



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 23, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 55.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 76.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 84.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. Most of the state received little rain, with the highest concentration in the upper delta part of the state with an average of 2.01 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 23, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	95	88	74	78
Corn, emerged	85	71	58	58
Cotton, planted	11	6	6	6
Cotton, emerged	1	NA	NA	NA
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	12	7	9	11
Peanuts, planted	8	2	9	5
Peanuts, emerged	1	NA	NA	NA
Rice, planted	77	49	51	41
Rice, emerged	43	19	28	27
Sorghum, planted	45	29	11	16
Sorghum, emerged	14	3	4	8
Soybeans, planted	60	43	24	26
Soybeans, emerged	37	15	12	14
Watermelons, planted	90	78	47	48
Winter Wheat, headed	85	66	50	52
Winter Wheat, coloring	6	0	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending April 23, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	7	88	4
Corn	1	2	31	52	14
Livestock	1	3	25	62	9
Pasture	3	9	29	46	13
Winter Wheat	1	5	31	56	7

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Dry conditions allowed for beef and dairy producers to begin wrapping and chopping haylage. Corn was still being planted for silage.”

- Charles “Richard” Hay, Walthall County

“Conditions getting better for fieldwork. Most of the producers were in the field and getting crops planted. Pastures are getting in better condition for early summer grazing. Vegetable producers were planting some crops now, but the cooler weather will slow germination of corn and peas.”

- James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

“Scattered showers last week put the planters under the shed for several days. It was still a productive week, as producers were able to jump around and find a few dry fields late in the week. Some cotton has been planted, but most producers were waiting on this week to start. Corn looks great and more beans are coming out of the ground every day.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Rain stopped field activities for a few days, but we got back to side dressing and putting out herbicides on corn by Thursday. Bermuda grass was good in places and poor in other places. Between the drought last fall and normal winter kill, the bermuda is thin in some pastures and yards.”

- Stephen “Steve” R., Grenada County

“Crazy weather with temperatures ranging from 85 down to 50. The week started dry, but heavy rains caused some fields to flood for a few hours. Prior warm temperatures helped planted fields with quick, uniform emergence. Many pastures are in need of weed control.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 23, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	77.8	60.5	69.1	63.3	5.8	3.42	2	2.70	5.45	2.37
Cleveland	82.6	61.3	71.9	64.2	7.7	0.83	4	-0.30	3.89	-0.51
Lambert	80.4	60.0	70.2	63.7	6.5	1.46	4	0.35	4.06	-0.10
Tunica	81.5	61.7	71.6	64.0	7.8	2.33	3	1.22	3.29	-1.64
Extreme/Average	80.6	60.9	70.7	63.6	6.9	2.01	4	0.99	4.17	0.03
North-Central										
Ashland	80.1	58.4	69.3	NA	NA	2.23	4	0.95	5.66	0.85
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	61.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	76.6	58.9	67.7	61.3	6.4	1.93	5	0.77	4.00	-0.34
University	81.2	61.2	71.3	62.3	9.4	0.44	2	-0.31	3.84	-0.33
Extreme/Average	79.3	59.5	69.4	61.7	7.9	1.53	5	0.47	4.50	0.06
Northeast										
Booneville	77.9	56.7	67.3	60.6	6.6	4.32	4	3.10	7.10	2.70
Corinth	81.0	60.0	70.5	60.6	10.8	0.00	0	-0.16	3.16	-0.06
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	61.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	82.2	63.0	72.6	63.2	9.7	1.95	1	1.23	4.74	0.76
Verona	84.0	59.0	71.5	62.7	9.5	0.24	1	-0.06	3.05	-0.56
Extreme/Average	81.3	59.7	70.5	61.8	9.2	1.63	4	1.03	4.51	0.71
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	82.0	63.3	72.7	65.6	7.2	1.71	3	0.67	5.69	1.14
Moorhead	80.6	63.1	71.9	65.0	6.8	0.96	5	-0.28	4.13	-0.78
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	65.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	84.7	66.0	75.3	64.9	10.6	1.90	3	0.85	6.19	1.38
Extreme/Average	82.4	64.1	73.3	65.2	8.2	1.52	5	0.41	5.34	0.58
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	62.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.44	1.59
Winona	79.6	55.9	67.7	60.9	6.8	0.87	3	-0.16	5.16	0.83
Extreme/Average	79.6	55.9	67.7	61.8	6.8	0.87	3	-0.16	4.80	1.21
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	82.6	62.6	72.6	64.4	8.4	0.25	1	-0.56	1.39	-2.12
Macon	84.1	60.4	72.3	63.4	8.9	0.30	2	-0.84	2.41	-1.88
Philadelphia	82.0	60.8	71.4	64.8	6.9	0.42	1	-0.46	5.02	0.36
State University	83.0	59.1	71.1	63.4	7.7	0.22	2	-0.90	3.70	-0.94
Extreme/Average	82.9	60.7	71.8	64.0	8.0	0.30	2	-0.69	3.13	-1.15
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	83.4	60.4	71.9	66.6	5.6	0.62	3	-0.24	4.33	1.14
Natchez	82.0	61.4	71.7	65.9	5.8	0.48	2	-0.52	5.41	1.20
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	83.3	64.1	73.7	65.4	8.3	0.52	3	-0.66	11.89	7.11
Extreme/Average	81.9	62.1	72.0	65.7	6.5	0.51	3	-0.38	6.71	2.62
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	65.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	83.9	60.6	72.2	66.5	5.7	1.55	3	0.33	5.12	-0.07
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	66.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.17	1.16
Extreme/Average	83.9	60.6	72.2	66.0	5.7	1.55	3	0.33	3.65	0.54
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	82.7	60.5	71.6	66.6	5.0	2.02	3	1.04	5.77	1.10
Laurel	82.7	57.9	70.3	65.8	4.5	1.31	3	0.28	7.33	3.16
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	82.7	59.2	70.9	65.3	4.8	1.67	3	0.66	4.81	1.58
Coastal										
Biloxi	78.7	67.0	72.8	68.9	3.9	1.21	1	0.38	3.77	-0.24
Poplarville	82.0	60.8	71.4	66.5	5.2	0.07	1	-0.76	3.32	-1.19
Saucier	82.2	59.8	71.0	68.7	2.5	0.00	0	-0.93	4.48	-0.20
Extreme/Average	81.0	62.5	71.7	68.0	3.9	0.43	1	-0.44	3.86	-0.54
State	81.6	60.3	71.0	64.3	6.7	1.15	3	0.16	4.65	0.70

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.