



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 25, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 17 percent very short, 42 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 44 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 62.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 88.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 97.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. The state received very little rain with the lower delta part of the state receiving the most with an average of 0.73 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 25, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	97	91	95	95
Cotton, open bolls	90	83	90	84
Cotton, harvested	15	4	13	11
Peanuts, dug	26	16	48	34
Peanuts, harvested	14	10	30	22
Rice, mature	96	93	95	92
Rice, harvested	72	63	71	66
Sorghum, mature	100	94	97	94
Sorghum, harvested	85	68	81	71
Soybeans, turning color	89	81	91	90
Soybeans, dropping leaves	78	66	79	73
Soybeans, mature	70	58	71	NA
Soybeans, harvested	45	34	55	45
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	28	17	26	38

Crop condition for week ending September 25, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	2	12	60	26
Cotton	1	7	30	45	17
Livestock	0	5	23	58	14
Pasture	3	10	36	45	6
Peanuts	0	3	23	61	13
Soybeans	1	7	20	45	27
Sweet Potatoes	0	8	38	48	6

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Hot and dry for another week. Harvest is moving along quickly with mixed yields depending on rain events through the summer. Moisture is needed to finish beans and cotton. Insect pressure growing as pests are moving to unharvested acres.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Corn harvest has finished with soybean, cotton and peanut harvest ramping up. Pastures are looking very bad due to the heat and the dry weather we have had over the past several weeks.”

- Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Drier weather has allowed producers to finish putting up their summer hay crop and to begin soybean harvest. Cattle producers are making preparations for winter grazing.”

- Charles “Richard” Hay, Walthall County

“Some producers have applied harvest aid to soybeans in preparation for harvest. Armyworms are still a threat to pastures and hayfields. Some producers are currently spraying for the sixth time.”

- Allan “Keith” Whitehead, Franklin County

“Much of the county needs a nice, slow rain to replenish soil moisture to improve conditions for planting cool season forages. Many livestock producers are busy getting in this season's final cutting of summer grass hay and making preparations to plant ryegrass and small grains for grazing.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Moisture is badly needed, most areas have not seen any significant rainfall in a month or more.”

- Ruby Rankin, Kemper County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 25, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cleveland	94.1	68.1	81.1	73.6	7.5	0.07	1	-0.76	1.18	-2.45
Lambert	94.7	65.7	80.2	72.5	7.7	0.04	1	-0.65	0.12	-2.59
Tunica	90.5	66.8	78.7	72.2	6.3	0.10	1	-0.42	0.30	-1.70
Extreme/Average	93.1	66.9	80.0	72.8	7.2	0.07	1	-0.61	0.53	-2.25
North-Central										
Ashland	90.4	63.3	76.9	NA	NA	0.29	1	-0.66	0.43	-2.79
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	88.0	63.7	75.9	69.6	6.3	0.56	1	-0.22	0.75	-2.20
University	92.2	64.2	78.2	70.7	7.0	0.02	1	-0.57	0.29	-2.46
Extreme/Average	90.2	63.7	77.0	70.2	6.7	0.29	1	-0.48	0.49	-2.48
Northeast										
Booneville	91.3	64.4	77.9	69.2	8.7	0.30	1	-0.59	0.83	-2.61
Corinth	90.7	64.7	77.7	69.0	8.7	0.34	1	-0.66	2.22	-1.38
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	89.2	66.4	77.8	71.1	6.3	0.00	0	-0.61	0.03	-2.80
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	90.4	65.2	77.8	69.8	7.9	0.21	1	-0.62	1.03	-2.26
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	91.2	66.0	78.6	73.9	4.3	0.65	1	0.17	0.65	-2.00
Moorhead	93.7	68.0	80.9	73.7	7.1	0.54	1	-0.38	0.91	-2.47
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	95.7	69.5	82.6	73.4	9.1	1.00	1	0.44	1.06	-1.65
Extreme/Average	93.5	67.8	80.7	73.7	6.9	0.73	1	0.08	0.87	-2.04
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	94.3	62.3	78.3	70.2	8.1	0.03	1	-0.84	1.02	-2.61
Extreme/Average	94.3	62.3	78.3	70.2	8.1	0.03	1	-0.84	1.02	-2.61
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	97.4	68.2	82.8	72.8	9.7	0.00	0	-0.60	0.48	-2.04
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State University	93.6	67.0	80.3	71.4	8.9	0.88	1	0.09	2.75	-0.41
Extreme/Average	95.5	67.6	81.5	72.1	9.3	0.44	1	-0.26	1.61	-1.23
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Natchez	88.6	66.7	77.6	73.4	4.2	0.03	1	-0.69	3.93	0.65
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	91.3	69.4	80.4	73.6	6.8	0.12	1	-0.49	0.68	-2.58
Extreme/Average	89.9	68.1	79.0	73.5	5.5	0.07	1	-0.59	2.31	-0.97
South-Central										
Collins	93.3	66.7	80.0	73.2	6.8	0.00	0	-0.65	1.49	-1.85
Columbia	91.9	69.4	80.6	75.1	5.6	0.00	0	-0.76	2.18	-1.51
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	92.6	68.1	80.3	74.1	6.2	0.00	0	-0.71	1.83	-1.68
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	91.4	69.9	80.6	75.1	5.6	0.00	0	-0.95	4.17	0.02
Laurel	91.8	68.0	79.9	73.6	6.3	0.00	0	-0.75	1.80	-1.63
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	91.6	69.0	80.3	74.3	5.9	0.00	0	-0.85	2.98	-0.80
Coastal										
Biloxi	91.3	74.1	82.7	77.3	5.4	0.00	0	-1.24	5.25	0.02
Poplarville	89.6	70.6	80.1	74.5	5.2	0.08	1	-0.50	5.04	1.60
Extreme/Average	90.3	71.9	81.1	76.2	4.8	0.30	2	-0.71	4.39	0.01
State	92.2	66.9	79.5	72.6	6.9	0.20	0	-0.57	1.74	-1.61

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.