



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 26, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 12 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 44.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 62.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 68.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello to 85.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Crystal Springs. Most of the state received some rain with the coastal part of the state receiving the most at an average of 1.51 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 26, 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	30	4	4	19
Rice, planted	3	0	0	1
Winter Wheat, headed	6	1	0	5

Crop condition for week ending March 26, 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	10	86	3
Livestock	0	4	31	58	7
Pasture	4	9	33	49	5
Winter Wheat	1	6	33	53	7

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Field conditions have allowed for some corn to be planted this week. Many areas are still wet. A great deal of sweet potato plant seed beds have been started to get potato slips growing.”

- Trent Barnett, Calhoun County

“Limited corn acres planted before rains hit. Burn-down applications looking effective. Sweet potato plant beds are in and warmer-than-average March should have transplants ready earlier than normal. A few wheat fields have heads breaking out.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Corn growers wanted to start planting Thursday and Friday, but the forecast of thunderstorms starting Saturday and ending Wednesday or Thursday next week has put the brakes on that. If we do not get the rain, we will be planting this upcoming week.”

- Stephen "Steve" R. Winters, Grenada County

“Between 0.5 and 1.0 inch of rain fell across much of the county Saturday to disrupt planting and cool season haylage harvest. Livestock producers are working to finish their nitrogen top-dress applications to ryegrass pastures and hay fields to boost growth and quality.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Producers had a good run last week planting corn before being rained out Friday night. Most of the intended acres of corn went in the ground last week. But, rain on Friday and more forecast for the upcoming week will likely keep planters under the shed for a few days.”

- Preston Aust, Neshoba County

“Generally the entire county got about 0.5 to 1.0 inch of rain on Saturday, but this more or less allowed us to stay on an even keel concerning plant growth. The warmer temperatures will certainly allow grazing improvements, which are much needed in our area.”

- Bert Gilmore, Neshoba County

“With good conditions early, most corn acres were planted this past week. Some soybeans and rice producers started planting towards the end of the week. Scattered showers late in the week have slowed progress.”

- Steven "Craig" Hankins, Bolivar County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 26, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	75.8	52.6	64.2	54.4	9.7	0.65	1	-0.01	3.42	0.49
Cleveland	79.7	52.6	66.1	56.0	10.1	0.64	1	-0.39	4.93	1.06
Lambert	78.1	53.3	65.7	55.8	10.0	0.47	1	-0.52	3.79	-0.39
Tunica	78.2	51.3	64.8	55.6	9.3	0.31	2	-0.69	1.57	-2.26
Extreme/Average	78.0	52.4	65.2	55.4	9.8	0.52	2	-0.40	3.43	-0.27
North-Central										
Ashland	72.7	48.7	60.7	NA	NA	0.91	4	-0.25	4.87	0.22
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	53.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	74.3	51.9	63.1	53.5	9.6	0.38	2	-0.70	3.68	-0.64
University	77.9	52.0	64.9	54.5	10.4	0.70	3	-0.40	4.47	0.23
Extreme/Average	75.0	50.9	62.9	53.8	10.0	0.66	4	-0.45	4.34	-0.06
Northeast										
Booneville	73.0	46.7	59.8	53.0	7.0	0.43	2	-0.50	4.13	-0.22
Corinth	73.6	44.8	59.2	52.8	6.4	0.03	1	-0.73	3.00	-0.30
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	54.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	73.7	53.3	63.5	54.4	9.1	0.38	2	-0.73	5.88	1.54
Verona	78.1	51.9	65.0	55.4	9.6	0.59	1	-0.54	3.45	-1.47
Extreme/Average	74.6	49.2	61.9	54.0	8.0	0.36	2	-0.62	4.12	-0.11
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	80.0	57.9	68.9	57.7	11.2	1.18	2	0.09	4.60	0.76
Moorhead	78.3	56.9	67.6	57.1	10.4	1.00	2	-0.08	4.83	0.45
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	57.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	84.6	58.7	71.6	57.2	14.5	1.06	2	-0.18	6.61	1.51
Extreme/Average	81.0	57.8	69.4	57.5	12.0	1.08	2	-0.06	5.35	0.91
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	79.9	52.3	66.1	55.1	10.9	0.00	0	-0.91	3.92	-0.79
Winona	75.4	48.7	62.1	54.3	7.8	1.32	2	0.24	6.12	1.41
Extreme/Average	77.6	50.5	64.1	54.7	9.4	0.66	2	-0.34	5.02	0.31
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	82.5	56.2	69.3	57.6	11.8	0.00	0	-0.89	2.79	-0.78
Macon	76.4	52.0	64.2	56.7	7.5	0.65	1	-0.36	4.61	0.38
Philadelphia	79.1	52.6	65.9	58.4	7.5	0.53	1	-0.59	4.13	-0.52
State University	76.4	54.0	65.2	55.6	9.6	1.31	1	0.27	4.85	0.35
Extreme/Average	78.6	53.7	66.2	57.1	9.1	0.62	1	-0.39	4.10	-0.14
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	85.3	54.0	69.7	59.8	10.1	NA	NA	NA	2.90	-0.16
Natchez	80.2	59.7	69.9	59.9	9.9	0.85	1	-0.29	1.99	-2.91
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	80.6	58.7	69.6	58.6	11.1	0.93	1	-0.31	3.47	-1.02
Extreme/Average	82.2	57.2	69.7	59.2	10.6	0.89	1	-0.30	2.74	-1.50
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	58.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	81.6	58.0	69.8	60.3	9.5	1.02	1	-0.23	3.89	-1.19
Monticello	68.2	50.8	59.4	60.2	-0.6	0.00	0	-0.79	2.23	-1.88
Extreme/Average	74.9	54.4	64.6	59.8	4.4	0.51	1	-0.51	3.06	-1.54
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	83.6	56.4	70.0	60.4	9.8	0.00	0	-0.79	1.70	-2.68
Laurel	80.7	53.9	67.3	59.1	8.2	1.03	1	-0.09	4.89	0.34
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	56.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.02	0.65
Extreme/Average	82.2	55.2	68.6	58.7	9.0	0.52	1	-0.44	2.54	-0.56
Coastal										
Biloxi	75.3	62.6	68.9	62.1	6.9	0.82	1	-0.63	2.47	-3.04
Poplarville	79.9	59.1	69.5	60.4	9.1	2.58	3	1.35	7.61	2.66
Saucier	78.0	59.2	68.6	62.9	5.6	1.12	2	-0.10	2.97	-2.45
Extreme/Average	77.7	60.3	69.0	61.8	7.2	1.51	3	0.21	4.35	-0.94
State	78.5	54.1	66.3	57.2	9.1	0.72	1	-0.34	3.86	-0.41

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.