



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 15, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 58 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 37.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 56.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 62.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Clarksdale to 75.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Vicksburg City. Most of the State received some rain, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 3.12 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 15, 2018

Crop	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn, planted	64	55	86	65
Corn, emerged	45	33	67	37
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	1	0	6	4
Peanuts, planted	2	0	2	1
Rice, planted	18	8	45	26
Rice, emerged	5	4	17	9
Soybeans, planted	18	7	39	19
Soybeans, emerged	4	1	13	5
Watermelons, planted	34	26	75	42
Winter wheat, headed	35	15	64	25

Crop condition for week ending April 15, 2018

Item	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries	0	2	11	83	4
Livestock	0	4	27	60	9
Pasture	2	8	29	54	7
Winter wheat	1	10	38	46	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“More corn was planted the latter part of the week until rain set in Saturday. It will be several days before it will be dry enough to get back in the field.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Fields dried out the latter part of the week just enough to allow producers to work the fields. Heavy rains on Saturday and cooler weather slowed progress last week.”

- Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“Wet conditions limited fieldwork. Growers were continuing to make progress on the application of burn down herbicides. Little planting progress was made.”

- James Shannon, Pontotoc County

“Again, weekend rain put a damper on any possible fieldwork. We need several days of dry weather to be able to even get into the fields.”

- Patrick J. Poindexter, Alcorn County

“The weather changed to an unusually cool temp for this time of year. Some producers are stalling corn planting because of weather. The overabundance of rainfall has not allowed them to get into the field in most areas so that is pushing their decisions back on planting for another week. Livestock are grazing well on pasture ground right now, but the rainfall is making the work areas unmanageable for the time being. Vegetable producers were still hesitant on planting because of the cold snap, but hopefully we’ll see some warmer and drier days in the forecast.”

- James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 15, 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)	60.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	62.0	38.0	50.0	60.7	-10.4	0.00	0	-0.49	3.37	1.62
Cleveland	68.7	43.9	56.3	61.8	-5.5	2.58	2	1.48	9.06	4.77
Lambert	68.6	45.7	57.1	61.2	-4.1	2.27	1	1.21	9.10	5.48
Tunica	63.7	40.7	52.2	61.5	-8.8	0.00	0	-0.56	1.44	-0.66
Extreme/Average	65.8	42.1	53.9	61.2	-7.2	1.21	2	0.41	5.74	2.80
North central										
Ashland	68.0	40.9	54.4	(NA)	(NA)	1.35	2	0.16	8.37	3.68
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	67.7	41.1	54.4	59.0	-4.5	1.75	2	0.67	7.26	2.99
University	71.4	40.7	56.1	59.9	-3.8	2.14	2	0.86	7.53	2.84
Extreme/Average	69.0	40.9	55.0	59.3	-4.2	1.75	2	0.56	7.72	3.17
Northeast										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.19	2.06
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	68.2	45.4	56.8	60.5	-3.4	0.00	0	-0.75	3.51	-0.57
Verona	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.27	0.02
Extreme/Average	68.2	45.4	56.8	59.5	-3.4	0.00	0	-0.75	3.32	0.50
Lower delta										
Belzoni	69.8	47.3	58.6	63.1	-4.5	1.07	1	0.00	5.32	1.24
Moorhead	69.5	48.2	58.8	62.7	-3.7	1.36	1	0.23	5.45	0.92
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	75.3	43.4	59.4	62.6	-3.2	1.75	1	0.45	7.46	2.82
Extreme/Average	71.5	46.3	58.9	62.9	-3.8	1.39	1	0.23	6.08	1.66
Central										
Kosciusko	65.0	38.0	51.5	60.4	-8.2	0.00	0	-0.38	5.48	1.17
Winona	69.7	37.7	53.7	58.8	-5.1	1.75	1	0.76	5.83	2.09
Extreme/Average	67.3	37.9	52.6	59.6	-6.7	0.88	1	0.19	5.66	1.63
East central										
Columbus	72.8	49.2	61.0	62.3	-1.2	0.20	1	-0.47	0.23	-2.72
Macon	75.8	45.4	60.6	61.3	-0.7	1.95	1	1.30	4.25	1.22
Philadelphia	75.0	45.2	60.1	62.8	-2.4	0.00	0	-0.73	5.47	1.71
State University	73.6	43.7	58.6	61.0	-2.4	2.17	1	0.97	5.86	1.33
Extreme/Average	74.3	45.9	60.1	61.9	-1.7	1.08	1	0.27	3.95	0.38
Southwest										
Brookhaven City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.86	-1.08
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	70.6	44.7	57.6	64.1	-6.4	1.20	2	0.10	5.80	0.91
Vicksburg City	75.9	52.0	63.9	63.1	0.8	0.00	0	-0.83	5.20	0.53
Extreme/Average	73.2	48.4	60.8	63.6	-2.8	0.60	2	-0.36	4.29	0.12
South central										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	75.3	47.3	61.3	64.5	-3.3	3.12	1	1.81	6.16	0.94
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.51	0.19
Extreme/Average	75.3	47.3	61.3	64.1	-3.3	3.12	1	1.81	3.33	0.56
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	73.0	48.0	60.5	64.7	-4.0	0.01	1	-0.90	4.40	-0.05
Laurel	72.2	44.4	58.3	63.8	-5.5	2.25	1	1.45	5.30	1.35
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.40	-0.73
Extreme/Average	72.6	46.2	59.4	63.2	-4.7	1.13	1	0.27	3.70	0.19
Coastal										
Biloxi	73.4	56.4	64.9	66.8	-1.8	5.03	3	3.92	8.86	3.84
Poplarville	69.8	46.0	57.9	64.5	-6.3	0.03	1	-0.67	4.56	0.13
Saucier	69.8	49.6	59.7	66.8	-6.9	0.00	0	-0.87	3.54	0.28
Extreme/Average	71.0	50.7	60.8	66.0	-5.0	1.69	3	0.79	5.65	1.42
State	71.1	45.0	58.0	62.1	-4.2	1.25	1	0.31	4.89	1.14

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.