



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 8, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 55.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 60.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Clarksdale to 82.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica. Most of the State received some rain, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 2.28 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 8, 2018

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn, planted | 55 | 50 | 74 | 51 |
| Corn, emerged | 33 | 16 | 42 | 20 |
| Rice, planted | 8 | 7 | 21 | 14 |
| Rice, emerged | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Soybeans, planted | 7 | 5 | 13 | 8 |
| Soybeans, emerged | 1 | (NA) | 2 | 1 |
| Watermelons, planted | 26 | 10 | 57 | 32 |
| Winter wheat, headed | 15 | 6 | 46 | 12 |

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending April 8, 2018

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Blueberries | 0 | 5 | 11 | 82 | 2 |
| Livestock | 0 | 4 | 29 | 60 | 7 |
| Pasture | 2 | 9 | 30 | 53 | 6 |
| Winter wheat | 0 | 12 | 40 | 44 | 4 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Rain first of the week along with rain on Friday has kept everything stalled. Pastures are greening up, but the areas where we fed are mud baths.”

- Stephen “Steve” R. Winters, Grenada County

“Wet conditions have continued to deter planting of corn and soybeans. Ryegrass pastures are doing well with recent rainfall and temperatures.”

- Trent Barnett, Calhoun County

“Very little progress was made last week. Wet and cool conditions delayed planting for another week. Most burndown applications are at full effect now, but we worry another application may be needed if we can't get into the fields soon.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

“The county experienced more rain followed by unseasonably cool weather. Corn planting was pretty much complete, but very few soybeans have been planted to date. We're looking for planters to roll as soon as the fields dry out.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Cold snap this past weekend may have landed some frost in shaded low-lying areas.”

- Amanda Masholie, Lawrence County

“Wet field conditions continue to prevent any significant fieldwork. Nighttime subfreezing temperatures along with highs in the 40's over the weekend continued to keep soil temperatures unfavorable. This also impeded grass/forage growth, causing many cattle producers to continue to feed hay.”

