



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending May 14, 2017**

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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, May 14, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 53.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kosciusko and Winona to 64.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 78.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 86.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the lower delta part of the state with an average of 1.54 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending May 14, 2017**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	100	99	96	96
Corn, emerged	98	96	91	90
Cotton, planted	51	29	60	55
Cotton, emerged	27	16	35	33
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	45	31	50	43
Peanuts, planted	36	19	42	37
Peanuts, emerged	15	7	18	NA
Rice, planted	89	84	87	76
Rice, emerged	74	70	74	60
Sorghum, planted	71	64	48	53
Sorghum, emerged	64	54	30	35
Soybeans, planted	81	74	70	64
Soybeans, emerged	72	64	53	47
Sweet Potatoes, planted	3	0	2	3
Watermelons, planted	100	99	78	71
Winter Wheat, headed	96	92	93	96
Winter Wheat, coloring	62	40	45	NA

**Crop condition for week ending May 14, 2017**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	4	11	61	24
Corn	1	5	25	47	22
Livestock	0	3	26	61	10
Pasture	1	7	31	53	8
Rice	1	1	14	62	22
Sorghum	0	0	7	67	26
Soybeans	0	6	26	53	15
Winter Wheat	0	9	30	53	8

NA = Not Available.

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Producers are still waiting on some of the clay soils to dry out enough to continue planting. Cool snap hurt young soybean and cotton plants. We were rained out again the latter part of the week; we’re in need of sunshine and warm temperatures.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Most producers completed planting operations, crop fertilization, and herbicide applications before the weekend showers arrived last week. Winter wheat is almost ready to harvest and rice fields are nearly ready to flood.”

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

“The cotton planters rolled until Wednesday. A few producers kept planting, but most stopped due to the chance of rain and cool nights over the past weekend. Everyone figures they can finish next week since we have a good forecast for it.”

- Stephen “Steve” R., Grenada County

“Good progress last week; planters rolled until rain fell. Rain was needed as soils were getting a little dry. Crop stands look good, but some fields are showing minor flooding and are in need of ditching.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Harvest of ryegrass for hay and baleage and first harvest of warm season grass hay was completed. Livestock producers are evaluating pastures and hay fields to make decisions relative to soil fertility amendments and/or weed control practices.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Summer hay growth was slowed by cool nights these past two weeks.”

- Allan “Keith” Whitehead, Franklin County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 14, 2017**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Upper Delta</b>										
Clarksdale	82.0	60.5	71.3	69.8	1.5	1.32	2	0.53	7.69	3.25
Cleveland	82.7	60.7	71.7	70.5	1.2	1.06	2	-0.48	5.37	-0.22
Lambert	83.2	53.6	68.4	70.6	-2.4	2.34	2	1.29	6.32	1.63
Tunica	83.0	60.0	71.5	70.4	1.4	1.17	1	0.25	5.54	1.12
Extreme/Average	82.7	58.7	70.7	70.0	0.4	1.47	2	0.40	6.23	1.45
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	79.3	55.9	67.6	NA	NA	1.24	2	-0.11	5.27	0.00
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	67.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	78.1	56.1	67.1	67.2	-0.1	0.97	2	-0.35	5.92	0.84
University	84.2	58.0	71.1	68.6	2.8	0.40	1	-0.63	3.48	-1.44
Extreme/Average	80.5	56.7	68.6	67.9	1.3	0.87	2	-0.36	4.89	-0.20
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	80.1	53.4	66.8	66.4	0.4	0.53	2	-0.80	6.19	1.04
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	66.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.16
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	67.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	82.4	58.8	70.6	69.3	1.6	0.09	1	-0.92	4.04	-0.40
Verona	NA	NA	NA	69.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.71	-2.04
Extreme/Average	81.2	56.1	68.7	67.8	1.0	0.31	2	-0.86	2.99	-0.39
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	82.5	62.2	72.4	71.9	0.2	0.72	1	-0.27	6.21	1.88
Moorhead	81.1	61.9	71.5	71.1	0.4	0.81	2	-0.28	4.19	-0.57
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	71.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	85.1	62.9	74.0	70.8	3.2	3.08	2	1.83	9.43	4.60
Extreme/Average	82.9	62.3	72.6	71.4	1.3	1.54	2	0.43	6.61	1.97
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	83.0	53.0	68.0	68.3	0.4	0.00	0	-0.33	2.79	-0.99
Winona	80.1	53.0	66.6	67.1	-0.5	1.77	3	0.52	4.13	-0.19
Extreme/Average	81.5	53.0	67.3	67.7	-0.1	0.89	3	0.10	3.46	-0.59
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	86.2	59.6	72.9	70.3	2.8	0.90	1	0.23	3.35	-0.03
Macon	81.2	58.5	69.9	69.6	0.0	1.55	1	1.07	3.29	-0.07
Philadelphia	84.0	59.6	71.8	70.5	1.6	0.00	0	-0.73	3.22	-0.70
State University	84.5	57.0	70.8	69.4	1.5	1.68	2	0.80	3.57	-0.50
Extreme/Average	84.0	58.7	71.3	70.0	1.5	1.03	2	0.34	3.36	-0.32
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	84.5	58.8	71.6	72.8	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.59	3.99	0.61
Natchez	80.1	57.6	68.9	71.4	-2.5	0.84	1	-0.23	6.60	2.64
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	82.1	62.9	72.5	71.6	0.9	0.53	1	-0.65	5.62	1.17
Extreme/Average	82.7	58.4	70.5	71.6	-0.8	0.34	1	-0.49	5.42	1.48
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	70.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	84.3	60.0	72.2	72.4	-0.1	1.00	1	0.09	6.56	2.43
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	71.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.01	1.34
Extreme/Average	84.3	60.0	72.2	71.5	-0.1	1.00	1	0.09	5.29	1.89
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	82.0	60.0	71.0	72.1	-1.2	0.82	1	0.30	8.89	5.54
Laurel	81.6	57.7	69.6	71.2	-1.5	0.65	1	-0.34	6.71	2.87
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	81.8	58.9	70.3	70.8	-1.4	0.73	1	-0.02	5.73	2.56
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	80.3	64.4	72.4	74.7	-2.3	1.49	2	0.55	4.67	1.05
Poplarville	84.4	58.0	71.2	72.3	-0.9	0.00	0	-0.76	4.53	0.58
Saucier	84.5	58.5	71.5	73.9	-2.1	0.00	0	-0.69	5.49	1.51
Extreme/Average	83.1	60.3	71.7	73.6	-1.8	0.50	2	-0.30	4.90	1.05
<b>State</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>4.84</b>	<b>0.88</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.