



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 21, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 59.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 72.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 82.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Clarksdale to 91.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the coastal part of the state with an average of 1.50 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 21, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, emerged	99	98	94	94
Corn, silked	8	0	0	NA
Cotton, planted	72	51	79	69
Cotton, emerged	47	27	60	48
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	59	45	63	53
Peanuts, planted	47	36	66	55
Peanuts, emerged	29	15	45	33
Rice, planted	94	89	95	86
Rice, emerged	81	74	86	73
Sorghum, planted	78	71	76	66
Sorghum, emerged	69	64	46	49
Soybeans, planted	86	81	81	74
Soybeans, emerged	77	72	64	58
Soybeans, blooming	4	0	0	0
Sweet Potatoes, planted	11	3	6	11
Winter Wheat, headed	97	96	95	98
Winter Wheat, coloring	82	62	68	NA
Winter Wheat, harvested	4	NA	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending May 21, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	2	7	68	23
Corn	0	3	21	51	25
Livestock	0	2	26	61	11
Pasture	1	5	30	53	11
Rice	0	1	20	63	16
Sorghum	0	0	14	63	23
Soybeans	0	5	29	55	11
Watermelons	0	1	39	54	6
Winter Wheat	0	8	19	65	8

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“The harvest of hay is almost complete for now. Our livestock producers have started evaluating their pastures and hay fields so that they can make decisions on fertilization and weed control. Our row crop producers continue to plant, fertilize and apply herbicide applications between scattered showers; our vegetable crop producers are doing the same.”

- Brandon Alberson, Lee County

“Crops are looking good, and for the most part off to a great start. There are still a few acres of cotton and soybeans to be planted, but we should get them in the ground in the next few days. Timely rains have helped activate our pre-emerge chemicals and most fields are really clean.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Our crop conditions for the county are improving, but with some of the heavy rain storms, some of the producers had to replant some acreage. Livestock on pastureland are improving a good bit and the conditions on pasture and hay fields are looking good. We have had some signs of some wild hog damage in some areas of row crops. This is a growing threat in some areas of the county.”

- James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

“Rain showers have brought much needed moisture to the area but has halted cotton and peanut planting over the past few days. The corn crop has really benefited from the rainfall and has really grown over the past few weeks from fertilization, heat and the rainfall.”

- Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Some crops are under water due to the Mississippi River flooding at Vicksburg. The river stage at Vicksburg on Friday, May 19, 2017, was at 47.33 feet. Portions of Hwy 465 and Eagle Lake Road are under water and these roads are surrounded by cropland.”

- Sandy Havard, Warren County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 21, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	82.4	64.8	73.6	71.8	1.9	0.15	1	-0.71	4.37	0.32
Cleveland	87.7	66.0	76.8	72.5	4.5	0.15	1	-1.04	4.69	-0.96
Lambert	86.1	59.4	72.8	72.7	0.1	0.41	2	-0.97	5.27	0.31
Tunica	87.8	70.2	79.0	72.4	6.5	4.38	1	3.73	7.54	3.59
Extreme/Average	86.0	65.1	75.6	72.0	3.2	1.27	2	0.25	5.47	0.81
North-Central										
Ashland	84.4	63.3	73.9	NA	NA	0.08	1	-1.16	3.12	-2.11
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	68.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	82.6	64.3	73.4	69.2	4.3	0.09	1	-1.07	4.08	-1.00
University	87.1	64.6	75.9	70.6	5.3	0.20	3	-1.11	2.44	-3.06
Extreme/Average	84.7	64.1	74.4	69.8	4.8	0.12	3	-1.11	3.21	-2.06
Northeast										
Booneville	83.6	59.1	71.4	68.3	3.1	0.80	2	-0.52	2.67	-2.58
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	68.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	69.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	85.4	63.2	74.3	70.9	3.6	0.04	1	-0.95	1.73	-3.03
Verona	NA	NA	NA	71.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.22	-1.39
Extreme/Average	84.5	61.2	72.8	69.7	3.3	0.42	2	-0.73	1.87	-2.33
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	86.0	67.4	76.7	73.8	2.9	0.12	1	-0.93	4.62	0.28
Moorhead	85.9	67.6	76.7	73.1	3.7	0.13	2	-0.95	3.36	-1.24
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	73.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	91.0	68.0	79.5	72.6	6.9	0.35	1	-0.97	7.88	2.78
Extreme/Average	87.6	67.7	77.6	73.3	4.5	0.20	2	-0.95	5.29	0.61
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	86.4	64.0	75.2	70.2	5.1	0.49	1	-0.74	5.57	0.90
Winona	86.3	61.3	73.8	69.0	4.7	1.41	1	0.45	4.67	0.42
Extreme/Average	86.3	62.6	74.5	69.6	4.9	0.95	1	-0.14	5.12	0.66
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	89.2	68.6	78.9	72.1	7.0	0.07	1	-0.57	3.17	-0.02
Macon	86.0	64.6	75.3	71.7	3.6	1.09	2	0.20	4.08	0.97
Philadelphia	85.2	65.8	75.5	72.4	3.5	0.00	0	-0.58	1.86	-1.72
State University	86.3	63.1	74.7	71.2	3.5	0.56	2	-0.45	3.94	-0.17
Extreme/Average	86.7	65.5	76.1	71.8	4.4	0.43	2	-0.35	3.26	-0.24
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	87.4	64.4	75.9	74.8	1.4	0.00	0	-0.59	2.72	-0.05
Natchez	85.7	65.1	75.4	73.1	2.3	0.33	1	-0.74	6.45	2.57
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	86.2	67.0	76.6	73.4	3.2	0.00	0	-1.07	5.10	0.76
Extreme/Average	86.4	65.5	76.0	73.3	2.3	0.11	1	-0.80	4.60	1.17
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	72.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	87.7	67.1	77.4	74.2	3.2	2.60	1	1.52	7.61	3.47
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	73.4	NA	0.00	0	-0.18	4.33	2.02
Extreme/Average	87.7	67.1	77.4	73.3	3.2	1.30	1	0.67	5.97	2.75
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	85.4	66.6	76.0	73.8	2.4	0.00	0	-0.72	6.87	3.78
Laurel	85.7	65.0	75.4	72.9	2.5	0.56	3	-0.47	5.96	2.12
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	85.6	65.8	75.7	72.6	2.4	0.28	3	-0.59	4.43	1.75
Coastal										
Biloxi	83.0	72.8	77.9	76.4	1.5	0.98	2	0.11	4.44	0.92
Poplarville	85.7	66.1	75.9	74.1	1.8	3.37	3	2.32	8.27	4.12
Saucier	85.8	65.8	75.8	75.5	0.6	0.14	1	-0.58	4.94	0.82
Extreme/Average	84.8	68.2	76.5	75.3	1.3	1.50	3	0.62	5.88	1.95
State	86.1	65.2	75.7	72.0	3.5	0.60	2	-0.37	4.49	0.56

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.