



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 16, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 18 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 66.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 76.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi to 85.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Most of the state received little rain, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 0.30 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 16, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	88	76	62	68
Corn, emerged	71	46	39	42
Cotton, planted	6	1	3	2
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	7	2	2	6
Peanuts, planted	2	0	6	2
Rice, planted	49	23	37	30
Rice, emerged	19	5	12	14
Sorghum, planted	29	4	6	9
Sorghum, emerged	3	NA	1	4
Soybeans, planted	43	15	18	18
Soybeans, emerged	15	2	3	6
Watermelons, planted	78	60	35	39
Winter Wheat, headed	66	50	30	33

Crop condition for week ending April 16, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	8	87	4
Corn	1	3	30	57	9
Livestock	1	3	27	61	8
Pasture	3	9	30	48	10
Winter Wheat	1	5	37	50	7

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“A great deal of acres were planted last week, with the majority of the soybean crop going into the ground. Cotton planting got started. Corn planting finished up. We need to catch some of the coming rains this week to activate the pre-emergent chemicals out right now.”

- Drew Wilson, Quitman County

“We have gone about three weeks without any measurable rainfall. Cool season forages are doing as expected, producers are getting ready to bale hay.”

- Randall “Randy H., Amite County

“Corn planting is complete. Soybean planting is picking up steam and cotton farmers are waiting on the soil temperature to get right.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Planters and sprayers were rolling this past week with some of the best planting conditions we have seen in a while. Producers finished up corn planting and began planting soybeans, cotton and rice. We would welcome the showers that are in the forecast for Sunday and Monday.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“We finally got our corn planted. Everyone is now waiting on cotton to be planted. Pastures are greening up, but bermuda is coming slow.”

- Stephen “Steve” R., Grenada County

“A full week of dry weather and plentiful sunshine allowed most producers to complete soybean planting, fertilizing corn, spraying herbicides, and planting rice. Winter wheat is fully headed out and looks great.”

- Jon M. Carson, Issaquena/Sharkey/Washington Counties

“Excellent week for all field work as well as gardening. The dry weather has allowed for lots of catching up, however; it is beginning to seem abnormally dry for mid-April.”

- Terry “Skip” Wayne, Prentiss County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 16, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	80.6	57.8	69.2	61.0	8.1	0.02	1	-0.79	2.57	-0.18
Cleveland	82.3	58.7	70.5	62.1	8.4	0.20	2	-0.89	3.70	-0.60
Lambert	81.0	57.9	69.4	61.5	7.9	0.28	2	-0.77	3.07	-0.97
Tunica	79.2	58.7	68.9	61.8	7.3	0.08	1	-1.05	0.52	-3.93
Extreme/Average	80.8	58.3	69.5	61.5	7.9	0.15	2	-0.88	2.46	-1.42
North-Central										
Ashland	79.1	55.3	67.2	NA	NA	0.16	1	-1.04	4.34	-0.35
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	59.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	78.6	56.3	67.4	59.3	8.2	0.02	1	-1.06	2.45	-1.81
University	81.3	55.8	68.6	60.2	8.4	0.06	1	-1.03	4.10	-0.42
Extreme/Average	79.7	55.8	67.7	59.6	8.3	0.08	1	-1.04	3.63	-0.86
Northeast										
Booneville	80.0	52.3	66.1	58.7	7.5	NA	0	-1.16	3.21	-1.06
Corinth	80.5	56.8	68.7	58.6	9.9	NA	0	-0.96	2.84	-0.98
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	60.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	77.5	55.2	66.4	60.9	6.0	0.00	0	-0.59	3.17	-0.76
Verona	NA	NA	NA	60.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.40	1.00
Extreme/Average	79.3	54.8	67.1	59.8	7.8	0.00	0	-0.90	3.15	-0.45
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	80.9	60.1	70.5	63.4	7.1	0.06	1	-1.19	5.16	0.56
Moorhead	80.0	60.4	70.2	63.0	7.2	0.04	2	-1.28	4.17	-0.58
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	63.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	84.6	62.3	73.4	62.9	10.6	0.15	1	-1.15	5.35	0.35
Extreme/Average	81.8	60.9	71.4	63.2	8.3	0.08	2	-1.21	4.89	0.11
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	77.0	51.0	64.0	60.6	3.9	0.00	0	-0.20	4.44	0.68
Winona	78.1	50.7	64.4	59.1	5.3	0.02	1	-1.13	5.61	1.23
Extreme/Average	77.5	50.9	64.2	59.9	4.6	0.01	1	-0.66	5.03	0.96
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	85.0	59.2	72.1	62.6	9.7	NA	0	-0.84	1.14	-2.45
Macon	82.1	56.0	69.1	61.5	7.5	0.05	1	-1.09	2.76	-1.40
Philadelphia	80.8	55.0	67.9	63.1	5.1	0.00	0	-0.93	5.13	0.60
State University	83.3	54.9	69.1	61.3	7.8	0.00	0	-1.20	4.79	0.23
Extreme/Average	82.8	56.3	69.5	62.1	7.5	0.02	1	-1.02	3.46	-0.76
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	80.2	53.0	66.6	64.7	2.3	0.00	0	-0.67	3.71	0.87
Natchez	79.7	54.2	66.9	64.3	2.6	0.20	1	-0.58	5.78	1.43
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	81.6	60.4	71.0	63.4	7.6	0.40	1	-0.79	12.30	7.46
Extreme/Average	80.5	55.9	68.2	63.9	4.1	0.20	1	-0.68	6.78	3.00
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	63.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	81.0	54.0	67.5	64.8	3.0	0.00	0	-0.94	4.59	-0.27
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	64.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.17	0.04
Extreme/Average	81.0	54.0	67.5	64.3	3.0	0.00	0	-0.94	3.38	-0.12
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	80.3	56.0	68.1	64.9	3.2	0.00	0	-1.25	3.75	-1.07
Laurel	81.3	55.3	68.3	64.0	4.2	0.60	1	-0.35	7.05	2.79
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.8	55.6	68.2	63.5	3.7	0.30	1	-0.80	4.23	0.55
Coastal										
Biloxi	76.3	66.2	71.3	67.0	4.2	0.00	0	-0.92	3.38	-1.25
Poplarville	80.3	55.7	68.0	64.7	3.3	0.00	0	-1.18	5.83	0.92
Saucier	79.4	54.8	67.1	67.0	0.3	0.00	0	-0.86	5.60	0.75
Extreme/Average	78.7	58.9	68.8	66.3	2.6	0.00	0	-0.99	4.94	0.14
State	80.3	55.8	68.1	62.4	5.6	0.09	1	-0.89	4.36	0.31

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.