



## Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 23, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 66.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 77.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 86.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Clarksdale to 96.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Verona. Rain was scattered across the State, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 1.47 inches.

#### Crop progress for week ending September 23, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	99	98	100	100
Corn, harvested	90	83	94	92
Cotton, open bolls	89	81	72	78
Cotton, harvested	19	6	5	7
Peanuts, dug	32	16	31	35
Peanuts, harvested	15	6	14	21
Rice, mature	99	98	98	89
Rice, harvested	83	70	74	59
Sorghum, mature	91	81	97	92
Sorghum, harvested	68	46	80	64
Soybeans, turning color	92	85	92	87
Soybeans, dropping leaves	80	69	79	69
Soybeans, mature	66	54	69	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	47	33	48	40
Sweet potatoes, harvested	21	12	31	28
Winter wheat, planted	1	0	2	2

(NA) Not available.

#### Crop condition for week ending September 23, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	1	16	79	4
Cotton	0	5	28	47	20
Livestock	0	5	34	52	9
Pasture	1	10	39	46	4
Peanuts	0	5	31	62	2
Soybeans	0	3	30	51	16
Sweet potatoes	0	6	50	40	4

#### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Recent rains over the weekend alleviated some of the drought issues, but in turn have hampered harvest operations.”

- Patrick J. Poindexter, Alcorn County

“Humidity has been hard on animals, but cooling trend on the way will help. Overall, conditions have been good for production in all areas.”

- Jim McAdory, Winston County

“Drier weather and high temperatures last week allowed for a big push in the corn harvest. Majority of it is harvested, but very little soybean harvest has taken place. Cotton bolls are open, but no defoliation has taken place. Those that have not been in row crop fields have been able to take advantage of the weather for any remaining hay harvest.”

- BJ McClenton, Clay County

“We received significant rainfall this past week. Some parts of the county measured 0.5 inch and some 1.5 inches. Warm season forage production is wrapping up and cool season forage is being planted.”

- Randall H. McKey III, Amite County

“Although parts of the county had frequent afternoon showers about 2 weeks ago, some areas of the county missed those showers and have still not received sufficient rainfall. In those areas, pastures are struggling and ponds are low. Ryegrass planting may be delayed in those areas.”

- Allan Keith Whitehead, Franklin County

“Rain events have kept most locations out of drought, but events are scattered. Most locations have had adequate rainfall for forages and crops.”

- Ross Alan Overstreet, Lamar County

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**Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 23, 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)	72.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	86.5	69.0	77.8	72.8	5.2	0.03	1	-0.14	4.21	3.04
Cleveland	94.9	72.4	83.6	74.4	9.3	0.57	2	-0.26	3.07	-0.48
Lambert	93.6	70.6	82.1	73.3	9.0	(NA)	0	-0.48	4.62	2.41
Tunica	96.0	72.0	84.0	73.0	11.1	1.18	1	0.86	2.03	0.73
Extreme/Average	92.8	71.0	81.9	73.1	8.6	0.59	2	-0.01	3.48	1.43
<b>North central</b>										
Ashland	92.3	66.4	79.4	(NA)	(NA)	3.38	2	2.47	5.38	2.29
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	89.9	68.0	78.9	70.4	8.5	0.06	1	-0.71	3.63	0.75
University	94.0	68.4	81.2	71.6	9.6	0.96	1	0.15	2.67	-0.28
Extreme/Average	92.1	67.6	79.8	70.9	9.1	1.47	2	0.64	3.89	0.92
<b>Northeast</b>										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.62	0.12
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	92.6	70.9	81.7	71.9	9.8	0.70	1	-0.13	1.73	-1.30
Verona	96.9	70.1	83.5	72.7	10.8	0.91	1	-0.15	1.82	-1.85
Extreme/Average	94.8	70.5	82.6	71.1	10.3	0.80	1	-0.14	1.39	-1.01
<b>Lower delta</b>										
Belzoni	94.5	73.3	83.9	74.6	9.4	0.03	1	-0.55	3.33	0.81
Moorhead	93.6	71.9	82.7	74.4	8.3	0.04	1	-0.85	3.75	0.50
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	94.0	72.6	83.3	74.4	8.9	0.04	1	-0.70	3.54	0.66
<b>Central</b>										
Kosciusko	90.3	70.6	80.4	71.7	8.7	(NA)	0	-0.82	5.99	3.03
Winona	92.9	66.6	79.7	71.0	8.7	0.28	1	-0.58	3.50	0.15
Extreme/Average	91.6	68.6	80.1	71.3	8.7	0.28	1	-0.70	4.75	1.59
<b>East central</b>										
Columbus	95.2	72.2	83.8	73.5	10.1	(NA)	0	-0.47	3.67	1.15
Macon	93.6	69.8	81.7	72.9	8.8	0.00	0	-0.57	4.82	1.97
Philadelphia	92.4	71.4	81.9	74.3	7.6	0.00	0	-0.66	4.55	1.47
State University	95.6	70.4	83.0	72.2	10.8	1.49	1	0.72	8.94	5.77
Extreme/Average	94.2	71.0	82.6	73.2	9.3	0.50	1	-0.25	5.49	2.59
<b>Southwest</b>										
Brookhaven City	94.0	72.0	83.0	74.0	8.0	0.00	0	-0.15	5.12	1.80
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	92.9	70.9	81.9	74.1	7.8	0.23	1	-0.62	3.78	-0.28
Vicksburg City	93.7	73.1	83.4	74.3	9.1	0.00	0	-0.63	4.01	0.55
Extreme/Average	93.5	72.0	82.8	74.7	8.3	0.08	1	-0.47	4.30	0.69
<b>South central</b>										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	93.9	73.0	83.4	75.7	7.7	1.84	2	1.07	6.37	2.61
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.2	(NA)	0.25	1	-0.07	2.64	0.73
Extreme/Average	93.9	73.0	83.4	75.0	7.7	1.04	2	0.50	4.50	1.67
<b>Southeast</b>										
Hattiesburg	94.4	72.0	83.2	75.7	7.5	0.30	2	-0.67	2.52	-1.88
Laurel	95.7	71.6	83.6	74.3	9.4	0.00	0	-0.75	6.35	2.76
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.95	1.36
Extreme/Average	95.1	71.8	83.4	74.2	8.4	0.15	2	-0.71	3.61	0.75
<b>Coastal</b>										
Biloxi	91.3	77.0	84.2	77.9	6.2	0.05	2	-1.03	6.52	1.48
Poplarville	93.2	71.5	82.4	75.2	6.7	0.00	0	-0.48	4.95	1.57
Saucier	91.4	72.3	81.9	77.2	4.7	0.00	0	-1.27	8.81	3.49
Extreme/Average	92.0	73.6	82.8	76.8	5.9	0.02	2	-0.93	6.76	2.18
<b>State</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>4.22</b>	<b>1.16</b>

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.