



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Message from the Editor

This is the **final** *Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report* for 2017. We will resume this report in March 2018. We would like to give special thanks to our County Agents, Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, and the Southern Regional Climate Center for their ongoing participation.

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 26, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 26 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 24.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 42.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 53.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 76.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crystal Springs. Precipitation was sparse throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 0.10 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 26, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton, harvested	99	97	100	99
Peanuts, harvested	96	92	100	97
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	100	98	100	100
Winter Wheat, planted	68	60	66	76
Winter Wheat, emerged	57	40	42	59

Crop condition for week ending November 26, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	1	3	7	87	2
Livestock	0	4	29	61	6
Pasture	3	21	30	42	4
Winter Wheat	0	2	31	63	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“A really dry November allowed producers to finish gathering the crops and accomplish a lot fieldwork for next planting season. Planted pastures, wheat, and food plots sure could use some rain.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“The east and west portions of the county are listed on the U.S. Drought Monitor as abnormally dry. Multiple frost have occurred last week. First hard frost occurred last week, which is near the average frost date for our county.”

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

“We are creeping into a very serious need for rain in this county. Much of the winter grazing is not growing at all.”

- Bert Gilmore, Neshoba County

“Low rainfall amounts have led to drying conditions, particularly for those producers with ryegrass planted.”

- Matt Thornton, Forrest County

“We need rainfall to replenish soil moisture to support optimal establishment and growth of cool season forages. Many livestock producers have not been able to place cattle to graze late-planted, winter pastures. They are now waiting on rain to further boost grass growth before allowing cattle access to pastures. Hay supplies are being fed earlier than usual to compensate for lack of cool season grazing availability.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending November 26, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	60.0	30.2	46.2	49.9	-3.2	0.01	1	-0.91	0.61	-2.25
Cleveland	58.1	32.1	45.1	50.6	-5.5	0.00	0	-1.31	1.79	-2.70
Lambert	57.4	30.4	43.9	50.0	-6.1	0.00	0	-1.30	1.71	-2.62
Tunica	56.3	33.3	44.8	50.5	-6.5	0.00	0	-0.59	2.33	-0.25
Extreme/Average	58.0	31.5	45.0	50.2	-5.3	0.00	1	-1.03	1.61	-1.96
North-Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.28
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	47.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	56.3	27.3	41.8	48.5	-6.7	0.00	0	-1.15	2.82	-1.18
University	59.3	27.5	43.4	49.9	-6.6	0.00	0	-0.93	1.46	-2.63
Extreme/Average	57.8	27.4	42.6	48.9	-6.7	0.00	0	-1.04	1.43	-1.36
Northeast										
Booneville	53.8	26.7	40.3	47.8	-7.7	0.00	0	-1.11	1.33	-3.03
Corinth	58.0	26.8	42.4	47.2	-4.6	0.00	0	-0.78	NA	-1.38
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	49.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	60.4	31.7	46.1	49.8	-3.7	0.16	1	-1.19	1.86	-2.03
Verona	NA	NA	NA	50.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.95	-2.18
Extreme/Average	57.4	28.4	42.9	48.8	-5.4	0.05	1	-1.03	1.38	-2.15
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	59.8	35.3	47.6	52.6	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.96	3.62	0.16
Moorhead	57.5	34.3	45.9	51.6	-5.8	0.00	0	-1.18	2.62	-1.76
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	52.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	61.9	33.9	47.9	52.3	-4.5	0.00	0	-1.25	1.33	-3.32
Extreme/Average	59.7	34.5	47.1	52.3	-5.1	0.00	0	-1.13	2.52	-1.64
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	55.0	29.0	42.0	50.1	-9.0	0.00	0	-0.38	1.33	-2.43
Winona	57.6	24.9	41.2	49.8	-8.6	0.00	0	-1.22	1.49	-2.21
Extreme/Average	56.3	26.9	41.6	50.0	-8.8	0.00	0	-0.80	1.41	-2.32
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	60.5	32.0	46.3	51.6	-5.3	0.00	0	-0.69	0.74	-2.54
Macon	61.7	27.6	44.6	51.7	-7.0	0.00	0	-1.24	1.69	-2.27
Philadelphia	59.2	29.8	44.5	53.5	-9.3	0.00	0	-0.91	1.51	-2.63
State University	59.9	29.7	44.8	51.0	-6.2	0.00	0	-1.22	1.09	-3.06
Extreme/Average	60.3	29.8	45.0	52.0	-7.0	0.00	0	-1.01	1.26	-2.62
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	76.0	33.3	54.7	55.1	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.32	0.53	-1.16
Natchez	61.3	30.6	45.9	55.0	-9.1	0.20	1	-1.26	1.21	-3.89
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	NA	NA	NA	53.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.92	-2.22
Extreme/Average	68.7	31.9	50.3	54.3	-5.0	0.10	1	-0.79	0.81	-2.25
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	54.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	64.0	33.4	48.7	55.3	-6.6	0.00	0	-1.06	0.63	-3.36
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	55.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.60	0.17
Extreme/Average	64.0	33.4	48.7	54.9	-6.6	0.00	0	-1.06	0.61	-1.59
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	59.0	35.5	47.3	55.7	-9.3	0.00	0	-0.35	0.65	-2.89
Laurel	62.9	30.9	46.9	54.1	-7.2	0.00	0	-1.17	0.66	-3.31
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	61.0	33.2	47.1	53.8	-8.3	0.00	0	-0.76	0.44	-2.16
Coastal										
Biloxi	63.7	42.3	53.0	59.1	-6.1	0.00	0	-1.16	0.30	-4.00
Poplarville	57.0	35.0	46.0	56.2	-11.0	0.00	0	-0.30	0.98	-2.30
Saucier	65.4	38.7	52.1	59.1	-7.1	0.00	0	-1.18	0.53	-3.87
Extreme/Average	62.0	38.7	50.4	58.1	-8.0	0.00	0	-0.88	0.60	-3.39
State	60.8	31.3	46.1	52.4	-6.7	0.02	0	-0.93	1.17	-2.14

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.