



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, April 22, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 49 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 45 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 35.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 53.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 55.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Brookhaven City to 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Most of the State received some rain, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the State with an average of 1.02 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 22, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	81	64	94	76
Corn, emerged	60	45	83	55
Cotton, planted	1	0	10	4
Hay-Cool Season, first cutting	4	1	11	8
Peanuts, planted	4	2	7	4
Peanuts, emerged	1	(NA)	1	0
Rice, planted	40	18	73	38
Rice, emerged	10	5	40	20
Sorghum, planted	3	0	43	15
Soybeans, planted	30	18	58	28
Soybeans, emerged	9	4	34	14
Watermelons, planted	47	34	88	51
Winter wheat, headed	55	35	82	46

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending April 22, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	1	11	78	10
Corn	1	1	45	50	3
Livestock	0	4	27	61	8
Pasture	2	8	32	51	7
Winter wheat	1	11	35	47	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Hay producers made a few spray applications before the rain over the last two weeks. We also had a light frost last Wednesday. We still have some cattle producers feeding hay.”

- Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“Producers are finally able to put some seed in the ground. Corn was being planted on the higher ground. Low fields or fields with low areas were still too wet! Pastures have greened, but the Bermuda had stalled due to 32 degree mornings.”

- Stephen “Steve” R. Winters, Grenada County

“Wet conditions were still limiting fieldwork. Weekend rains will not help with getting in the fields early next week. We could use several days of dry weather.”

- Brandon Alberson, Lee County

“Cool weather and rain has some producers way behind on planting to date. More rain received over the weekend cut fieldwork short yet again.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Spring is hesitant to take over. Cooler temperatures and frequent rains have limited fieldwork to a couple of days per week. Corn stands are looking good. Producers are still waiting on warmer/drier conditions to plant soybeans.”

- Ross Alan Overstreet, Lamar County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 22, 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)	62.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	61.0	39.0	50.0	63.0	-12.4	0.00	0	-0.50	2.84	1.00
Cleveland	68.4	43.9	56.1	63.9	-7.8	0.81	1	-0.31	9.75	5.35
Lambert	69.8	43.3	57.3	63.4	-6.2	1.30	1	0.21	10.28	6.28
Tunica	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.44	0.18
Extreme/Average	66.4	42.1	54.5	63.3	-8.8	0.70	1	-0.20	6.08	3.20
North central										
Ashland	64.9	37.9	51.4	(NA)	(NA)	0.25	1	-1.02	7.39	2.60
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	67.7	38.7	53.6	61.0	-7.6	0.70	1	-0.44	7.28	2.95
University	68.3	38.7	53.5	62.0	-8.5	0.12	1	-1.19	7.26	2.36
Extreme/Average	67.0	38.4	52.8	61.4	-8.0	0.36	1	-0.88	7.31	2.64
Northeast										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.11	2.05
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	65.0	43.1	54.1	62.9	-8.8	0.00	0	-1.03	4.12	-0.19
Verona	70.7	41.1	55.9	62.4	-6.5	0.01	1	-1.13	6.47	2.02
Extreme/Average	67.8	42.1	55.0	61.5	-7.7	0.01	1	-1.08	4.57	1.29
Lower delta										
Belzoni	67.7	44.0	55.9	65.3	-9.4	0.45	1	-0.77	5.77	1.25
Moorhead	67.3	45.4	56.4	64.7	-8.4	0.54	1	-0.72	6.09	1.19
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	76.4	48.7	62.6	64.6	-2.0	0.13	2	-1.12	7.59	2.77
Extreme/Average	70.5	46.0	58.3	64.9	-6.6	0.37	2	-0.87	6.48	1.74
Central										
Kosciusko	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5.36	2.33
Winona	68.4	35.3	52.6	60.7	-8.1	0.00	0	-1.02	5.74	1.75
Extreme/Average	68.4	35.3	52.6	61.5	-8.1	0.00	0	-1.02	5.55	2.04
East central										
Columbus	75.8	50.2	63.0	64.2	-1.0	1.31	1	0.66	1.51	-1.37
Macon	71.2	41.2	57.1	63.1	-6.0	0.00	0	-0.99	4.25	0.80
Philadelphia	72.0	48.6	60.3	64.5	-4.2	2.75	1	1.53	6.00	1.56
State University	69.4	40.9	55.1	63.1	-8.0	0.00	0	-1.15	5.74	1.08
Extreme/Average	72.1	45.2	58.9	63.7	-4.8	1.02	1	0.01	4.38	0.52
Southwest										
Brookhaven City	55.0	36.0	45.5	64.6	-18.4	0.00	0	-0.17	6.47	2.61
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	68.9	43.4	56.1	65.7	-9.5	1.05	1	0.04	6.51	1.94
Vicksburg City	73.7	53.4	63.6	65.1	-1.6	0.21	1	-0.99	5.10	0.44
Extreme/Average	65.9	44.3	55.1	65.5	-9.8	0.42	1	-0.37	6.03	1.66
South central										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	73.1	45.3	59.2	66.3	-7.1	0.32	1	-0.92	6.17	0.95
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.9	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.17	0.51	0.02
Extreme/Average	73.1	45.3	59.2	65.7	-7.1	0.16	1	-0.55	3.34	0.48
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	73.8	47.7	60.8	66.4	-5.6	0.08	1	-0.90	7.31	2.63
Laurel	78.3	42.5	61.5	65.5	-4.3	0.00	0	-1.04	5.12	1.09
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.62	-0.40
Extreme/Average	76.0	45.1	61.1	65.0	-4.9	0.04	1	-0.97	4.35	1.11
Coastal										
Biloxi	72.5	53.7	63.1	68.6	-5.6	0.34	1	-0.50	9.20	4.79
Poplarville	72.0	45.0	58.5	66.2	-7.7	0.53	1	-0.62	6.78	1.92
Saucier	76.0	51.0	63.5	68.4	-4.9	0.00	0	-1.09	15.24	10.56
Extreme/Average	73.5	49.9	61.7	67.7	-6.1	0.29	1	-0.74	10.41	5.76
State	70.2	43.1	56.9	64.0	-7.2	0.32	1	-0.67	5.71	1.89

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.