



# Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 40 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 38 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 61.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 70.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 88.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Verona. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the coastal part of the state with an average of 1.72 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending October 22, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, open bolls	97	93	100	99
Cotton, harvested	59	46	79	70
Peanuts, dug	81	71	83	77
Peanuts, harvested	57	45	66	62
Rice, harvested	98	96	96	96
Soybeans, turning color	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	97	95	98	98
Soybeans, mature	95	91	96	NA
Soybeans, harvested	88	80	91	88
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	76	70	71	70
Winter Wheat, planted	15	8	16	20
Winter Wheat, emerged	7	1	6	9

NA = Not Available.

### Crop condition for week ending October 22, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	4	13	81	2
Livestock	0	4	22	63	11
Pasture	2	13	30	46	9

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Very few soybeans were left to be harvested. Cotton harvest is progressing really well. Some defoliant is slow to work, but for the most part, we are looking at being done with everything in a couple of weeks. That is to say if good weather holds out.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Good past week for harvesting. More heat units were needed and cotton defoliation was difficult due to fluctuating temperatures. Some field prep is being done but not enough.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Our area received much needed rainfall over the past weekend. Cool season pastures needed the rain. Shorter daylight hours are putting a damper on outside activities.”

- Randall “Randy” H. McKey III, Amite County

“Much of the county received around 2 to 3 inches of rain Saturday, into early Sunday. This moisture was greatly needed to boost germination and establish recently planted, cool season forages. Many livestock producers, who were delaying planting ryegrass and small grains for grazing due to lack of soil moisture, will now be able to seed their pastures and hay fields. Additional, timely rainfall will be needed in the coming weeks to ensure adequate volumes of high quality grazing to compensate for the poor quality, warm season hay most area producers harvested between rain showers throughout the summer.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 22, 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	79.7	45.3	62.5	62.3	-0.2	0.06	1	-0.35	0.39	-1.48
Cleveland	80.1	51.4	65.8	63.6	2.2	0.44	2	-0.61	0.96	-2.69
Lambert	77.0	46.9	61.9	62.9	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.85	0.69	-2.61
Tunica	NA	NA	NA	62.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.75
Extreme/Average	78.9	47.9	63.4	62.6	0.4	0.17	2	-0.60	0.51	-1.88
<b>North-Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.90
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	59.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	73.4	44.9	59.1	59.9	-0.7	0.20	1	-0.79	2.35	-1.41
University	75.8	44.3	60.1	60.9	-1.0	0.53	1	-0.41	0.68	-3.32
Extreme/Average	74.6	44.6	59.6	60.4	-0.8	0.36	1	-0.60	1.01	-1.88
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	70.3	43.0	56.7	59.4	-2.9	0.40	1	-0.38	1.01	-2.54
Corinth	75.0	44.8	59.9	59.0	1.4	0.00	0	-0.53	0.00	-1.92
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	60.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	74.6	44.4	59.5	62.0	-2.8	0.30	1	-0.39	0.70	-3.14
Verona	88.0	49.0	68.5	61.3	6.2	0.46	1	0.32	1.55	-1.72
Extreme/Average	77.0	45.3	61.1	60.4	0.5	0.29	1	-0.25	0.81	-2.33
<b>Lower Delta</b>										
Belzoni	79.0	49.1	64.1	64.7	-0.6	0.49	1	-0.61	0.52	-3.01
Moorhead	78.2	48.7	63.4	64.5	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.77	0.12	-3.37
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	64.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	81.7	51.3	66.5	64.0	2.5	0.25	2	-0.92	0.25	-3.72
Extreme/Average	79.6	49.7	64.7	64.4	0.2	0.25	2	-0.77	0.30	-3.37
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	61.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.23	-2.62
Winona	76.6	42.6	59.6	60.4	-0.8	0.05	1	-0.91	0.41	-3.13
Extreme/Average	76.6	42.6	59.6	60.7	-0.8	0.05	1	-0.91	0.32	-2.88
<b>East-Central</b>										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	79.0	48.8	63.9	62.9	0.7	0.49	1	-0.15	1.96	-0.71
Macon	82.5	47.2	64.9	62.5	2.4	0.01	1	-0.57	1.09	-2.14
Philadelphia	77.4	46.2	61.8	63.5	-2.0	0.10	1	-0.56	1.12	-2.08
State University	78.0	47.1	62.6	61.7	0.8	0.34	1	-0.59	1.01	-2.65
Extreme/Average	79.2	47.3	63.3	62.7	0.5	0.23	1	-0.47	1.29	-1.90
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	83.0	48.0	65.5	66.0	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.24	0.87	-0.66
Natchez	78.7	51.1	64.9	64.8	0.1	0.80	2	-0.38	1.22	-2.74
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	78.7	53.6	66.1	64.8	1.3	0.00	0	-1.21	0.16	-4.03
Extreme/Average	80.3	50.9	65.6	64.9	0.6	0.20	2	-0.58	1.06	-2.15
<b>South-Central</b>										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	63.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	80.6	53.1	66.9	65.9	1.0	0.84	2	-0.11	2.29	-1.03
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	64.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.82	1.60
Extreme/Average	80.6	53.1	66.9	64.9	1.0	0.84	2	-0.11	2.06	0.29
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	81.7	51.7	66.7	65.9	0.2	0.50	1	0.16	1.43	-1.38
Laurel	77.7	49.9	63.8	64.3	-0.5	0.33	1	-0.47	2.85	-0.25
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	79.7	50.8	65.2	64.1	-0.2	0.42	1	-0.15	1.44	-0.78
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	76.7	61.0	68.9	69.1	-0.3	3.77	1	2.97	10.74	6.89
Poplarville	76.7	54.0	65.3	66.2	-1.4	0.77	1	0.36	3.48	0.58
Saucier	76.5	53.5	65.0	68.8	-4.3	0.62	1	0.15	5.19	1.75
Extreme/Average	76.6	56.2	66.4	68.0	-2.0	1.72	1	1.16	6.47	3.07
<b>State</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>-1.50</b>

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.