



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending April 30, 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, April 30, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Tupelo to 65.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 71.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 84.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Most of the state received rain, with the highest concentration in the lower delta part of the state with an average of 1.81 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 30, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	98	95	87	87
Corn, emerged	92	85	74	72
Cotton, planted	20	11	19	17
Cotton, emerged	11	1	5	6
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	23	12	20	22
Peanuts, planted	13	8	12	11
Peanuts, emerged	5	1	NA	NA
Rice, planted	83	77	67	54
Rice, emerged	56	43	50	38
Sorghum, planted	54	45	22	27
Sorghum, emerged	44	14	11	14
Soybeans, planted	69	60	43	38
Soybeans, emerged	51	37	23	22
Watermelons, planted	96	90	55	57
Winter Wheat, headed	90	85	72	72
Winter Wheat, coloring	25	6	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending April 30, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	1	5	85	9
Corn	1	3	24	52	20
Livestock	1	3	23	61	12
Pasture	1	7	30	46	16
Rice	0	0	8	79	13
Soybeans	1	5	28	58	8
Winter Wheat	1	5	32	55	7

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Livestock producers continued harvesting ryegrass for hay and baleage and are reporting excellent yields. Early planted corn is looking very good, while recently planted corn and soybean crops are germinating and off to a good start. Most of the county received 1.5 to 2.5 inches of rain on Sunday, April 30th to further maintain acceptable soil moisture levels for acceptable forage, vegetable, and row crop production.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Much welcomed rains from the previous week and the weekend will help crops tremendously. Most areas received between 1 and 3 inches of rain.”

- Ruby Rankin, Kemper County

“High winds, tornadic activity ravaged Holmes County in the Hwy 51 area, Goodman to west areas. Crop damage not yet assessed.”

- Elizabeth "Betsy" Padgett, Holmes County

“Good rain across the county last week. Some areas got up to 2.2 inches. Crops look pretty good generally. Corn weed control and fertilizer went out in some areas. Cotton and rice planting should get underway when the fields dry out a little.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Heavy rains may cause severe packing/crusting in conventional tillage fields and may lead to replanting. High winds downed a few trees and sheds with some localized agricultural losses. Random side note: Something (maybe 2016 drought) is killing Magnolia trees everywhere.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Heavy rains ripped through the county in the beginning of the week and the end of the week bringing cooler weather and inhibiting farmer’s ability to work the fields.”

- Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 30, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	74.0	54.0	64.0	65.6	-1.5	1.95	2	0.98	7.29	4.07
Cleveland	79.0	55.6	67.3	66.4	0.9	2.02	2	0.69	5.62	1.01
Lambert	77.5	56.5	67.0	66.0	1.0	1.06	2	0.00	4.71	0.49
Tunica	75.0	55.0	65.0	66.2	-1.0	1.32	2	0.23	4.65	-0.30
Extreme/Average	76.4	55.3	65.8	65.8	-0.2	1.59	2	0.47	5.57	1.32
North-Central										
Ashland	74.7	53.9	64.3	NA	NA	1.03	2	-0.26	5.41	0.49
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	63.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	74.4	53.7	64.1	63.3	0.8	1.02	2	-0.22	4.47	-0.03
University	75.2	51.8	63.5	64.5	-0.8	0.93	2	-0.17	4.70	0.02
Extreme/Average	74.8	53.1	64.0	63.8	0.0	0.99	2	-0.22	4.86	0.16
Northeast										
Booneville	71.9	52.9	62.4	62.6	-0.3	0.82	2	-0.42	7.22	2.69
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	62.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.75	-0.42
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	63.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	76.2	50.2	63.2	65.4	-1.9	0.66	1	-0.21	5.77	1.69
Verona	NA	NA	NA	64.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.54	0.04
Extreme/Average	74.1	51.5	62.8	63.9	-1.1	0.74	2	-0.32	4.32	1.00
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	76.3	55.8	66.1	67.8	-1.5	1.69	2	0.42	6.84	2.13
Moorhead	77.1	58.0	67.6	67.1	0.5	1.74	3	0.51	5.47	0.46
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	67.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	81.1	59.9	70.5	66.9	3.6	2.01	2	0.78	7.20	2.38
Extreme/Average	78.2	57.9	68.1	67.3	0.9	1.81	3	0.57	6.50	1.66
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	76.1	57.0	66.6	64.5	2.1	1.03	1	-0.09	4.94	0.00
Winona	74.7	52.3	63.5	62.9	0.6	0.90	1	-0.18	5.31	0.97
Extreme/Average	75.4	54.6	65.0	63.7	1.3	0.97	1	-0.14	5.12	0.48
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	84.0	57.0	70.5	66.4	4.3	1.77	2	1.00	2.02	-1.51
Macon	76.0	51.5	63.8	65.4	-1.5	1.01	2	-0.06	3.36	-0.96
Philadelphia	76.7	59.7	68.2	66.6	1.6	1.32	2	0.24	7.03	2.18
State University	77.6	55.9	66.7	65.5	1.2	0.90	2	-0.16	4.24	-0.34
Extreme/Average	78.6	56.0	67.3	66.0	1.4	1.25	2	0.26	4.16	-0.16
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	74.4	52.0	63.2	68.7	-5.2	0.52	1	-0.31	3.57	0.03
Natchez	78.0	56.2	67.1	67.7	-0.7	3.36	2	2.54	7.04	3.30
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	81.1	60.7	70.9	67.6	3.3	1.35	1	0.42	12.27	7.71
Extreme/Average	77.8	56.3	67.1	67.7	-0.9	1.74	2	0.88	6.44	2.74
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	66.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	79.9	60.0	69.9	68.5	1.5	0.11	1	-0.89	3.76	-1.09
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	67.8	NA	0.44	2	-0.37	0.45	-0.53
Extreme/Average	79.9	60.0	69.9	67.7	1.5	0.28	2	-0.63	2.10	-0.81
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	80.4	53.8	67.1	68.4	-1.0	0.05	1	-0.66	4.64	0.47
Laurel	80.0	58.0	69.9	67.6	2.2	0.57	1	-0.40	6.21	2.19
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.2	55.9	68.5	67.1	0.6	0.31	1	-0.53	5.42	1.33
Coastal										
Biloxi	78.1	65.9	72.0	70.8	1.2	1.75	2	0.77	5.36	1.67
Poplarville	79.3	59.6	69.4	68.4	1.0	0.21	1	-0.87	3.53	-1.09
Saucier	80.6	60.1	70.4	70.4	0.0	0.44	1	-0.65	5.40	0.84
Extreme/Average	79.3	61.9	70.6	69.9	0.7	0.80	2	-0.25	4.76	0.47
State	77.5	56.2	66.9	66.2	0.5	1.04	2	0.02	4.99	0.86

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.