



## Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 25, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 30.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 55.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 52.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Yazoo. Precipitation was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the state with an average of 0.72 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending March 25, 2018**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	28	6	26	17
Corn, emerged	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice, planted	1	0	3	1
Soybeans, planted	2	0	0	0
Watermelons, planted	5	0	7	5
Winter wheat, headed	3	1	5	1

(NA) Not available.

**Crop condition for week ending March 25, 2018**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	2	12	81	5
Livestock	0	5	32	55	8
Pasture	3	9	32	49	7
Winter wheat	2	10	44	40	4

**Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents**

“Still muddy conditions. Not a lot of field activity yet. Sunshine for an extended period of time would be welcome.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Good past week for field prep but no real planting activity due to cool and damp soils. Planting will start up if rains hold off. Ryegrass grazing is picking up steam.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“This area hasn't had as much rain last week. This has allowed producers to get in their fields and begin to get them ready for planting.”

- Suzanne “Marie” Rodgers, Itawamba County

“Conditions have been wet and backwater is still affecting some areas. Corn planters have been rolling since the end of the week. Producers are trying to get seeds in the ground before a mid-week rain is forecasted for next week.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“A lot of farmland is underwater due to the Mississippi River flooding.”

- Sandy Havard, Warren County

“Although we're still very wet in the county, things are beginning to dry out. We are in need of drier days to attack our pasture weeds, and much needed sunshine to make the grass grow. We are still experiencing cool nights, so not much gardening has begun outside to date.”

- Bert Gilmore, Neshoba County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 25, 2018**

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	66.0	46.3	56.2	54.1	2.3	0.53	1	0.12	2.36	-0.36
Cleveland	67.7	47.0	57.4	55.7	1.6	0.12	4	-0.89	6.17	2.30
Lambert	67.4	44.8	56.1	55.5	0.7	0.12	1	-0.59	4.24	0.64
Tunica	64.8	43.2	54.0	55.3	-1.5	0.00	0	-0.84	0.82	-2.10
Extreme/Average	66.5	45.3	55.9	55.2	0.8	0.19	4	-0.55	3.40	0.12
<b>North central</b>										
Ashland	62.1	40.1	51.1	(NA)	(NA)	1.23	5	0.06	7.75	3.07
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	62.4	41.0	51.7	53.2	-1.5	0.68	2	-0.40	6.69	2.37
University	65.6	40.4	53.0	54.3	-1.3	0.24	2	-0.86	5.05	0.43
Extreme/Average	63.4	40.5	52.0	53.5	-1.4	0.72	5	-0.40	6.50	1.96
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	52.0	30.0	41.0	52.6	-11.6	0.00	0	-0.15	5.14	3.50
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Pontotoc	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	64.6	44.7	54.6	54.1	0.5	0.10	1	-1.00	2.66	-1.69
Verona	72.5	54.0	63.3	55.1	8.8	0.20	1	-0.14	4.07	-0.09
Extreme/Average	63.0	42.9	53.0	53.7	-0.8	0.10	1	-0.43	3.96	0.57
<b>Lower delta</b>										
Belzoni	71.4	48.8	60.1	57.4	2.5	0.00	0	-0.78	6.11	2.25
Moorhead	65.3	46.8	56.1	56.9	-0.6	0.01	1	-0.91	5.98	1.74
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	75.0	45.2	60.1	56.9	3.1	0.00	0	-1.07	5.40	0.25
Extreme/Average	70.6	46.9	58.8	57.2	1.6	0.00	1	-0.92	5.83	1.41
<b>Central</b>										
Canton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Kosciusko	71.5	53.5	62.5	54.9	8.3	0.12	1	-0.23	5.64	1.48
Winona	60.8	40.6	50.7	54.1	-3.4	0.09	1	-0.68	8.89	4.78
Extreme/Average	66.2	47.0	56.6	54.5	2.4	0.10	1	-0.46	7.27	3.13
<b>East central</b>										
Aberdeen	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbus	70.5	45.5	58.0	57.3	0.7	0.03	1	-0.86	3.74	-0.01
Macon	66.8	42.5	54.6	56.5	-2.1	0.00	0	-0.57	3.07	0.27
Philadelphia	71.3	46.6	58.9	58.2	0.8	0.00	0	-1.11	5.00	0.34
State University	68.0	45.3	56.6	55.3	1.3	0.12	1	-0.90	4.91	0.37
Extreme/Average	69.2	45.0	57.1	56.8	0.2	0.04	1	-0.86	4.18	0.24
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	71.1	46.4	58.8	59.7	-0.9	0.34	1	-0.99	5.51	0.02
Oakley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Vicksburg City	72.9	54.7	63.8	58.4	5.4	0.31	1	-0.90	5.07	0.44
Extreme/Average	72.0	50.5	61.3	59.0	2.3	0.33	1	-0.95	4.96	0.59
<b>South central</b>										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	74.0	48.0	61.0	60.1	0.9	0.31	1	-0.93	4.26	-0.81
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.48	0.02
Extreme/Average	74.0	48.0	61.0	59.5	0.9	0.31	1	-0.93	2.87	-0.40
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	73.1	49.3	61.2	60.2	1.0	0.90	1	-0.20	6.46	1.54
Laurel	74.7	47.7	61.2	58.9	2.3	0.18	1	-0.78	5.82	1.41
Waynesboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	73.9	48.5	61.2	58.5	1.7	0.54	1	-0.49	5.05	1.76
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	71.3	55.3	63.3	61.9	1.4	0.00	0	-1.45	4.00	-1.48
Poplarville	71.4	49.6	60.5	60.2	0.3	0.32	1	-0.90	4.51	-0.63
Saucier	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	71.3	52.5	61.9	61.6	0.9	0.16	1	-1.18	4.25	-1.05
<b>State</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.71</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>0.99</b>

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.

(NA) Not available.