



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 7, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 56.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Vicksburg City. Highs ranged from 68.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crystal Springs. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 5.09 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 7, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	99	98	93	93
Corn, emerged	96	92	86	84
Cotton, planted	29	20	33	34
Cotton, emerged	16	11	15	17
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	31	23	33	33
Peanuts, planted	19	13	25	23
Peanuts, emerged	7	5	NA	NA
Rice, planted	84	83	78	65
Rice, emerged	70	56	63	50
Sorghum, planted	64	54	33	40
Sorghum, emerged	54	44	20	24
Soybeans, planted	74	69	55	51
Soybeans, emerged	64	51	37	34
Watermelons, planted	99	96	65	64
Winter Wheat, headed	92	90	86	87
Winter Wheat, coloring	40	25	17	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending May 7, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	2	5	56	37
Corn	1	4	26	44	25
Livestock	0	3	25	61	11
Pasture	1	6	30	48	15
Rice	0	1	15	56	28
Sorghum	0	0	8	66	26
Soybeans	0	5	29	54	12
Winter Wheat	0	5	25	61	9

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Mississippi River at Vicksburg is at 39 ft. as of May 5, 2017. Some cropland is beginning to flood due to the Yazoo backwater area north of the city. The river is expected to crest on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 46 ft. If this occurs, we can expect cropland flooding in southern Warren county.”

- Anna McCain, Warren County

“The low temperature average for last week was no lower than 49 degrees and the average rainfall was under 1 inch. There was minimal storm damage in Adams county due to a tornado on April 30, 2017.”

- Jason Jones, Adams County

“Lee county livestock producers continued to harvest their hay between the rain showers. At this time they are reporting decent yields with their hay. Our early planted corn is looking good, while recently planted corn, cotton, and soybean crops are germinating and off to a decent start. We continued to receive rain that is helping to maintain an acceptable soil moisture level for our forages, vegetables, and row crops.”

- Brandon Alberson, Lee County

“Wet field conditions had halted much fieldwork last week. I expect sweet potato growers to begin setting sweet potato slips as soon as wet field conditions improve.”

- Trent Barnett, Calhoun County

“Corn planting was almost complete and most producers switched to soybean and cotton planting over the past week or so. Recent rains have brought much needed moisture to some areas that really needed it over the past week.”

- Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Fields should begin to dry out Monday and Tuesday after being rained out for most of last week. I expect producers to focus on wrapping up soybean planting, cotton planting, and cleaning up fields with herbicide applications. Looks like it could be a productive week ahead with beautiful weather and calm winds.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 7, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	74.8	54.4	64.6	67.7	-3.2	0.95	2	-0.08	6.34	2.81
Cleveland	72.7	51.0	61.9	68.5	-6.6	1.46	3	-0.13	4.51	-0.63
Lambert	75.4	49.3	62.4	68.3	-5.7	1.46	3	0.17	4.26	-0.25
Tunica	68.2	49.4	58.8	68.3	-9.3	0.67	2	-0.26	4.45	-0.18
Extreme/Average	72.8	51.0	61.9	68.0	-6.2	1.14	3	-0.07	4.89	0.44
North-Central										
Ashland	72.3	49.0	60.6	NA	NA	0.77	4	-0.58	4.19	-0.93
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	65.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	71.6	47.4	59.5	65.3	-5.8	2.00	4	0.64	4.97	0.13
University	69.6	47.4	58.5	66.6	-8.1	0.40	2	-0.66	2.66	-1.90
Extreme/Average	71.2	47.9	59.6	65.9	-6.9	1.06	4	-0.20	3.94	-0.90
Northeast										
Booneville	73.7	48.9	61.3	64.6	-3.3	0.52	4	-0.84	5.66	0.68
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	64.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-1.12
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	65.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	72.8	53.0	62.9	67.4	-4.3	0.42	3	-0.34	3.95	-0.12
Verona	NA	NA	NA	67.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.49	-2.09
Extreme/Average	73.2	51.0	62.1	65.9	-3.8	0.47	4	-0.59	3.37	-0.66
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	NA	NA	NA	69.9	NA	2.09	2	1.06	5.55	0.96
Moorhead	70.5	53.2	61.8	69.2	-7.2	0.68	3	-0.35	3.42	-1.40
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	69.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	78.6	56.1	67.4	68.9	-1.5	2.44	3	1.14	6.50	1.62
Extreme/Average	74.5	54.7	64.6	69.4	-4.3	1.74	3	0.62	5.16	0.39
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	77.0	51.7	64.3	66.4	-1.5	0.94	1	0.45	2.34	-1.76
Winona	74.0	42.8	58.3	65.0	-7.1	0.59	2	-0.37	2.38	-1.84
Extreme/Average	75.5	47.2	61.3	65.7	-4.3	0.76	2	0.04	2.36	-1.80
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	77.8	51.0	64.4	68.4	-3.8	0.43	2	-0.28	2.45	-0.97
Macon	73.4	47.8	60.6	67.5	-7.1	0.43	1	-0.24	1.79	-2.23
Philadelphia	74.8	54.4	64.6	68.5	-3.7	0.25	1	-0.35	3.22	-0.96
State University	75.0	52.3	63.6	67.5	-3.9	0.77	3	-0.24	1.89	-2.50
Extreme/Average	75.2	51.4	63.3	68.0	-4.6	0.47	3	-0.28	2.34	-1.67
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	80.0	53.0	66.5	70.8	-4.0	2.20	3	1.44	3.99	0.53
Natchez	75.0	48.4	62.3	69.6	-7.3	1.92	2	0.85	5.96	2.29
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	78.2	56.4	67.6	69.7	-2.0	3.22	2	2.06	5.49	1.03
Extreme/Average	78.6	52.2	65.6	69.7	-3.8	1.84	3	0.97	4.77	0.86
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	68.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	77.0	51.6	64.3	70.4	-6.2	3.90	3	2.90	5.56	1.04
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	69.7	NA	3.57	2	2.92	4.01	0.13
Extreme/Average	77.0	51.6	64.3	69.6	-6.2	3.73	3	2.91	4.79	0.58
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	79.1	52.7	65.9	70.3	-4.3	6.00	4	5.12	8.07	3.99
Laurel	75.8	50.0	63.0	69.4	-6.4	4.18	3	3.33	6.66	2.86
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	77.4	51.4	64.5	69.0	-5.4	5.09	4	4.22	5.47	1.63
Coastal										
Biloxi	77.0	55.5	66.3	72.8	-6.6	0.22	1	-0.51	3.18	-0.58
Poplarville	76.4	51.4	63.9	70.4	-6.5	3.20	3	2.23	4.53	0.16
Saucier	78.7	54.4	66.6	72.2	-5.6	4.36	2	3.24	5.49	1.02
Extreme/Average	77.4	53.8	65.6	71.8	-6.2	2.59	3	1.65	4.40	0.20
State	75.5	51.0	63.3	68.2	-5.1	1.96	3	1.02	4.10	-0.11

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.