



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 11, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 70 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 57 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 31.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel to 50.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 54.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 74.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Verona. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the central part of the state with an average of 4.10 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 11, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	1	(NA)	2	1

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending March 11, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	2	12	83	3
Livestock	0	5	33	54	8
Pasture	5	11	32	44	8
Winter wheat	2	14	39	44	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Cattle still being fed. No ground preparation yet because fields are saturated from weeks of constant rainfall. Some aerial burndown was applied between rains last week.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Constant rain helped subsoil moisture, but was wreaking havoc on field prep and wheat management. Producers struggled to make nitrogen and herbicide applications in a timely manner. Insects were already showing up in wheat, cover crops, and winter weeds.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“Rains over the weekend has helped recently planted corn. Winter pastures were being fertilized for spring grazing and forage production.”

- Randall “Randy H. McKey, Amite County

“Weather forecasts indicate the upcoming week should help dry some of our fields up. Farmers were gearing up for corn planting, but due to rains over the past few weeks, any fieldwork has been put on hold.”

-Patrick J. Poindexter, Alcorn County

“Neshoba County has received an abundance of rain during the past 30 days, which has improved the winter annual grazing by 75 percent. Stockers and cow-calf producers are just now getting good grazing from the expense of last fall’s input of annual winter grazing. This has really been a huge help in supplementing the poor hay crop most producers harvested in 2017.”

- Bert Gilmore, Neshoba County

“Lots of warm weather has ryegrass in full production, but extremely wet conditions made fertilization or spraying almost impossible.”

- Shani Hay, Lauderdale County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 11, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	61.6	43.2	52.4	50.2	2.3	0.93	2	0.12	4.13	0.88
Cleveland	64.6	41.1	52.9	51.7	1.2	2.64	3	1.69	13.17	8.87
Lambert	61.3	38.8	50.1	51.4	-1.2	0.33	1	-0.62	10.82	6.54
Tunica	54.0	35.7	44.8	51.2	-6.4	0.00	0	-0.47	7.48	4.21
Extreme/Average	60.4	39.7	50.0	51.2	-1.0	0.98	3	0.18	8.90	5.12
North-Central										
Ashland	60.4	36.0	48.2	NA	NA	1.80	4	0.65	14.49	9.51
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	48.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	60.4	34.7	47.6	49.2	-1.7	1.44	3	0.36	14.14	9.78
University	64.5	35.2	49.8	50.5	-0.6	0.26	2	-0.75	11.92	6.85
Extreme/Average	61.8	35.3	48.5	49.6	-1.1	1.17	4	0.09	13.52	8.71
Northeast										
Booneville	NA	NA	NA	48.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corinth	67.5	34.5	51.0	48.7	2.4	0.48	1	0.18	5.59	4.12
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	49.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	60.6	36.4	48.5	50.2	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.77	10.03	5.71
Verona	74.0	35.0	54.5	51.2	4.2	0.00	0	-0.18	6.62	2.40
Extreme/Average	67.4	35.3	51.3	49.7	1.7	0.16	1	-0.26	7.41	4.08
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	65.9	43.6	54.7	53.7	1.0	2.37	2	1.20	10.92	6.19
Moorhead	63.1	44.6	53.9	52.9	1.0	2.46	3	1.35	12.29	7.46
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	53.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	73.7	44.7	59.2	53.3	5.9	2.35	3	0.94	8.52	2.83
Extreme/Average	67.6	44.3	55.9	53.4	2.7	2.39	3	1.16	10.58	5.49
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	51.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.76	0.31
Winona	62.7	31.9	47.3	50.6	-3.3	4.10	3	2.88	12.02	7.18
Extreme/Average	62.7	31.9	47.3	50.9	-3.3	4.10	3	2.88	7.89	3.74
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	66.0	39.0	52.5	53.9	-1.3	0.92	2	-0.09	3.37	-0.79
Macon	65.0	38.0	51.5	53.0	-1.6	2.00	1	1.37	4.09	0.13
Philadelphia	63.5	37.0	50.3	54.6	-3.9	1.90	1	1.21	4.89	0.22
State University	65.5	36.7	51.1	51.8	-0.6	1.43	1	0.43	5.62	0.31
Extreme/Average	65.0	37.7	51.3	53.3	-1.9	1.56	2	0.73	4.49	-0.03
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	NA	NA	NA	56.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Natchez	67.3	43.4	55.4	56.3	-1.0	1.02	2	-0.37	5.15	-0.05
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	70.1	50.1	60.1	55.2	5.0	1.08	2	-0.20	6.08	1.49
Extreme/Average	68.7	46.8	57.8	55.7	2.0	1.05	2	-0.29	5.34	0.66
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	55.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	70.3	41.6	55.9	56.9	-1.0	0.56	1	-0.74	3.96	-1.38
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	56.5	NA	0.75	1	0.53	1.04	-2.60
Extreme/Average	70.3	41.6	55.9	56.2	-1.0	0.66	1	-0.10	2.50	-1.99
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	68.8	42.2	55.5	56.9	-1.1	0.56	2	-0.40	3.71	-1.09
Laurel	69.1	31.3	50.2	55.6	-5.4	1.04	2	-0.18	5.55	0.68
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	68.9	36.8	52.9	55.1	-3.2	0.80	2	-0.29	4.41	0.08
Coastal										
Biloxi	66.0	50.8	58.4	58.8	-0.3	1.36	2	0.39	4.12	-0.71
Poplarville	67.9	40.3	54.1	57.2	-3.1	0.76	1	-0.54	3.03	-2.68
Saucier	NA	NA	NA	60.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	67.0	45.5	56.2	58.7	-1.7	1.06	2	-0.08	3.58	-1.70
State	66.1	39.3	52.7	53.4	-0.8	1.49	2	0.47	6.73	2.27

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.

NA = Not Available.