- Terry Wayne “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 8, 2018

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Upper delta | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 58.8 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Clarksdale | 60.0 | 36.8 | 48.4 | 58.4 | -10.1 | 2.84 | 2 | 2.12 | 3.37 | 1.52 |
| Cleveland | 63.6 | 40.3 | 51.9 | 59.7 | -7.8 | 2.20 | 3 | 1.15 | 6.92 | 2.78 |
| Lambert | 66.5 | 39.4 | 53.8 | 59.2 | -5.4 | 3.09 | 3 | 2.10 | 7.33 | 3.90 |
| Tunica | 82.0 | 34.0 | 58.0 | 59.4 | -1.1 | 0.73 | 1 | 0.56 | 1.44 | -0.85 |
| Extreme/Average | 68.0 | 37.6 | 53.0 | 59.1 | -6.1 | 2.21 | 3 | 1.48 | 4.76 | 1.84 |
| North central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland | 60.7 | 36.3 | 48.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 2.09 | 3 | 0.93 | 7.16 | 2.55 |
| Batesville | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 57.6 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hickory Flat | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 56.7 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Independence | 64.2 | 36.6 | 51.2 | 57.0 | -5.7 | 2.33 | 3 | 1.30 | 6.21 | 1.96 |
| University | 65.3 | 37.3 | 51.3 | 57.9 | -6.6 | 2.43 | 4 | 1.26 | 6.03 | 1.58 |
| Extreme/Average | 63.4 | 36.7 | 50.3 | 57.3 | -6.2 | 2.28 | 4 | 1.16 | 6.47 | 2.03 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 56.5 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corinth | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 56.3 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 0.28 | -0.02 |
| Fulton | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 58.0 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tupelo | 66.4 | 40.3 | 53.4 | 58.3 | -4.9 | 1.36 | 3 | 0.24 | 3.53 | -0.89 |
| Verona | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 58.7 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 2.43 | -1.04 |
| Extreme/Average | 66.4 | 40.3 | 53.4 | 57.5 | -4.9 | 1.36 | 3 | 0.24 | 2.08 | -0.65 |
| Lower delta | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 68.6 | 45.0 | 56.8 | 61.1 | -4.4 | 2.24 | 2 | 1.10 | 4.65 | 0.88 |
| Moorhead | 69.3 | 43.0 | 56.2 | 60.7 | -4.4 | 1.82 | 2 | 0.80 | 4.83 | 0.58 |
| Rolling Fork | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 61.2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Yazoo City | 74.7 | 45.7 | 60.2 | 60.6 | -0.4 | 2.61 | 3 | 1.39 | 6.56 | 1.95 |
| Extreme/Average | 70.9 | 44.6 | 57.7 | 60.9 | -3.1 | 2.22 | 3 | 1.10 | 5.35 | 1.14 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kosciusko | 75.6 | 44.0 | 59.8 | 58.5 | 1.6 | 0.28 | 1 | -0.68 | 4.71 | -0.05 |
| Winona | 69.2 | 37.3 | 54.1 | 57.2 | -3.0 | 2.34 | 3 | 1.28 | 6.29 | 2.72 |
| Extreme/Average | 72.4 | 40.6 | 56.9 | 57.8 | -0.7 | 1.31 | 3 | 0.30 | 5.50 | 1.34 |
| East central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbus | 70.0 | 42.2 | 56.1 | 60.5 | -4.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.64 | 0.83 | -2.37 |
| Macon | 77.8 | 39.4 | 59.4 | 59.6 | -0.4 | 1.65 | 2 | 0.86 | 2.92 | -0.35 |
| Philadelphia | 73.0 | 47.8 | 60.4 | 61.3 | -0.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.55 | 2.48 | -1.47 |
| State University | 70.6 | 42.6 | 56.6 | 59.0 | -2.4 | 1.61 | 3 | 0.40 | 4.19 | -0.18 |
| Extreme/Average | 72.8 | 43.0 | 58.1 | 60.1 | -1.9 | 0.81 | 3 | 0.02 | 2.61 | -1.09 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brookhaven City | 80.0 | 55.3 | 67.7 | 61.2 | 6.9 | 0.53 | 1 | 0.00 | 3.55 | -0.63 |
| Crystal Springs | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 62.8 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Natchez | 74.3 | 46.0 | 60.9 | 62.6 | -1.6 | 2.38 | 3 | 1.23 | 5.98 | 0.82 |
| Vicksburg City | 75.4 | 52.7 | 64.1 | 61.4 | 2.7 | 2.72 | 2 | 1.43 | 6.99 | 2.19 |
| Extreme/Average | 76.6 | 51.3 | 64.2 | 62.0 | 2.7 | 1.88 | 3 | 0.89 | 5.51 | 0.79 |
| South central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 61.7 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Columbia | 75.0 | 48.1 | 61.6 | 63.0 | -1.4 | 1.74 | 3 | 0.40 | 5.10 | -0.05 |
| Monticello | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 62.9 | (NA) | 0.35 | 1 | 0.19 | 1.11 | 0.42 |
| Extreme/Average | 75.0 | 48.1 | 61.6 | 62.5 | -1.4 | 1.04 | 3 | 0.30 | 3.10 | 0.18 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 77.2 | 49.6 | 63.4 | 63.2 | 0.5 | 0.94 | 1 | 0.06 | 5.93 | 1.59 |
| Laurel | 77.0 | 43.2 | 60.1 | 62.1 | -2.1 | 2.05 | 3 | 0.98 | 5.12 | 1.00 |
| Newton | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 59.5 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 2.18 | -1.11 |
| Extreme/Average | 77.1 | 46.4 | 61.8 | 61.6 | -0.8 | 1.49 | 3 | 0.52 | 4.41 | 0.49 |
| Coastal | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biloxi | 70.6 | 55.9 | 63.2 | 65.0 | -1.8 | 1.99 | 4 | 0.88 | 6.05 | 0.75 |
| Poplarville | 74.0 | 50.9 | 62.4 | 62.9 | -0.5 | 2.83 | 3 | 1.60 | 6.27 | 1.30 |
| Saucier | 71.3 | 47.7 | 59.5 | 65.4 | -5.9 | 1.96 | 3 | 0.74 | 3.54 | 1.15 |
| Extreme/Average | 72.0 | 51.5 | 61.7 | 64.5 | -2.7 | 2.26 | 4 | 1.07 | 5.29 | 1.07 |
| State | 72.0 | 44.3 | 58.3 | 60.3 | -2.1 | 1.64 | 3 | 0.66 | 4.57 | 0.69 |

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.