



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 18, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 60 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 29.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 51.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Vicksburg City. Highs ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbia. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the central part of the state with an average of 2.21 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 18, 2018

Crop	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn, planted	6	1	4	4
Winter wheat, headed	1	0	1	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending March 18, 2018

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries	0	2	10	85	3
Livestock	0	5	29	59	7
Pasture	4	9	32	48	7
Winter wheat	1	12	40	45	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Weed pressure was prevalent in pastures with the favorable conditions we've had lately. Gardeners have been bringing in soil samples lately in preparation for spring plantings.”

- Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“We managed to get a day or so for burndown applications last week, but producers are itching to get started with fieldwork. Pastures are greening up, but they are muddy particularly where producers feed.”

- Dr. Stephen “Steve” R. Winters, Grenada County

“Field conditions dried up some last week, but still too wet for any significant fieldwork. Cool season forages are greening up, but growth remains slow; therefore, hay is still being fed.”

- Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Still waiting on soil to dry out enough to work in fields.”

- Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“More rain last week. Most soil moisture levels were at field capacity.”

- Allan “Keith” Whitehead, Franklin County

“Wet soil conditions continued as most parts of the county received an additional 1.5 to 2.5 inches of rain from Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18. Livestock producers continued to restrict animal grazing in boggy pastures. Drier weather conditions are needed for livestock producers to make nitrogen fertilizer topdress applications to winter pastures for hay production, and for row crop and vegetable producers to prepare ground for planting.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“We need some extended days of sun to dry out fields.”

- Christy King, Clarke County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 18, 2018

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	36.3	48.2	52.1	-3.6	0.00	0	-0.59	3.05	0.15
Cleveland	63.4	41.4	52.4	53.8	-1.3	0.44	2	-0.51	12.58	8.52
Lambert	65.5	41.0	53.3	53.5	-0.4	0.50	1	-0.37	9.15	4.92
Tunica	57.0	37.6	47.3	53.3	-5.7	0.00	0	-0.75	6.37	3.03
Extreme/Average	61.5	39.1	50.3	53.2	-2.8	0.23	2	-0.55	7.79	4.15
North-Central										
Ashland	59.9	35.0	47.4	(NA)	(NA)	0.14	2	-0.97	12.33	7.49
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	50.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	60.1	36.9	48.5	51.3	-2.8	0.70	1	-0.36	12.25	7.90
University	64.0	35.6	49.8	52.4	-2.6	0.64	1	-0.40	11.29	6.38
Extreme/Average	61.3	35.8	48.6	51.6	-2.7	0.49	2	-0.58	11.96	7.26
Northeast										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	50.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	50.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.24	3.93
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Pontotoc	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	59.2	32.2	45.7	52.2	-6.2	0.02	1	-0.76	7.44	3.30
Verona	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.80	2.84
Extreme/Average	59.2	32.2	45.7	51.8	-6.2	0.02	1	-0.76	6.16	3.36
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	65.6	45.8	55.7	55.6	0.0	0.40	1	-0.36	10.48	6.19
Moorhead	62.0	42.9	52.4	54.9	-2.5	0.74	4	-0.29	12.24	7.62
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	66.7	45.4	56.1	55.1	1.0	0.85	2	-0.42	9.00	3.45
Extreme/Average	64.8	44.7	54.7	55.4	-0.5	0.66	4	-0.36	10.57	5.75
Central										
Canton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Kosciusko	59.0	34.0	46.5	53.1	-5.9	(NA)	0	-0.36	5.46	1.06
Winona	57.6	29.4	43.5	52.4	-8.7	2.21	1	1.39	13.41	8.69
Extreme/Average	58.3	31.7	45.0	52.8	-7.3	2.21	1	0.51	9.44	4.88
East-Central										
Aberdeen	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbus	63.5	40.3	51.9	55.7	-3.7	0.80	2	-0.12	3.77	-0.10
Macon	65.0	41.5	53.3	54.8	-1.6	0.62	2	-0.27	4.01	0.37
Philadelphia	61.2	32.5	46.9	56.5	-9.2	0.00	0	-0.63	6.32	2.01
State University	65.0	38.7	51.9	53.6	-1.7	0.50	1	-0.54	6.40	1.37
Extreme/Average	63.7	38.2	51.0	55.1	-4.1	0.48	2	-0.39	5.12	0.91
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	66.0	41.7	53.9	58.1	-4.2	1.38	4	0.01	6.16	0.79
Oakley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vicksburg City	66.7	51.3	59.0	56.9	2.2	1.79	2	0.83	7.78	3.29
Extreme/Average	65.9	45.7	55.8	57.4	-1.2	1.36	4	0.53	6.95	2.13
South-Central										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	68.0	42.1	55.1	58.6	-3.5	2.06	4	0.82	5.28	0.09
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.3	(NA)	0.60	1	0.23	1.60	-1.03
Extreme/Average	68.0	42.1	55.1	57.9	-3.5	1.33	4	0.53	3.44	-0.47
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	64.0	36.2	50.1	58.6	-8.3	0.90	1	0.07	4.56	-0.38
Laurel	65.8	40.0	52.9	57.3	-4.3	2.07	2	1.10	6.43	1.69
Waynesboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	64.9	38.1	51.5	56.8	-6.3	1.48	2	0.59	4.80	0.93
Coastal										
Biloxi	66.0	49.9	57.9	60.3	-2.4	2.22	3	0.83	5.76	0.49
Poplarville	64.8	39.6	52.2	58.8	-6.3	0.97	1	0.09	3.79	-1.29
Saucier	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	65.4	44.8	55.1	60.2	-4.4	1.60	3	0.46	4.78	-0.40
State	63.3	39.1	51.2	55.3	-4.0	1.08	2	0.07	7.12	2.83

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.

(NA) Not available.