



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 24, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 23 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 64.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 73.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 87.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi to 94.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 0.57 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending September 24, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	95	91	96	94
Cotton, open bolls	74	61	89	83
Cotton, harvested	6	1	13	9
Peanuts, dug	33	22	25	35
Peanuts, harvested	15	9	13	22
Rice, mature	98	97	96	91
Rice, harvested	76	62	71	64
Sorghum, coloring	100	98	100	99
Sorghum, mature	97	94	99	93
Sorghum, harvested	82	70	83	67
Soybeans, turning color	93	88	88	89
Soybeans, dropping leaves	80	71	76	71
Soybeans, mature	70	60	68	NA
Soybeans, harvested	50	38	43	45
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	33	22	26	32
Winter Wheat, planted	2	0	0	3

### Crop condition for week ending September 24, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	1	6	22	70	1
Cotton	0	6	30	43	21
Livestock	0	3	23	63	11
Pasture	1	9	28	54	8
Peanuts	0	6	27	50	17
Soybeans	0	6	24	43	27
Sweet Potatoes	0	10	47	39	4

NA = Not Available.

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Soybean harvest is underway with good yields. Most fields were yielding well, but some fields are shutting down prematurely. The cause was uncertain but may be root disease. Nematodes were causing yield loss in many fields. Hay was being put up at a rapid pace.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Early planted soybeans have been harvested with substantial damage to grain quality. This damage was due to harvest being delayed by more than 30 days due to frequent rains.”

- Allan “Keith” Whitehead, Franklin County

“We are currently experiencing the best harvest conditions we have had this year. Corn harvest is complete and by the end of next week, we should be really close to finishing soybeans. Cotton harvest should become more widespread next week as more acres become ready to pick. Sweet potato harvest is also underway, and I expect some peanuts to be dug in the coming days.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Most producers have been able to cut and bale hay this week. The soil moisture is getting low.”

- Thomas E. Brewer, Jefferson Davis County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 24, 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	90.0	68.5	79.3	72.4	7.4	0.00	0	-0.20	5.22	4.03
Cleveland	92.8	71.2	82.0	74.0	7.4	0.27	1	-0.19	4.04	0.82
Lambert	91.4	69.0	80.2	72.9	7.3	1.45	1	0.77	8.70	6.00
Tunica	91.7	70.0	80.8	72.6	8.1	0.00	0	-0.25	3.48	2.15
Extreme/Average	91.5	69.7	80.6	72.7	7.6	0.43	1	0.03	5.36	3.25
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.34	NA
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	69.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	88.7	67.1	77.9	70.0	7.9	0.00	0	-0.77	6.79	3.88
University	92.3	67.7	80.0	71.2	8.8	0.00	0	-0.83	5.04	1.82
Extreme/Average	90.5	67.4	79.0	70.5	8.4	0.00	0	-0.80	4.06	1.90
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	89.3	65.4	77.4	69.6	7.8	0.34	2	-0.54	6.06	2.64
Corinth	89.0	66.5	77.8	69.4	7.6	0.00	0	-0.27	4.24	2.85
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	70.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	90.0	69.4	79.7	71.5	7.8	0.00	0	-0.60	3.99	1.18
Verona	NA	NA	NA	72.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.91	1.83
Extreme/Average	89.4	67.1	78.3	70.7	7.7	0.11	2	-0.47	4.55	2.12
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	90.4	69.4	79.9	74.3	5.3	0.00	0	-0.58	4.26	1.91
Moorhead	91.4	70.8	81.1	74.1	6.7	0.00	0	-0.63	1.88	-0.69
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	74.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	93.7	72.7	83.2	73.8	9.4	0.02	1	-0.61	5.25	2.74
Extreme/Average	91.8	71.0	81.4	74.0	7.1	0.01	1	-0.61	3.80	1.32
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	89.7	69.3	79.5	71.3	7.4	0.00	0	-0.35	6.11	3.15
Winona	90.8	64.0	77.4	70.6	6.9	0.06	1	-0.68	3.22	-0.28
Extreme/Average	90.2	66.7	78.5	70.9	7.2	0.03	1	-0.52	4.67	1.44
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	94.0	71.0	82.5	73.1	9.2	0.00	0	-0.46	1.32	-0.92
Macon	92.0	68.0	80.0	72.5	7.2	0.00	0	-0.58	1.18	-1.41
Philadelphia	90.0	68.2	79.1	74.0	4.8	0.00	0	-0.46	1.49	-1.36
State University	92.4	69.1	80.8	71.8	9.0	1.06	4	0.28	4.90	1.74
Extreme/Average	92.1	69.1	80.6	72.9	7.5	0.27	4	-0.30	2.22	-0.49
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	90.6	67.8	79.2	76.0	2.9	1.23	3	0.55	3.01	0.73
Natchez	89.3	68.1	78.7	73.8	5.0	0.31	1	-0.52	4.94	1.07
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	90.0	70.7	80.4	73.9	6.4	0.00	0	-0.51	3.43	0.10
Extreme/Average	89.4	69.0	79.2	74.3	4.7	0.41	3	-0.26	3.43	0.11
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	73.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	91.6	70.1	80.9	75.4	5.4	0.36	3	-0.40	4.32	0.60
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	74.9	NA	0.79	3	0.48	2.13	1.34
Extreme/Average	91.6	70.1	80.9	74.6	5.4	0.57	3	0.04	3.23	0.97
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	93.0	69.7	81.3	75.4	5.5	0.04	1	-0.37	4.56	0.75
Laurel	90.9	67.3	79.1	73.9	5.1	0.36	2	-0.39	1.12	-2.31
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	92.0	68.5	80.2	73.9	5.3	0.20	2	-0.38	1.95	-0.62
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	87.0	73.2	80.1	77.6	2.5	1.09	3	0.03	4.50	-0.54
Poplarville	90.0	70.2	80.1	74.9	4.9	0.36	3	-0.23	5.39	1.91
Saucier	89.0	71.2	80.1	76.9	2.8	0.14	1	-0.58	2.43	-2.35
Extreme/Average	88.7	71.5	80.1	76.5	3.4	0.53	3	-0.26	4.11	-0.33
<b>State</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>0.81</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.