



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, September 30, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 72.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Kosciusko. Highs ranged from 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tunica to 89.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Hattiesburg. Rain was widespread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the lower delta part of the State with an average of 3.31 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 30, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	100	99	100	100
Corn, harvested	92	90	98	96
Cotton, open bolls	92	89	83	86
Cotton, harvested	24	19	16	16
Peanuts, dug	40	32	46	47
Peanuts, harvested	29	15	20	28
Rice, mature	100	99	99	94
Rice, harvested	86	83	85	73
Sorghum, mature	100	91	100	97
Sorghum, harvested	71	68	87	77
Soybeans, turning color	94	92	95	93
Soybeans, dropping leaves	87	80	87	79
Soybeans, mature	78	66	79	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	50	47	62	55
Sweet potatoes, harvested	27	21	48	39
Winter wheat, planted	4	1	3	5

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 30, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	1	10	85	4
Cotton	0	4	26	49	21
Livestock	0	3	35	54	8
Pasture	1	9	37	47	6
Peanuts	0	8	31	59	2
Sweet potatoes	0	5	51	40	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Armyworms have eaten several acres of pasture in the western part of the county. No fieldwork has happened since it has rained every day this week.”

- Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

“North Mississippi received several inches of rain in many areas. This shut down harvest. The week ended with drier weather. There is hope that harvest can resume as this week progresses.”

- James Shannon, Pontotoc County

“Excessive rain all over county hindered fieldwork, but moderate temperatures is a welcome change.”

- Jim McAdory, Winston County

“Heavy rain last week. Looking for dry conditions this week to help harvest operations.”

- Scott Cagle, Chickasaw County

“The rainfall amount for the week as of today is over 4 inches of rain. This was the heaviest rain in a five day span in months.”

- Jason Jones, Adams County

“Spotty rain showers have hampered early soybean and late summer hay harvest. Livestock producers have been preparing ground for winter grazing. Cooler temperatures will be welcomed as cattle begin the calving season.”

- Charles Richard Hay, Walthall County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 30, 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)	69.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	84.5	59.8	72.1	70.1	2.4	0.95	1	0.47	4.76	3.56
Cleveland	82.3	66.6	74.4	71.6	2.8	1.45	4	0.49	4.51	0.75
Lambert	79.7	65.0	72.4	70.6	1.8	1.42	2	0.65	6.04	3.52
Tunica	73.0	58.0	65.5	70.2	-3.9	0.00	0	-0.10	1.88	0.98
Extreme/Average	79.9	62.3	71.1	70.4	0.8	0.96	4	0.38	4.30	2.20
North central										
Ashland	76.7	63.3	70.0	(NA)	(NA)	2.91	5	1.87	6.83	3.30
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	75.7	63.3	69.5	67.5	2.0	1.32	3	0.40	3.36	0.17
University	80.5	65.0	72.8	68.6	4.0	2.54	5	1.56	5.04	1.84
Extreme/Average	77.6	63.9	70.8	68.1	3.0	2.26	5	1.28	5.08	1.77
Northeast										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	80.6	68.4	74.5	69.1	5.0	5.06	5	4.38	6.62	3.60
Verona	85.0	72.0	78.5	69.7	7.5	0.17	1	0.02	1.81	-1.24
Extreme/Average	82.8	70.2	76.5	68.2	6.3	2.61	5	2.20	4.21	1.18
Lower delta										
Belzoni	83.5	69.2	76.4	72.0	4.2	1.88	3	1.41	4.91	2.61
Moorhead	79.9	66.1	73.0	72.0	1.0	4.74	5	3.74	7.65	4.06
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	81.7	67.7	74.7	71.9	2.6	3.31	5	2.58	6.28	3.33
Central										
Kosciusko	85.5	72.5	79.0	68.9	9.1	1.22	2	0.96	4.82	2.46
Winona	80.3	64.9	72.6	68.2	4.4	2.86	5	2.08	4.80	1.56
Extreme/Average	82.9	68.7	75.8	68.6	6.7	2.04	5	1.52	4.81	2.01
East central										
Columbus	84.2	68.7	76.4	70.8	5.4	0.28	3	-0.50	3.95	1.25
Macon	85.3	72.0	78.7	70.0	8.3	1.48	3	1.09	5.97	3.51
Philadelphia	84.2	71.0	77.6	71.6	5.4	2.77	4	2.36	6.31	3.71
State University	83.9	67.7	75.8	69.4	6.4	3.74	5	2.88	11.06	7.86
Extreme/Average	84.4	69.8	77.1	70.5	6.4	2.07	5	1.46	6.82	4.08
Southwest										
Brookhaven City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.56	2.28
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	80.1	68.6	74.4	71.7	2.6	4.48	4	3.73	8.03	4.28
Vicksburg City	81.6	70.0	75.8	71.7	4.1	1.02	2	0.33	4.36	1.17
Extreme/Average	80.8	69.3	75.1	72.2	3.4	2.75	4	2.03	5.65	2.58
South central										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	85.7	71.0	78.4	73.3	5.0	2.71	4	1.94	6.49	2.98
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.7	(NA)	0.67	2	0.44	1.44	0.03
Extreme/Average	85.7	71.0	78.4	72.4	5.0	1.69	4	1.19	3.96	1.50
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	89.6	70.8	80.2	73.3	6.5	1.24	5	0.56	3.61	-0.27
Laurel	88.0	70.3	79.2	71.8	7.2	0.94	3	0.29	5.18	1.92
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	88.8	70.5	79.7	71.7	6.9	1.09	5	0.43	4.39	0.82
Coastal										
Biloxi	86.6	72.4	79.5	75.9	3.6	1.82	4	0.61	3.44	-1.74
Poplarville	84.9	70.6	77.7	72.9	4.8	2.09	6	1.20	6.17	2.56
Saucier	85.3	71.7	78.5	75.2	3.1	3.47	5	2.45	9.21	4.18
Extreme/Average	85.6	71.6	78.6	74.7	3.8	2.46	6	1.42	6.27	1.67
State	83.2	68.7	75.9	70.8	4.7	2.12	5	1.45	5.20	2.13

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.