



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending March 19, 2017**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 19, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 28.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 47.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. High temperatures ranged from 44.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Verona to 66.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Crystal Springs. Most of the state received some rain with the northeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 0.61 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending March 19, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	4	2	NA	6
Winter Wheat, headed	1	0	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

**Crop condition for week ending March 19, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	1	9	87	3
Livestock	1	4	32	56	7
Pasture	4	10	33	47	6
Winter Wheat	2	5	24	60	9

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Field operations picked up this week. Burndown and fertilizer applications led the way. Planters are being calibrated. With the 7-day weather forecast, corn planting should move quickly.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Last weeks below normal temps with lows in the mid 20's during 2 nights proved that winter was still not over!! Most areas continue to be too wet for any appreciable fieldwork. Some fertilizer applications being applied to cool season forages.”

- Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Looks like producers will get the opportunity to plant intended corn acres this week. Forecast is warm and dry through Friday.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Corn planting got underway this week on high ground that was dry enough. Low areas remain too wet for fieldwork. Livestock producers are carefully monitoring weather forecasts to make decisions relative to topdressing ryegrass pastures. Gardeners are getting prepared to plant vegetables as soil temperatures warm to ideal temperatures and threats of late-season frosts diminish.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Cool season forages are doing well. Livestock are doing as expected, plenty of calves are on the ground already.”

- Randall “Randy” H., Amite County

“This week's cool weather has caused an extreme slowdown in the already weak annual rye-grass pastures county wide! We still need rain to recharge our pastures from last fall and winter drought.”

- Bert Gilmore, Neshoba County

“Row crop farmers have not begun widespread fieldwork. Fruit orchards were affected by temperatures in the mid-20's. Producers used fires to lesson cold weather effects.”

- James Shannon, Pontotoc County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 19, 2017**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Upper Delta</b>										
Clarksdale	54.0	38.0	46.0	52.4	-6.6	NA	NA	NA	3.16	-0.08
Cleveland	56.6	38.1	47.4	54.1	-6.7	0.62	1	-0.33	4.67	0.65
Lambert	55.7	34.2	44.9	53.8	-8.8	0.24	1	-0.64	3.64	-0.88
Tunica	51.6	35.4	43.5	53.6	-10.0	0.17	3	-0.59	1.36	-2.23
Extreme/Average	54.5	36.4	45.4	53.5	-8.0	0.34	3	-0.52	3.21	-0.64
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	51.9	31.4	41.6	NA	NA	0.93	2	-0.19	4.30	-0.52
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	51.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	53.1	33.9	43.5	51.6	-8.1	0.29	3	-0.77	3.52	-0.83
University	56.3	34.6	45.4	52.7	-7.3	0.54	4	-0.50	4.21	-0.31
Extreme/Average	53.8	33.3	43.5	51.9	-7.7	0.59	4	-0.49	4.01	-0.55
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	52.7	32.3	42.5	51.0	-8.5	0.92	2	-0.16	3.92	-0.78
Corinth	51.9	28.7	40.3	51.0	-10.7	NA	NA	NA	3.19	-0.61
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	52.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	52.1	35.7	43.9	52.5	-8.5	0.67	3	-0.41	6.29	1.87
Verona	46.6	31.2	38.9	53.5	-14.3	0.25	2	-0.63	3.75	-1.15
Extreme/Average	50.8	32.0	41.4	52.0	-10.5	0.61	3	-0.40	4.29	-0.17
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	65.5	43.0	54.3	55.9	-1.8	NA	NA	NA	4.09	0.12
Moorhead	53.0	37.5	45.3	55.2	-9.8	0.19	1	-0.69	4.49	0.06
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	56.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	63.6	44.9	54.2	55.4	-1.1	0.14	1	-1.11	6.80	1.48
Extreme/Average	60.7	41.8	51.2	55.6	-4.3	0.16	1	-0.90	5.13	0.55
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	48.2	31.2	39.8	53.3	-13.2	NA	NA	NA	4.43	-0.27
Winona	53.1	32.3	42.7	52.7	-10.0	0.21	2	-0.92	5.69	0.88
Extreme/Average	50.7	31.8	41.2	53.0	-11.6	0.21	2	-0.92	5.06	0.30
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	58.0	36.6	47.3	55.9	-8.6	0.31	1	-0.45	3.82	0.33
Macon	55.9	36.3	46.1	55.1	-9.0	0.30	1	-0.74	5.86	1.23
Philadelphia	57.4	37.3	47.4	56.7	-9.4	0.30	1	-0.80	4.04	-0.90
State University	56.9	36.6	46.7	53.8	-7.1	0.35	1	-0.67	4.01	-0.94
Extreme/Average	57.0	36.7	46.9	55.4	-8.5	0.31	1	-0.66	4.43	-0.07
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	66.4	34.8	50.6	58.2	-7.3	0.47	2	-0.41	3.09	-0.31
Natchez	61.7	41.6	51.6	58.3	-6.7	0.10	1	-1.07	2.69	-2.47
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	57.7	39.8	48.8	57.1	-8.2	0.12	1	-0.84	3.84	-0.64
Extreme/Average	60.2	38.4	49.2	57.6	-8.2	0.23	2	-0.77	3.31	-1.21
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	57.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	63.9	40.9	52.4	58.8	-6.4	0.11	1	-1.13	3.62	-1.55
Monticello	58.0	37.8	47.9	58.6	-10.4	NA	NA	NA	3.06	-0.85
Extreme/Average	61.0	39.3	50.1	58.2	-8.4	0.11	1	-1.13	3.34	-1.20
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	62.7	41.0	51.9	58.8	-7.0	0.41	2	-0.72	2.31	-2.70
Laurel	60.3	37.7	49.0	57.5	-8.5	0.12	1	-1.01	4.41	-0.30
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	54.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.57	-0.16
Extreme/Average	61.5	39.4	50.4	57.1	-7.7	0.26	2	-0.86	2.76	-1.05
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	62.7	47.9	55.3	60.5	-5.3	0.04	1	-1.37	2.27	-2.85
Poplarville	63.3	42.3	52.8	59.0	-6.1	0.08	1	-0.98	5.82	0.60
Saucier	62.4	42.4	52.4	61.6	-9.2	0.05	1	-1.36	2.44	-3.10
Extreme/Average	62.8	44.2	53.5	60.4	-6.9	0.06	1	-1.24	3.51	-1.78
<b>State</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.80</b>	<b>3.91</b>	<b>-0.57</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.