



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 24, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 58 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 28.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 46.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 63.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tupelo to 70.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbia. Little rain was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the State with an average of 0.30 inch.

Crop progress for week ending March 24, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	18	1	25	13
Rice, planted	3	0	1	1
Soybeans, planted	1	0	2	1
Watermelons, planted	18	5	4	5
Winter wheat, headed	3	2	3	2

Crop condition for week ending March 24, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	5	16	70	9
Livestock	2	10	41	38	9
Pasture	2	17	43	32	6
Winter wheat	0	2	54	37	7

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Last week was the first week it has been dry enough for any fieldwork to take place. Winter wheat is finally beginning to look decent, and burn down applications are going out.”

- Tarah Layton Ferguson, Tate County

“Drier conditions have finally allowed farmers to begin fieldwork and start applying burn-down herbicides.”

- Patrick J. Poindexter, Alcorn County

“Fieldwork and planters are rolling. This has been the first chance to get in the field since October, so producers took advantage of drying conditions to get some much needed fieldwork done and plant some corn. There is still a lot of fieldwork to be done before we get into beans and other crops.”

- Preston Aust, IV, Humphreys County

“Fields are still too wet for activity. Last week was the driest week we have had in a while.”

- Taylor Louis Casey, Attala County

“No rainfall last week made fieldwork possible for many farmers. Chicken litter and commercial fertilizer applications have begun. Weather is finally conducive to allow prescribed burning in pasture situations.”

- Randy H. McKey, II, Amite County

“A lot of cropland in Warren County is consumed by backwater flooding, and areas that are not flooded are flooded with wildlife seeking refuge.”

- Sandy Havard, Warren County

“Cool, dry weather last week has soaked up some of the slop and improved pasture conditions.”

- Shani Hay, Lauderdale County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 24, 2019

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)	54.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	65.0	37.8	51.4	53.8	-2.4	0.25	2	-0.45	1.33	-1.73
Cleveland	66.9	40.0	53.4	55.5	-2.0	0.10	1	-0.90	2.08	-1.80
Lambert	65.3	38.1	51.7	55.2	-3.5	0.39	2	-0.62	2.97	-1.12
Tunica	63.5	41.0	52.3	55.0	-2.8	0.00	0	-0.33	0.95	-0.98
Extreme/Average	65.2	39.2	52.2	54.9	-2.7	0.18	2	-0.58	1.83	-1.41
North central										
Ashland	63.3	31.9	47.6	(NA)	(NA)	0.20	1	-0.96	4.01	-0.69
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	63.3	32.0	47.6	52.9	-5.3	0.45	1	-0.63	5.89	1.57
University	68.3	34.1	51.2	54.0	-2.8	0.25	1	-0.83	2.34	-2.14
Extreme/Average	65.0	32.7	48.8	53.2	-4.0	0.30	1	-0.81	4.08	-0.42
Northeast										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.62	-0.11
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	63.0	35.0	49.0	53.8	-4.6	0.18	1	-0.60	2.18	-1.56
Verona	66.5	33.2	49.9	54.9	-4.6	0.16	1	-0.50	5.79	1.26
Extreme/Average	64.8	34.1	49.4	53.4	-4.6	0.17	1	-0.55	2.86	-0.14
Lower delta										
Belzoni	68.2	43.8	56.0	57.2	-1.2	0.08	1	-0.88	3.02	-0.85
Moorhead	66.3	39.9	53.1	56.6	-3.5	0.17	2	-0.89	2.99	-1.43
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	67.2	41.8	54.5	57.0	-2.4	0.12	2	-0.89	3.00	-1.14
Central										
Kosciusko	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.77	0.70
Winona	65.2	28.8	47.0	53.8	-6.9	0.16	1	-0.77	3.84	-0.79
Extreme/Average	65.2	28.8	47.0	54.2	-6.9	0.16	1	-0.77	3.30	-0.05
East central										
Columbus	69.2	36.4	52.8	57.1	-4.4	0.07	1	-0.67	1.29	-2.19
Macon	67.7	34.3	51.0	56.3	-5.5	0.00	0	-0.45	2.64	-0.48
Philadelphia	66.2	31.2	48.8	57.9	-8.8	0.00	0	-0.63	3.75	-0.47
State University	67.7	35.3	51.5	55.1	-3.6	0.10	1	-0.91	3.95	-0.65
Extreme/Average	67.7	34.3	51.0	56.6	-5.6	0.04	1	-0.67	2.91	-0.95
Southwest										
Brookhaven City	64.5	38.0	51.3	58.0	-6.3	0.00	0	-0.35	4.20	-0.06
Crystal Springs	65.8	39.5	52.6	59.4	-6.5	0.25	1	-0.61	2.97	-0.45
Natchez	68.0	36.1	52.1	59.4	-7.4	0.00	0	-1.33	4.33	-1.15
Vicksburg City	67.3	44.9	56.1	58.2	-2.1	0.00	0	-1.16	2.51	-2.09
Extreme/Average	66.4	39.6	53.0	58.7	-5.5	0.06	1	-0.86	3.50	-0.94
South central										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	70.4	39.4	54.9	59.9	-5.0	0.00	0	-1.22	2.67	-2.40
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.79	1.57
Extreme/Average	70.4	39.4	54.9	59.3	-5.0	0.00	0	-1.22	2.73	-0.41
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	69.4	41.0	55.2	60.0	-4.7	0.00	0	-0.79	3.44	-0.65
Laurel	69.9	35.9	52.9	58.7	-5.8	0.00	0	-1.12	3.20	-1.56
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.26	-0.49
Extreme/Average	69.7	38.5	54.0	58.2	-5.3	0.00	0	-0.96	2.30	-0.90
Coastal										
Biloxi	67.0	46.0	56.5	61.6	-5.1	0.00	0	-1.45	2.68	-2.77
Poplarville	63.5	41.0	52.3	60.0	-7.5	0.00	0	-0.71	2.83	-1.84
Saucier	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.57	0.01
Extreme/Average	65.2	43.5	54.4	61.4	-6.3	0.00	0	-1.08	3.03	-1.53
State	66.8	36.8	51.8	56.7	-5.0	0.10	1	-0.84	3.01	-0.75

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.