



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 1, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 31 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 28 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Belzoni to 71.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 83.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 91.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo City. The precipitation was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the coastal part of the state with an average of 0.65 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 1, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	98	95	99	97
Cotton, open bolls	84	74	94	89
Cotton, harvested	18	6	30	20
Peanuts, dug	48	33	48	46
Peanuts, harvested	21	15	26	30
Rice, mature	99	98	99	95
Rice, harvested	86	76	81	76
Sorghum, mature	100	97	100	97
Sorghum, harvested	88	82	90	79
Soybeans, turning color	95	93	94	94
Soybeans, dropping leaves	88	80	88	81
Soybeans, mature	80	70	82	NA
Soybeans, harvested	64	50	64	60
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	50	33	37	41
Winter Wheat, planted	3	2	2	6

Crop condition for week ending October 1, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	1	5	14	79	1
Cotton	0	9	34	38	19
Livestock	0	4	24	59	13
Pasture	0	10	30	51	9
Peanuts	0	6	30	54	10
Sweet Potatoes	0	8	46	41	5

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Good week of harvest. Weather has been beautiful. Cotton harvest will be in full swing all over the county. Great conditions for hay harvest. This weather pattern needs to continue for a few more weeks.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Hay producers have taken advantage of dry weather to complete final cuttings of hay.”

- Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“Last week, we experienced some great weather and harvest conditions. The ground was drying out good as cotton pickers began to roll. There are still a few acres of soybeans in the field, but those should be harvested by week’s end. Peanut and sweet potato harvest is underway. Let’s hope the weather holds out until we can get all the crops harvested.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Most of the county needs a slow, deep-soaking rain to replenish soil moisture to foster good germination of recently seeded, cool season forages. Many livestock producers are waiting on rain to plant their winter grazing crops.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 1, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	86.0	63.0	74.5	69.7	5.2	0.00	0	-0.26	1.20	0.12
Cleveland	88.6	65.4	77.0	71.3	5.7	0.00	0	-0.93	1.59	-2.13
Lambert	86.7	62.7	74.7	70.2	4.5	0.00	0	-0.79	3.12	0.27
Tunica	87.5	64.3	75.9	69.8	5.9	0.00	0	-0.62	2.04	-0.33
Extreme/Average	87.2	63.9	75.5	70.0	5.3	0.00	0	-0.65	1.99	-0.52
North-Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	67.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	83.9	61.0	72.4	67.1	5.3	0.00	0	-0.93	2.02	-1.20
University	87.7	61.1	74.4	68.2	6.2	0.00	0	-0.99	2.17	-1.30
Extreme/Average	85.8	61.0	73.4	67.7	5.8	0.00	0	-0.96	2.09	-1.25
Northeast										
Booneville	85.4	61.7	73.6	66.8	6.8	0.00	0	-0.96	2.18	-1.44
Corinth	86.0	61.3	73.7	66.6	6.8	0.00	0	-0.44	0.00	-1.08
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	67.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	87.2	65.6	76.4	68.7	7.3	0.00	0	-0.70	2.37	-0.71
Verona	89.2	64.2	76.7	69.3	7.0	0.00	0	-0.77	1.87	-1.84
Extreme/Average	87.0	63.2	75.1	67.8	7.0	0.00	0	-0.72	1.61	-1.27
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	89.0	58.8	73.9	71.7	1.9	0.00	0	-0.70	2.15	-0.30
Moorhead	88.2	66.0	77.1	71.6	5.3	0.05	1	-0.81	1.93	-1.55
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	71.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	91.4	67.6	79.5	71.3	8.2	0.00	0	-0.78	3.24	0.54
Extreme/Average	89.5	64.1	76.8	71.5	5.1	0.02	1	-0.76	2.44	-0.44
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	85.7	64.0	74.9	68.5	6.3	NA	0	-0.98	4.83	1.27
Winona	86.4	60.0	73.2	67.8	5.4	0.29	2	-0.61	1.90	-1.61
Extreme/Average	86.1	62.0	74.0	68.2	5.9	0.29	2	-0.79	3.37	-0.17
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	90.8	66.0	78.4	70.5	7.6	0.00	0	-0.66	0.76	-1.68
Macon	89.1	63.1	76.1	69.6	6.5	0.00	0	-0.93	0.90	-1.85
Philadelphia	89.2	65.6	77.4	71.2	5.8	0.00	0	-0.53	0.99	-1.72
State University	88.9	64.1	76.5	69.0	7.5	0.00	0	-0.87	3.90	0.68
Extreme/Average	89.5	64.7	77.1	70.1	6.9	0.00	0	-0.75	1.64	-1.14
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	91.0	67.0	79.0	73.5	5.7	0.00	0	-0.25	1.45	-0.43
Natchez	86.3	64.3	75.3	71.4	3.8	0.02	1	-0.73	1.30	-2.41
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	87.0	65.0	76.0	71.4	4.6	0.05	1	-0.77	0.36	-2.82
Extreme/Average	88.1	65.4	76.8	71.8	4.7	0.02	1	-0.58	0.82	-2.06
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	71.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	89.9	66.1	78.0	73.0	5.0	0.18	3	-0.59	1.09	-2.39
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	72.3	NA	0.04	1	-0.07	0.83	0.41
Extreme/Average	89.9	66.1	78.0	72.1	5.0	0.11	3	-0.33	0.96	-0.99
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	88.4	67.4	77.9	72.9	4.6	0.02	1	-0.66	2.35	-1.22
Laurel	88.0	65.2	76.6	71.4	5.2	0.21	1	-0.45	0.60	-2.51
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	88.2	66.3	77.2	71.3	4.9	0.11	1	-0.56	1.48	-1.86
Coastal										
Biloxi	87.4	71.3	79.4	75.6	3.8	1.37	4	0.18	2.46	-2.68
Poplarville	88.0	67.0	77.5	72.6	4.9	0.06	1	-0.84	1.63	-1.97
Saucier	86.0	68.2	77.1	75.0	1.8	0.53	2	-0.15	2.29	-2.37
Extreme/Average	87.1	68.8	78.0	74.4	3.5	0.65	4	-0.27	2.13	-2.34
State	87.8	64.5	76.2	70.4	5.4	0.12	1	-0.65	1.84	-1.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.