



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 16, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 42 percent very short, 34 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 30 percent very short, 39 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Belzoni to 63.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 77.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 87.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. The northern half of Mississippi received rain with the north central part of the state receiving the most at an average of 1.93 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 16, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	99	97
Cotton, harvested	69	56	64	57
Peanuts, dug	76	67	89	64
Peanuts, harvested	55	41	72	52
Rice, harvested	94	90	96	93
Sorghum, harvested	99	97	97	93
Soybeans, turning color	100	99	99	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	95	93	94	95
Soybeans, mature	94	91	89	NA
Soybeans, harvested	87	81	83	82
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	61	48	60	65
Winter Wheat, planted	10	7	24	20
Winter Wheat, emerged	2	0	13	12

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 16, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	2	10	62	26
Cotton	0	5	32	44	19
Livestock	1	6	28	52	13
Pasture	12	17	36	32	3
Peanuts	0	4	26	57	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	9	37	48	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Cotton harvest is just about all that is left in the field. Many have had a chance to get the jump on field preparation for next year.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Rain all day on Friday was a welcome sight for the county most people reported 2.5 inches. A lot of people planted food plots and winter forages just ahead of the expected rains.”

- Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“Received 1-2" rain Friday which will help finish soybeans. Some growers seeing small soybeans that didn't fill out. More rain needed before planting wheat and winter grazing. Cotton harvest moving quickly with good yields.”

- Bill Burdine, Union County

“Extremely dry conditions. We are wrapping up harvest with only a few acres of cotton and soybeans remaining in the field.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Fall Gardens are on the way. Mustard, Collards, Cabbages, and other fall crops are in the ground. Crops are looking pretty good.”

- Rilondricks Beeman, Jefferson County

“Summer pasture grasses are parched and planting of cool season forage crops is terribly behind schedule because of extremely dry soil conditions. Livestock performance is severely hindered because of low quality, drought-stressed pastures. Beef and dairy farmers are being forced to feed hay earlier than usual to compensate for lack of pasture grass. Dry weather conditions have been great for corn and soybean harvests, but are devastating to livestock producers. We need rainfall soon so farmers can get cool season pastures established to avoid further livestock production losses and depletion of hay supplies.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 16, 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	84.2	56.0	70.1	65.6	4.3	0.57	2	-0.19	0.65	-2.64
Lambert	81.6	56.1	68.9	64.8	4.0	1.22	1	0.33	1.26	-1.88
Tunica	80.0	55.4	67.7	64.4	2.9	0.88	2	0.23	1.12	-1.45
Extreme/Average	81.9	55.8	68.9	65.0	3.7	0.89	2	0.12	1.01	-1.99
North-Central										
Ashland	77.6	54.9	66.2	NA	NA	1.94	2	0.92	2.23	-1.68
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	77.6	56.0	66.8	61.7	5.1	2.32	2	1.39	3.20	-0.37
University	80.9	57.3	69.1	62.7	6.4	1.54	2	0.46	1.56	-2.37
Extreme/Average	78.7	56.1	67.4	62.2	5.8	1.93	2	0.92	2.33	-1.47
Northeast										
Booneville	81.7	51.0	66.4	61.3	5.0	0.83	1	-0.05	1.13	-2.53
Corinth	77.4	52.9	65.1	61.0	4.2	2.00	1	1.14	2.34	-1.12
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	80.3	55.9	68.1	63.7	4.4	0.39	1	-0.60	0.61	-3.42
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	79.8	53.3	66.5	62.0	4.5	1.07	1	0.16	1.36	-2.36
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	81.6	48.9	65.2	66.5	-1.3	0.00	0	-1.02	0.65	-2.73
Moorhead	81.5	59.2	70.3	66.5	3.7	0.17	1	-0.57	0.71	-2.78
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	87.0	59.0	73.0	66.0	7.0	0.00	0	-1.08	1.05	-2.36
Extreme/Average	83.4	55.7	69.5	66.3	3.1	0.06	1	-0.89	0.80	-2.62
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	83.3	49.0	66.2	62.3	3.7	0.00	0	-0.80	0.03	-3.17
Extreme/Average	83.3	49.0	66.2	62.3	3.7	0.00	0	-0.80	0.03	-3.17
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	84.9	53.4	69.1	65.5	3.7	0.00	0	-0.89	0.32	-2.92
State University	84.4	53.3	68.9	63.6	5.3	0.00	0	-0.92	0.88	-2.65
Extreme/Average	84.7	53.3	69.0	64.5	4.5	0.00	0	-0.91	0.60	-2.79
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Natchez	83.1	54.9	69.0	66.5	2.5	0.00	0	-1.04	0.03	-3.51
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	83.7	57.1	70.4	66.5	3.9	0.00	0	-1.12	0.12	-3.53
Extreme/Average	83.4	56.0	69.7	66.5	3.2	0.00	0	-1.08	0.07	-3.52
South-Central										
Collins	86.2	53.2	69.7	65.7	4.0	0.00	0	-0.73	0.22	-2.32
Columbia	85.4	54.7	70.1	67.8	2.3	0.00	0	-0.84	2.07	-1.08
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	85.8	54.0	69.9	66.8	3.1	0.00	0	-0.78	1.15	-1.70
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	84.6	56.7	70.6	67.7	2.9	0.00	0	-0.77	0.76	-2.26
Laurel	84.1	51.6	67.9	66.2	1.7	0.00	0	-0.77	0.14	-2.91
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	84.3	54.2	69.3	67.0	2.3	0.00	0	-0.77	0.45	-2.58
Coastal										
Biloxi	80.6	63.9	72.2	70.9	1.3	0.00	0	-0.84	0.16	-4.07
Poplarville	82.6	58.6	70.6	67.8	2.7	0.00	0	-0.87	0.21	-2.99
Saucier	83.2	57.5	70.3	70.5	-0.2	0.00	0	-0.72	2.75	-1.17
Extreme/Average	82.1	60.0	71.0	69.8	1.3	0.00	0	-0.81	1.04	-2.74
State	82.9	54.4	68.7	65.2	3.5	0.34	0	-0.55	0.80	-2.57

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.