	60.9	61.0	-0.1	0.02	1	-0.93	0.29	-3.35
University	81.1	44.7	62.9	62.1	0.9	0.03	1	-1.06	0.18	-3.55
Extreme/Average	79.7	43.0	61.3	61.3	0.1	0.02	1	-0.98	0.39	-3.42
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corinth	77.9	43.7	60.8	60.3	0.5	0.00	0	-0.88	1.08	-2.65
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	82.0	50.8	66.4	61.9	4.2	0.05	1	-0.64	4.62	1.21
Tupelo	79.4	51.6	65.5	63.1	2.4	0.00	0	-0.96	3.35	-0.72
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	79.8	48.7	64.2	61.8	2.4	0.02	1	-0.83	3.02	-0.72
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	84.0	52.6	68.3	65.9	2.6	0.00	0	-0.76	0.58	-2.34
Moorhead	83.6	53.4	68.5	65.9	2.6	0.01	1	-0.85	0.95	-2.67
Rolling Fork	86.6	52.7	69.6	65.5	4.1	0.00	0	-1.11	0.70	-3.10
Yazoo City	83.5	50.2	66.8	65.3	1.5	0.00	0	-0.96	0.61	-2.66
Extreme/Average	84.4	52.2	68.3	65.7	2.7	0.00	1	-0.92	0.71	-2.69
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	86.0	45.0	65.5	64.0	1.5	0.00	0	-0.92	0.03	-3.43
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	82.7	42.1	62.4	61.6	0.8	0.00	0	-0.94	0.46	-3.03
Extreme/Average	84.3	43.5	64.0	62.8	1.1	0.00	0	-0.93	0.24	-3.23
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	82.0	43.0	62.5	63.4	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.74	0.10	-3.21
Columbus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State University	82.3	48.4	65.4	62.9	2.4	0.03	1	-0.89	0.66	-2.93
Extreme/Average	82.2	45.7	63.9	63.2	0.8	0.01	1	-0.81	0.38	-3.07
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	86.9	52.0	69.4	67.3	2.1	0.00	0	-0.83	0.16	-3.28
Natchez	83.3	48.3	65.8	65.9	-0.2	0.00	0	-1.10	0.04	-3.58
Oakley	89.2	46.4	67.8	65.6	1.9	0.00	0	-0.69	1.65	-1.45
Vicksburg City	82.7	52.0	67.4	65.9	1.4	0.00	0	-1.16	0.86	-2.98
Extreme/Average	85.5	49.7	67.6	66.2	1.3	0.00	0	-0.95	0.68	-2.82
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	86.4	49.4	67.9	67.2	0.8	0.00	0	-0.76	0.38	-2.59
Monticello	87.8	48.2	68.0	66.2	2.3	0.12	1	-0.66	0.72	-0.83
Extreme/Average	87.1	48.8	68.0	66.7	1.5	0.06	1	-0.71	0.55	-1.71
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	86.6	52.7	69.6	67.1	2.5	0.10	1	-0.67	1.92	-1.53
Laurel	84.9	47.4	66.1	65.5	0.6	0.01	1	-0.77	1.31	-1.74
Waynesboro	85.8	46.3	66.1	65.3	0.6	0.09	1	-0.43	0.82	-1.95
Extreme/Average	85.8	48.8	67.3	66.0	1.3	0.07	1	-0.62	1.35	-1.74
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	79.6	59.4	69.5	70.3	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.80	1.13	-2.96
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	79.6	59.4	69.5	70.3	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.80	1.13	-2.96
<b>State</b>	83.4	48.4	65.9	64.7	1.1	0.02	0	-0.84	0.82	-2.57

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.