



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 18, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 12 percent very short, 35 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 8 percent very short, 34 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 64.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 74.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 86.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi to 96.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Most of the state received some rain with the coastal part of the state receiving the most at an average of 2.74 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 18, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	96	99	100
Corn, harvested	91	79	92	90
Cotton, open bolls	83	65	82	76
Cotton, harvested	4	1	5	6
Peanuts, dug	16	13	36	24
Peanuts, harvested	10	9	25	16
Rice, mature	93	87	91	86
Rice, harvested	63	42	55	53
Sorghum, mature	94	83	95	89
Sorghum, harvested	68	50	69	59
Soybeans, setting pods	100	98	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	81	69	85	82
Soybeans, dropping leaves	66	46	71	63
Soybeans, mature	58	36	61	NA
Soybeans, harvested	34	20	43	35
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	17	12	18	28

Crop condition for week ending September 18, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	2	13	59	26
Cotton	1	7	32	43	17
Livestock	0	3	23	59	15
Pasture	2	9	34	48	7
Peanuts	0	3	23	61	13
Rice	0	2	20	50	28
Soybeans	1	7	22	44	26
Sweet Potatoes	0	9	37	48	6

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Frequent and at times heavy rainfall over the past week. High levels of moisture have led to plant stress and increasing fungal disease. Tropical sod worm and fall armyworms have been observed in many pastures.”

- Christian Stephenson, Hancock County

“Spotty showers occurred over the county this past week. Some cotton is ready to defoliate. Peanuts are being dug. Ground being prepared for ryegrass. We will have more hay rolled this week.”

- Lee Taylor, Forrest County

“Frequent afternoon thundershowers continue to pop up in scattered locations throughout the county. Above normal temperatures and wet conditions have generated significant disease pressure in home lawns and gardens.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Growers continue to make good progress with harvest and fall tillage operations. Cotton picking is just starting.”

- Don Respass, Lowndes County

“Defoliation really got rolling this week. The first little bit of defoliated cotton was picked this week. Beef people are holding up on planting cool season grasses due to armyworms.”

- Stephen "Steve" R. Winters, Grenada County

“Corn harvest is just about complete. Soybean harvest is progressing and cotton harvest is in the early stages of harvest, but should get in full swing this week if the weather holds up.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 18, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	93.0	68.0	80.5	74.6	6.0	0.00	0	-0.47	0.90	-0.57
Cleveland	94.3	72.1	83.2	76.3	7.0	0.00	0	-0.99	2.36	-1.14
Lambert	94.4	69.4	81.9	75.1	6.8	0.00	0	-0.72	1.66	-1.09
Tunica	91.4	68.0	79.7	74.9	4.8	0.10	2	-0.40	1.19	-0.80
Extreme/Average	93.3	69.4	81.3	75.2	6.1	0.03	2	-0.64	1.53	-0.90
North-Central										
Ashland	91.0	64.6	77.8	NA	NA	0.12	2	-0.75	0.34	-2.54
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	89.3	66.1	77.7	72.4	5.3	0.10	1	-0.72	0.62	-2.18
University	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	90.2	65.3	77.8	72.4	5.3	0.11	2	-0.73	0.48	-2.36
Northeast										
Booneville	90.6	64.9	77.7	71.9	5.8	0.30	1	-0.63	1.20	-2.18
Corinth	90.2	65.2	77.7	71.7	6.1	1.71	1	0.82	2.23	-1.09
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	91.0	69.6	80.3	74.0	6.3	0.00	0	-0.59	1.35	-1.42
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	90.6	66.6	78.6	72.5	6.1	0.67	1	-0.13	1.59	-1.56
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	89.9	70.4	80.1	76.4	3.7	0.00	0	-0.72	0.15	-2.53
Moorhead	93.6	71.4	82.5	76.1	6.4	0.05	1	-0.74	1.31	-1.58
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	95.9	74.3	85.1	75.8	9.2	0.00	0	-0.66	0.81	-1.98
Extreme/Average	93.1	72.0	82.6	76.1	6.4	0.02	1	-0.71	0.76	-2.03
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	91.0	69.0	80.0	73.6	6.0	0.04	1	-0.62	0.63	-2.59
Winona	92.7	65.3	79.0	72.8	6.2	0.04	1	-0.89	1.27	-2.22
Extreme/Average	91.8	67.2	79.5	73.2	6.1	0.04	1	-0.76	0.95	-2.41
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	96.4	71.0	83.7	75.3	8.1	0.48	2	-0.12	0.73	-1.84
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State University	93.4	69.7	81.6	74.2	7.4	1.87	2	1.09	1.87	-1.38
Extreme/Average	94.9	70.3	82.6	74.7	7.8	1.18	2	0.49	1.30	-1.61
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Natchez	86.8	70.3	78.6	75.7	3.0	1.33	3	0.45	5.20	1.59
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	90.3	72.1	81.2	76.1	5.1	0.00	0	-0.89	2.02	-1.56
Extreme/Average	88.5	71.2	79.9	75.9	4.1	0.67	3	-0.22	3.61	0.02
South-Central										
Collins	90.2	69.2	79.7	75.5	4.1	1.44	4	0.78	1.55	-1.75
Columbia	91.3	71.7	81.5	77.3	4.2	2.03	3	1.13	2.59	-1.42
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	90.8	70.5	80.6	76.4	4.1	1.73	4	0.95	2.07	-1.58
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	89.6	70.9	80.2	77.3	2.9	2.96	5	1.90	5.79	1.34
Laurel	90.3	67.7	79.0	75.9	3.0	1.53	4	0.77	2.40	-1.31
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	89.9	69.3	79.6	76.6	3.0	2.25	5	1.33	4.09	0.02
Coastal										
Biloxi	86.7	74.4	80.6	79.1	1.4	4.43	4	3.09	5.73	0.47
Poplarville	87.6	71.0	79.3	76.7	2.6	1.05	2	0.39	3.03	-0.66
Extreme/Average	87.2	72.7	79.9	77.9	2.0	2.74	4	1.74	4.38	-0.10
State	91.0	69.4	80.2	75.1	5.1	0.95	2	0.13	2.13	-1.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.