



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 12, 2017**. Low temperatures ranged from 37.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 57.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 61.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 78.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crystal Springs. Most of the state received some rain with the lower delta part of the state receiving the most at an average of 2.59.

Crop progress for week ending March 12, 2017

Crop	This week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	2	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending March 12, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	7	39	47	6
Pasture	6	19	32	38	5
Winter Wheat	3	8	30	51	8

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Some burn down and fertilize/lime went out early in the week. Heavy rain on Tuesday shut everything down. Cattle being feed hay. Ryegrass that was drilled looks good.”

- Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

“Consistent above normal temperatures have winter wheat and cool season forages progressing nicely. The mild winter has been easier than normal on livestock, and some producers expecting a slight surplus in their hay inventory.”

- Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Livestock in our county have been making it with an abundance of hay consumption. Recent rains have helped the inter annuals that survived the fall of 2016 drought, where extremely dry conditions caused nearly a 50% drop in winter annual acreages. Many spring grasses are appearing, but we continue to need rain.”

- Bert Gilmore, Neshoba County

“Rainfall amounts have increased over the past several weeks. Water holding structures are still relatively lower than normal for this time of year but are on the increase with the rainfall. Wheat is looking good to excellent in most areas.”

- Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Wet soils are delaying field preparations for early planting and causing pasture grass losses due to cattle bogging. Ryegrass pasture establishment was extremely late last fall and growing conditions thus far have been less than ideal. Farmers are hoping for warmer and drier weather conditions to allow for improved growth of cool season forages, harvest of high quality ryegrass hay and baleage. Planting of warm season crops and breaking of winter dormancy in perennial forages to foster optimal growth for grazing and hay.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Extremely muddy conditions right now due to rain earlier this week. Burn down is out on most fields throughout the county and prior to the rain a lot of seedbed preparation was accomplished.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 12, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	64.3	45.4	54.9	52.0	2.9	2.15	5	1.19	4.21	-0.06
Cleveland	64.3	43.7	54.0	51.7	2.3	1.27	5	0.19	3.59	-1.36
Lambert	61.4	41.2	51.3	51.5	-0.5	0.47	4	-0.31	2.49	-0.84
Tunica	68.4	43.0	55.7	50.4	5.4	1.26	5	0.45	3.07	-0.54
Extreme/Average	64.6	43.3	54.0	51.5	2.5	1.29	5	0.38	3.34	-0.70
North-Central										
Ashland	62.1	40.7	51.4	NA	NA	1.78	5	0.64	4.09	-0.88
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	49.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	64.7	41.0	52.9	49.5	3.3	1.51	5	0.43	4.28	-0.10
University	65.0	42.1	53.6	50.8	2.8	1.44	5	0.28	3.85	-1.00
Extreme/Average	63.9	41.3	52.6	49.9	3.0	1.58	5	0.45	4.07	-0.66
Northeast										
Booneville	62.7	38.6	50.6	49.0	1.6	1.79	4	0.67	3.37	-1.48
Corinth	61.0	37.2	49.1	49.0	0.0	1.37	3	0.59	3.57	-0.82
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	50.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	64.4	41.4	52.9	50.5	2.4	3.62	3	2.53	6.02	1.42
Verona	68.0	38.6	53.3	51.5	2.1	1.25	4	0.36	3.69	-1.26
Extreme/Average	64.0	39.0	51.5	50.0	1.5	2.01	4	1.04	4.16	-0.54
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	69.5	49.0	59.3	54	5.2	1.79	3	0.81	4.27	-0.27
Moorhead	65.0	48.1	56.6	53.2	3.4	2.49	6	1.39	4.39	-0.42
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	54.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	75.6	53.4	64.5	53.5	11.0	3.49	6	2.09	6.89	1.40
Extreme/Average	70.0	50.2	60.1	53.7	6.5	2.59	6	1.43	5.18	0.24
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	68.0	44.1	56.1	51.5	4.6	2.46	5	1.19	4.32	-0.93
Winona	64.1	38.6	51.4	50.9	0.5	2.69	4	1.48	5.72	0.74
Extreme/Average	66.0	41.4	53.7	51.2	2.5	2.58	5	1.34	5.02	-0.10
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	72.2	45.5	58.8	54.2	4.7	1.85	3	0.84	3.89	-0.06
Macon	68.4	44.9	56.6	53.2	3.4	3.16	5	2.07	5.80	0.80
Philadelphia	69.9	47.3	58.6	54.9	3.7	2.17	3	1.01	4.07	-1.23
State University	67.0	44.4	55.7	52.0	3.7	2.64	5	1.49	3.91	-1.53
Extreme/Average	69.4	45.5	57.4	53.6	3.9	2.46	5	1.35	4.42	-0.50
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	78.0	45.7	61.8	56.4	5.9	NA	NA	NA	3.02	-0.16
Natchez	71.7	51.0	61.3	56.6	4.8	0.91	4	-0.27	2.92	-2.26
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	70.5	47.5	59.0	55.4	3.6	1.28	3	0.18	3.87	-1.14
Extreme/Average	73.4	48.1	60.7	55.9	4.8	1.10	4	-0.05	2.76	-1.53
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	55.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	76.3	49.1	62.7	57.2	5.5	1.97	4	0.68	3.81	-1.51
Monticello	76.6	51.4	64.0	56.8	7.2	1.79	4	0.76	3.03	-1.35
Extreme/Average	76.4	50.2	63.4	56.4	6.4	1.88	4	0.72	3.42	-1.43
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	72.0	56.5	64.3	57.1	7.4	0.16	1	-0.94	2.39	-2.96
Laurel	73.8	49.0	61.4	55.8	5.6	2.35	4	1.31	4.47	-0.40
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	53.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.63	-1.49
Extreme/Average	72.9	52.8	62.8	55.4	6.5	1.26	4	0.19	2.83	-1.62
Coastal										
Biloxi	70.6	57.6	64.1	59.0	5.1	1.46	3	0.14	2.82	-2.19
Poplarville	74.6	53.7	64.1	57.4	6.7	1.89	3	0.60	6.49	0.80
Saucier	74.7	54.9	64.8	60.3	4.5	1.42	4	0.01	3.10	-2.45
Extreme/Average	73.3	55.4	64.3	58.9	5.4	1.59	4	0.25	4.14	-1.28
State	69.7	46.8	58.2	53.7	4.4	1.83	4	0.70	3.91	-0.84

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.