



## Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 1, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 47.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 62.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Vicksburg City. Highs ranged from 62.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 79.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbia. Most of the State received some rain, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 2.92 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending April 1, 2018**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	50	28	58	34
Corn, emerged	16	1	16	7
Rice, planted	7	1	11	5
Rice, emerged	1	(NA)	1	0
Soybeans, planted	5	2	3	2
Watermelons, planted	10	5	33	16
Winter wheat, headed	6	3	21	5

(NA) Not available.

**Crop condition for week ending April 1, 2018**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	7	17	73	3
Livestock	0	4	29	61	6
Pasture	2	9	31	51	7
Winter wheat	2	18	41	36	3

**Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents**

“Some sandy land was planted to corn, but most of the fields were still saturated. Some producers are changing from corn to soybeans because of late plantings.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“The threat of a frost on Tuesday and Wednesday will hopefully deter gardeners from getting ahead of themselves on plantings in north Mississippi.”

- Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“Strong thunderstorms passed through late last week, stopping corn plantings with two inches of rainfall. However, a large percentage of intended corn acres went in the ground before the rain.”

- Reid Nevins, Lowndes County

“Drier conditions last week allowed a lot of fieldwork to get done. There still has not been much planted yet, but clear skies in the forecast next week should allow a lot of "catch-up" work to be done.”

- BJ McClenton, Clay County

“Mild, moist conditions are allowing for excellent spring grazing. Conditions are a bit wet in some areas, causing some delay in fertilizing and weed abatement.”

- Shani Hay, Lauderdale County

“Farmers were able to begin planting corn and soybeans early in the week before 1 to 2 inches of rain fell on Thursday, March 29th. Livestock producers have completed nitrogen topdress applications on ryegrass pastures in preparation for hay harvest in the coming weeks.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 1, 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>										
Charleston	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	76.0	48.0	62.0	56.2	6.0	0.00	0	-0.13	1.46	-0.48
Cleveland	71.3	53.7	62.5	57.7	4.8	4.16	3	3.03	7.36	3.32
Lambert	68.3	53.0	60.7	57.3	3.5	3.62	3	2.76	4.57	1.18
Tunica	69.0	50.3	59.7	57.3	2.6	0.71	3	0.18	1.53	-1.38
Extreme/Average	71.2	51.2	61.2	57.1	4.2	2.12	3	1.46	3.73	0.66
<b>North central</b>										
Ashland	65.0	47.3	56.1	(NA)	(NA)	3.70	3	2.53	6.87	2.27
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	66.3	49.0	57.6	55.1	2.5	2.50	3	1.42	5.32	1.02
University	69.4	48.3	58.9	56.1	2.8	2.57	3	1.43	4.64	0.19
Extreme/Average	66.9	48.2	57.6	55.4	2.7	2.92	3	1.79	5.61	1.16
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	62.0	49.0	55.5	54.4	0.8	0.28	1	0.13	0.76	0.16
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	69.8	54.0	61.9	56.1	6.2	2.05	1	1.42	2.75	-1.14
Verona	69.5	53.2	61.4	56.9	4.8	1.61	1	0.98	2.81	-1.43
Extreme/Average	67.1	52.1	59.6	55.6	3.9	1.31	1	0.84	2.11	-0.80
<b>Lower delta</b>										
Belzoni	71.7	55.9	63.8	59.2	4.5	2.01	2	0.92	4.78	0.98
Moorhead	70.7	54.4	62.6	58.8	3.8	2.26	3	1.14	5.47	1.13
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	78.7	60.7	69.7	58.7	11.0	3.10	2	2.05	6.30	1.50
Extreme/Average	73.7	57.0	65.3	59.1	6.5	2.46	3	1.37	5.52	1.20
<b>Central</b>										
Kosciusko	72.8	55.4	64.1	56.7	7.7	2.70	2	1.77	6.14	1.45
Winona	68.7	49.7	59.2	55.6	3.7	1.65	2	0.73	8.05	4.32
Extreme/Average	70.8	52.5	61.6	56.2	5.7	2.17	2	1.25	7.10	2.89
<b>East central</b>										
Columbus	74.6	51.2	62.9	58.9	3.9	0.00	0	-0.75	1.75	-1.82
Macon	69.4	48.3	58.9	58.1	0.8	0.65	2	-0.37	3.27	0.16
Philadelphia	69.2	54.5	61.9	59.7	2.5	1.08	2	0.42	5.98	1.94
State University	69.9	49.7	59.8	57.1	2.7	1.96	2	0.86	4.88	0.56
Extreme/Average	70.8	50.9	60.9	58.5	2.5	0.92	2	0.04	3.97	0.21
<b>Southwest</b>										
Brookhaven City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.50	0.98
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	75.9	54.9	65.4	61.1	4.3	1.88	2	0.57	4.62	-0.78
Vicksburg City	78.9	62.1	70.5	59.8	10.7	2.17	2	0.83	5.35	0.56
Extreme/Average	77.4	58.5	67.9	60.5	7.5	2.02	2	0.70	4.16	0.25
<b>South central</b>										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	79.7	57.4	68.6	61.5	7.1	0.99	3	-0.34	3.92	-1.19
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	(NA)	0.16	1	0.00	1.51	0.76
Extreme/Average	79.7	57.4	68.6	61.0	7.1	0.57	3	-0.17	2.71	-0.21
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	77.5	60.8	69.1	61.7	7.7	0.03	1	-0.64	3.94	-0.30
Laurel	75.4	49.0	62.2	60.5	1.7	0.82	2	-0.30	4.11	-0.16
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	76.5	54.9	65.7	60.0	4.7	0.42	2	-0.47	4.03	-0.23
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	70.7	59.0	64.9	63.4	1.4	1.84	2	0.49	5.42	-0.10
Poplarville	77.5	61.5	69.5	61.5	8.3	0.04	1	-0.69	2.86	-1.63
Saucier	75.3	54.3	64.8	64.0	0.7	1.58	2	0.41	1.58	0.41
Extreme/Average	74.5	58.3	66.4	63.0	3.5	1.15	2	0.07	3.29	-0.44
<b>State</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>4.38</b>	<b>0.55</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.