



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, October 9, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 43 percent very short, 35 percent short, 21 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 30 percent very short, 42 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 66.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 82.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Tupelo to 90.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. Hot and dry conditions were prevalent throughout the state, with no rain recorded for the state during the week.

Crop progress for week ending October 9, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	100	99	99	98
Cotton, open bolls	99	95	97	94
Cotton, harvested	56	32	44	40
Peanuts, dug	67	52	75	54
Peanuts, harvested	41	28	49	39
Rice, harvested	90	82	90	86
Sorghum, harvested	97	91	95	88
Soybeans, turning color	99	95	97	97
Soybeans, dropping leaves	93	90	91	89
Soybeans, mature	91	84	86	NA
Soybeans, harvested	81	67	76	72
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	48	39	46	55
Winter Wheat, planted	7	2	20	16

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 9, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	2	10	62	26
Cotton	0	5	32	44	19
Livestock	1	6	28	52	13
Pasture	9	16	34	36	5
Peanuts	0	3	24	60	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	9	37	48	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Cotton pickers are running as hard as they can. The yields are really surprising everyone. Cattlemen need rain bad. I tried to stick a sharpened steel rod in my yard yesterday and it made a metallic ringing sound when the tip hit the ground. I could not even get it to stick in the ground over one half inch.”

- Stephen “Steve” R. Winters, Grenada County

“Harvesting continues to be in full swing as conditions continue to be extremely dry. Lack of rainfall continues to delay planting of cool season forages. Temperatures continue to remain well above normal.”

- Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Conditions remain dry and favorable for harvest. County wide, we still have a few late soybean and rice acres yet to be harvested. Cotton harvest is at about 50% harvested with much of the remaining acres being planted late. Producers are taking advantage of dry conditions preparing beds for the 2017 crop. Yield reports are mixed, but overall it sounds like a respectable year.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Beautiful conditions for crop harvest. Growers correcting fertility issues in the fields and crop tillage is full speed ahead. Pastures are suffering and winter forage crops are sitting in the bags hoping for better planting conditions soon.”

- Dr. Dennis Reginelli, Noxubee County

“Great weather for harvesting soybeans, however for other operations all areas needing rainfall. Summer pastures suffering and winter forage plantings are being delayed due to very dry soil conditions.”

- Allan "Keith" Whitehead, Franklin County

“Cotton and peanut harvest are in full swing. Yields for both crops should be very good. Some late hay being rolled, quality will be low. We are in a moderate drought. Need a good rain.”

- Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 9, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	87.6	56.8	72.2	66.7	5.5	0.00	0	-0.63	0.60	-1.37
Cleveland	88.6	59.3	73.9	68.2	5.8	0.00	0	-0.81	0.08	-3.44
Lambert	87.8	54.8	71.3	67.2	4.2	0.00	0	-0.75	0.04	-2.93
Tunica	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	88.0	57.0	72.5	67.4	5.2	0.00	0	-0.73	0.24	-2.58
North-Central										
Ashland	85.7	53.8	69.8	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.90	0.41	-3.35
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	83.9	54.4	69.1	64.0	5.1	0.00	0	-0.92	0.98	-2.48
University	87.4	54.7	71.1	65.1	6.0	0.00	0	-1.00	0.28	-3.15
Extreme/Average	85.7	54.3	70.0	64.6	5.6	0.00	0	-0.94	0.56	-2.99
Northeast										
Booneville	85.6	54.3	69.9	63.7	6.2	0.00	0	-0.93	0.60	-3.11
Corinth	84.3	52.9	68.6	63.5	5.1	0.00	0	-0.75	2.05	-1.44
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	82.9	57.0	69.9	65.8	4.1	0.00	0	-1.11	0.25	-3.60
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	84.3	54.7	69.5	64.4	5.1	0.00	0	-0.93	0.97	-2.72
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	83.0	56.3	69.6	68.8	0.8	0.00	0	-1.02	0.65	-2.43
Moorhead	87.9	59.0	73.4	68.9	4.6	0.00	0	-0.88	0.59	-3.08
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	90.4	61.1	75.8	68.4	7.4	0.00	0	-0.98	1.05	-1.94
Extreme/Average	87.1	58.8	73.0	68.7	4.3	0.00	0	-0.96	0.76	-2.48
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	88.7	52.3	70.5	64.7	5.8	0.00	0	-0.89	0.07	-3.26
Extreme/Average	88.7	52.3	70.5	64.7	5.8	0.00	0	-0.89	0.07	-3.26
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	90.2	59.8	75.0	67.4	7.3	0.00	0	-0.63	0.48	-2.37
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	87.9	56.6	72.2	68.0	4.2	0.00	0	-0.89	0.32	-2.75
State University	87.3	56.6	71.9	65.9	6.0	0.00	0	-0.94	2.75	-0.64
Extreme/Average	88.5	57.7	73.0	67.1	5.8	0.00	0	-0.82	1.18	-1.92
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	87.6	58.6	73.1	70.6	2.2	0.00	0	-0.66	0.54	-1.72
Natchez	84.6	56.4	70.5	68.7	1.8	0.00	0	-0.91	1.36	-2.02
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	86.7	58.6	72.6	68.6	4.0	0.00	0	-1.08	0.12	-3.30
Extreme/Average	86.3	57.9	72.1	69.3	2.7	0.00	0	-0.88	0.67	-2.35
South-Central										
Collins	88.8	59.8	74.3	68.1	6.3	0.00	0	-0.56	1.66	-0.81
Columbia	87.0	58.6	72.8	70.2	2.6	0.00	0	-0.78	4.10	0.89
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	87.9	59.2	73.5	69.1	4.5	0.00	0	-0.67	2.88	0.04
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	85.2	61.0	73.1	70.1	2.7	0.00	0	-0.62	3.72	0.41
Laurel	86.9	57.0	71.9	68.6	3.4	0.00	0	-0.78	1.67	-1.37
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	86.1	59.0	72.5	69.3	3.0	0.00	0	-0.70	2.70	-0.48
Coastal										
Biloxi	84.1	66.1	75.1	73.1	2.0	0.00	0	-1.00	4.59	-0.14
Poplarville	85.3	60.7	73.0	69.9	3.1	0.00	0	-0.85	4.29	1.05
Extreme/Average	84.7	62.7	73.7	71.9	1.8	0.00	0	-0.89	5.50	1.38
State	86.8	57.2	72.0	67.6	4.4	0.00	0	-0.84	1.47	-1.80

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.