



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending April 2, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 2, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 65.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Brookhaven City. Highs ranged from 43.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello to 85.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 1.81 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 2, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	63	30	17	37
Corn, emerged	18	NA	5	12
Rice, planted	12	3	5	7
Rice, emerged	1	NA	0	1
Sorghum, planted	1	0	0	2
Soybeans, planted	4	NA	0	3
Watermelons, planted	37	8	13	17
Winter Wheat, headed	24	6	3	12

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending April 2, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	7	87	5
Livestock	0	3	30	59	8
Pasture	4	8	31	51	6
Winter Wheat	1	6	37	50	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Heavy rains during the week continue to supply moisture to the soil.”

- Matt Thornton, Forrest County

“Seedbed preparation and some corn planting were the main practices in the field this week. Grass is starting to put out in the pastures, but not enough yet.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Localized flooding this morning after receiving 3-5 inches of rain last night. Fields are saturated with low lying areas flooded. Going to need several days of warm sunshine before getting back in the field. Good news is that corn was planted the week before is up and looking really good.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Most of the county received 5 to 8 inches of rainfall Sunday afternoon into early morning hours on April 2nd and 3rd. This rainfall will cease all crop planting field operations and harvesting of ryegrass hay and baleage. Livestock producers will pull animals from extremely wet pastures to prevent further forage losses caused by animals bogging. Hopes are for warm, sunny days to settle in this week to allow farmers to resume crop planting and forage harvesting operations by Thursday or Friday.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Near 50% of row crop acreage has been sprayed to prepare to plant. Planting should begin in mid-April.”

- James Shannon, Pontotoc County

“The rainfall total for last week was a little over 1 inch. The lowest temperature didn't get below 45 degrees.”

- Jason Jones, Adams County

“Neshoba County received some much needed rainfall with the passing front in the early hours of Thursday, March 30th. We are experiencing some warm days and nights which has promoted grass growth in most areas. We're having some good growth from the little ryegrass stand we had resulting from the drought in the fall.”

- Bert Gilmore, Neshoba County

“Recent heavy rains have again delayed burn down activities.”

- Patrick J. Poindexter, Alcorn County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 2, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	79.0	55.0	67.0	56.5	10.3	0.00	0	-0.56	2.21	-0.39
Cleveland	80.0	54.9	67.4	58.0	9.5	0.29	2	-0.83	3.70	-0.36
Lambert	79.1	56.3	67.7	57.6	10.1	0.41	3	-0.59	2.39	-1.56
Tunica	77.7	55.0	66.3	57.6	8.9	0.01	1	-1.06	0.97	-2.97
Extreme/Average	79.0	55.3	67.1	57.4	9.7	0.18	3	-0.76	2.32	-1.32
North-Central										
Ashland	75.3	52.0	63.6	NA	NA	1.28	3	0.10	4.90	0.30
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	54.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	75.6	52.7	64.1	55.4	8.8	0.55	4	-0.53	2.73	-1.57
University	80.8	56.2	68.5	56.3	12.4	0.90	3	0.10	3.58	-0.52
Extreme/Average	77.2	53.6	65.4	55.6	10.6	0.91	4	-0.11	3.74	-0.60
Northeast										
Booneville	75.6	52.1	63.9	54.9	9.0	0.70	3	-0.41	3.84	-0.40
Corinth	74.3	51.6	62.9	54.7	8.2	1.06	3	0.01	2.54	-0.65
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	56.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	74.8	57.4	66.1	56.4	10.0	0.55	3	-0.22	5.22	1.17
Verona	79.0	57.0	68.0	57.2	11.6	0.00	0	-0.16	2.41	-1.34
Extreme/Average	75.9	54.5	65.2	55.9	9.7	0.58	3	-0.19	3.50	-0.31
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	78.9	58.9	68.9	59.5	9.4	0.54	2	-0.57	3.51	-0.30
Moorhead	77.5	57.7	67.6	59.1	8.7	0.40	4	-0.56	4.08	-0.10
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	59.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	85.1	62.4	73.8	59.0	14.8	1.00	3	-0.22	5.69	0.58
Extreme/Average	80.5	59.7	70.1	59.3	10.9	0.65	4	-0.45	4.43	0.06
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	80.1	56.1	68.1	56.9	11.2	0.90	2	-0.42	3.65	-1.06
Winona	77.1	53.1	65.1	55.8	9.3	0.75	3	-0.32	4.97	0.48
Extreme/Average	78.6	54.6	66.6	56.4	10.3	0.82	3	-0.37	4.31	-0.29
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	83.0	61.3	72.2	59.2	13.1	1.14	4	0.24	3.30	-0.26
Macon	79.9	56.3	68.1	58.3	9.8	0.06	2	-0.98	4.17	-0.01
Philadelphia	80.8	60.0	70.4	60.0	10.7	0.54	2	-0.29	3.54	-0.67
State University	80.1	57.6	68.9	57.4	11.5	0.36	3	-0.76	4.66	0.33
Extreme/Average	80.9	58.8	69.9	58.7	11.3	0.53	4	-0.45	3.92	-0.15
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	80.8	57.0	68.9	61.4	7.7	1.93	3	1.11	3.94	1.12
Natchez	80.3	56.9	68.6	61.3	7.3	1.73	2	0.44	3.59	-1.19
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	80.8	58.0	69.4	60.0	9.3	0.97	2	-0.18	3.30	-1.15
Extreme/Average	80.9	59.3	70.1	60.7	9.6	1.16	3	0.21	3.48	-0.60
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	60.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	81.0	62.4	71.7	61.7	10.2	1.47	2	0.53	4.57	-0.15
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	61.7	-29.3	2.16	4	1.32	4.13	0.13
Extreme/Average	81.0	62.4	71.7	61.3	-9.6	1.81	4	0.93	4.35	-0.01
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	81.7	64.0	72.8	61.9	11.1	0.60	1	-0.07	0.91	-2.94
Laurel	81.7	58.4	70.1	60.7	9.4	1.69	3	0.57	5.19	0.78
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	81.7	61.2	71.5	60.2	10.3	1.15	3	0.25	3.05	-1.08
Coastal										
Biloxi	77.0	65.1	71.1	63.6	7.4	0.16	1	-1.14	2.48	-3.00
Poplarville	78.8	61.0	69.9	61.7	8.4	0.95	2	0.04	5.50	0.83
Saucier	79.7	60.1	69.9	64.2	5.7	0.21	1	-1.15	2.80	-2.80
Extreme/Average	78.5	62.1	70.3	63.2	7.2	0.44	2	-0.75	3.59	-1.66
State	77.9	56.3	67.1	58.9	8.2	0.87	3	-0.12	3.71	-0.56

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.