



## Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 19, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 29 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 27 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 69.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 74.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Highs ranged from 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Independence to 95.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Rain was scattered across the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 2.72 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending August 19, 2018**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, dough	99	98	100	99
Corn, dent	95	92	97	94
Corn, mature	72	53	82	70
Corn, harvested	21	4	24	19
Cotton, squaring	100	99	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	96	95	94	91
Cotton, open bolls	26	12	15	13
Peanuts, pegging	96	94	95	97
Peanuts, dugged	1	0	1	2
Rice, headed	95	92	99	91
Rice, mature	45	22	57	33
Rice, harvested	4	0	4	3
Sorghum, headed	96	93	92	96
Sorghum, coloring	75	62	66	70
Sorghum, mature	22	10	34	27
Soybeans, blooming	98	97	100	98
Soybeans, setting pods	96	93	95	90
Soybeans, turning color	35	21	46	30
Soybeans, dropping leaves	13	5	28	12
Soybeans, harvested	4	1	3	2
Watermelons, harvested	98	96	98	97

**Crop condition for week ending August 19, 2018**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	2	19	77	2
Corn	0	2	29	54	15
Cotton	0	6	21	51	22
Livestock	0	4	31	56	9
Pasture	2	11	37	46	4
Peanuts	0	3	25	71	1
Rice	0	1	23	56	20
Sorghum	0	0	16	72	12
Soybeans	0	4	26	53	17
Sweet potatoes	0	1	38	49	12

**Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents**

“Widely scattered light thunder storms continue to pop up almost daily, but many areas of the county have not seen significant rainfall in several weeks and therefore remain dry. Most farmers in the county still need rain to support acceptable performance of field and forage crops and to build soil moisture in preparation for planting cool season forage crops.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“We need rain! Drought conditions persisting.”

- Scott Cagle, Chickasaw County

“Some areas of the county have received good rains recently; however, there are still some areas that are very dry. Pastures in the dryer areas are suffering as a result.”

- Taylor Louis Casey, Attala County

“A rainy weekend put a halt on harvest. When the sun comes back out there will be a lot of acres of soybeans ready to go. We have some producers that finished their corn, but others still lack about a week worth of harvesting. Maybe this rain helped more than it hurt. Hoping for dry conditions to move harvest along.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“We finally got a good rain on Friday. It will help some beans and to fill out those last bolls on the cotton. It should perk up the pastures. Armyworms are really showing up where millets are being grown and in hay fields that have gotten some rain before this week.”

- Stephen “Steve” R. Winters, Grenada County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 19, 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)	80.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	94.0	71.0	82.5	80.7	1.9	0.18	1	0.10	0.59	-0.63
Cleveland	90.6	73.0	81.8	82.3	-0.5	1.49	4	0.83	4.04	1.15
Lambert	90.0	71.5	80.8	81.7	-1.0	0.54	1	0.00	1.33	-1.17
Tunica	88.0	70.5	79.3	81.3	-2.1	0.13	2	-0.05	1.28	0.14
Extreme/Average	90.7	71.5	81.1	81.3	-0.4	0.59	4	0.22	1.81	-0.13
<b>North central</b>										
Ashland	89.3	69.4	79.4	(NA)	(NA)	0.22	2	-0.54	1.13	-2.50
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	87.6	70.6	79.1	79.0	0.1	2.23	3	1.50	2.75	-0.58
University	92.2	71.7	81.9	80.3	1.6	0.41	2	-0.28	2.91	-0.58
Extreme/Average	89.7	70.6	80.1	79.4	0.8	0.95	3	0.23	2.26	-1.22
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	91.6	72.6	82.1	80.9	1.2	1.19	2	0.55	3.08	-0.17
Verona	95.0	73.0	84.0	80.7	3.2	1.21	2	0.95	1.87	-1.10
Extreme/Average	93.3	72.8	83.1	79.6	2.2	1.20	2	0.75	2.48	-0.64
<b>Lower delta</b>										
Belzoni	93.3	72.7	83.0	82.2	0.8	0.12	1	-0.54	1.18	-1.94
Moorhead	89.7	73.1	81.4	82.2	-0.8	2.45	4	1.81	2.82	-0.13
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.12
Extreme/Average	91.5	72.9	82.2	82.0	0.0	1.29	4	0.64	1.33	-0.73
<b>Central</b>										
Kosciusko	89.5	70.5	80.0	79.7	0.3	1.69	2	1.46	2.18	-1.11
Winona	89.8	69.0	79.4	78.7	0.8	0.53	4	-0.09	0.59	-2.44
Extreme/Average	89.7	69.8	79.7	79.2	0.5	1.11	4	0.68	1.39	-1.77
<b>East central</b>										
Columbus	95.2	74.8	85.0	81.4	3.6	0.00	0	-0.54	1.21	-1.66
Macon	91.3	71.7	81.5	80.6	0.9	1.00	1	0.37	1.10	-0.78
Philadelphia	92.5	71.8	82.1	81.5	0.6	0.10	1	-0.53	2.48	-1.41
State University	92.3	72.3	82.3	80.5	1.8	0.86	4	-0.11	1.32	-2.39
Extreme/Average	92.8	72.7	82.7	81.0	1.7	0.49	4	-0.20	1.53	-1.56
<b>Southwest</b>										
Brookhaven City	88.5	69.5	79.0	80.7	-1.7	0.18	1	-0.13	2.12	-1.49
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	92.1	71.1	81.6	80.7	1.0	1.00	2	0.02	2.72	-0.99
Vicksburg City	91.9	73.7	82.8	81.6	1.2	0.28	1	-0.32	1.65	-1.00
Extreme/Average	90.8	71.4	81.1	81.4	0.1	0.49	2	-0.14	2.16	-1.16
<b>South central</b>										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	92.6	72.7	82.6	81.9	0.8	2.72	4	1.65	7.61	3.22
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.66	1.55
Extreme/Average	92.6	72.7	82.6	81.4	0.8	2.72	4	1.65	5.13	2.39
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	93.7	70.7	82.2	81.7	0.4	0.00	0	-0.56	3.17	-1.25
Laurel	94.6	71.3	82.9	81.0	2.0	1.50	3	0.44	5.11	0.87
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	79.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.42	-0.93
Extreme/Average	94.2	71.0	82.6	80.9	1.2	0.75	3	-0.06	2.90	-0.44
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	88.6	74.6	81.6	82.7	-1.2	3.25	4	1.84	6.49	0.54
Poplarville	90.0	69.5	79.8	80.9	-1.2	0.00	0	-0.35	3.73	-0.70
Saucier	90.6	71.8	81.2	82.2	-1.1	0.50	1	-0.67	3.12	-2.97
Extreme/Average	89.7	72.0	80.8	82.0	-1.2	1.25	4	0.27	4.45	-1.04
<b>State</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>-0.72</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.