



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 4, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 42 percent very short, 38 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 36 percent very short, 40 percent short, 21 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Pontotoc to 65.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Philadelphia. Highs ranged from 70.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville and Fulton to 81.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Belzoni. Most of the state received some rain with the southeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 1.23 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 4, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	98	96	97	98
Cotton, open bolls	94	92	87	92
Cotton, harvested	27	16	19	35
Hay-Cool Season, 2nd cutting	100	99	99	98
Peanuts, dugged	65	52	55	41
Peanuts, harvested	45	32	35	32
Rice, mature	98	96	97	96
Rice, harvested	87	76	81	81
Sorghum, mature	99	97	92	98
Sorghum, harvested	92	85	75	85
Soybeans, turning color	94	92	95	96
Soybeans, dropping leaves	88	81	86	86
Soybeans, mature	83	74	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	69	59	64	64
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	37	28	45	56
Winter Wheat, planted	16	9	3	11
Winter Wheat, emerged	1	0	0	5

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 4, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	1	9	50	40
Cotton	1	9	34	43	13
Livestock	0	6	30	53	11
Pasture	10	23	37	25	5
Peanuts	0	5	22	62	11
Soybeans	4	9	23	41	23
Sweet Potatoes	0	3	34	55	8

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Another good week of harvest and fall tillage work. Cotton harvest is going strong and the cotton gin lots are filling up. Yields appear to be good. Soybeans range from harvesting to still watering.”

-Don Respass, Coahoma & Quitman Counties

“Extremely dry conditions continue, despite some moisture during early and mid-week. Corn and soybean harvest continue to take advantage of dry field conditions. Some cool season forages planted, despite a lack of moisture.”

- Terry “Skip” Glidewell, Prentiss County

“Producers are preparing the fields for fall and the cotton harvest is nearly complete with yields being reported as average.”

-Jon Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“The past week was another dry one. The last significant rainfall we have had was back in late July and early August. We are in need of a significant amount of rain. Soybeans across the county are being harvested throughout the upcoming week.”

-Randall “Randy” McKey III, Amite County

“Lack of rainfall continues to fuel extremely dry soil conditions that are negatively impacting plant and animal performance. Shortages of late summer pasture grass is limiting hay yields and are forcing beef and dairy producers to feed hay earlier than usual. Planting cool season forages will be delayed until we get some much needed rain.”

-Lamar Adams, Pike County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 4, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	76.0	60.0	68.0	68.6	-0.6	0.03	1	-0.73	0.21	-1.91
Cleveland	78.3	60.3	69.3	70.1	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.82	0.27	-3.38
Lambert	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tunica	79.3	61.5	70.4	68.7	1.6	0.15	1	-0.48	0.45	-2.00
Extreme/Average	77.9	60.6	69.2	69.1	0.1	0.06	1	-0.68	0.31	-2.43
North-Central										
Ashland	71.4	59.0	65.2	NA	NA	0.37	2	-0.67	1.12	-2.59
Hickory Flat	72.4	59.0	65.7	65.8	-0.1	0.16	3	-0.79	0.60	-3.28
Independence	72.3	59.4	65.9	65.9	-0.1	0.17	2	-0.78	0.49	-2.85
University	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	72.0	59.1	65.6	65.9	-0.1	0.23	3	-0.75	0.74	-2.91
Northeast										
Booneville	70.4	59.4	64.9	65.6	-0.7	0.89	3	-0.08	1.62	-2.08
Corinth	70.6	59.1	64.9	65.4	-0.5	0.63	2	-0.33	2.10	-1.63
Fulton	70.4	59.9	65.1	66.5	-1.4	0.05	1	-0.89	0.50	-3.24
Pontotoc	71.9	58.9	65.4	66.7	-1.3	0.66	4	-0.28	0.89	-2.65
Tupelo	73.3	60.7	67.0	67.6	-0.6	2.18	2	1.07	2.28	-1.33
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	71.3	59.6	65.5	66.3	-0.9	0.88	4	-0.10	1.48	-2.19
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	81.8	63.4	72.6	70.6	1.7	0.03	1	-0.59	0.24	-1.94
Moorhead	77.9	62.1	70.0	70.6	-0.6	0.00	0	-0.91	0.45	-3.21
Rolling Fork	79.0	60.5	69.8	70.3	-0.4	0.00	0	-0.79	1.12	-1.56
Yazoo City	78.2	63.8	71.0	70.2	0.8	0.00	0	-0.72	0.25	-2.40
Extreme/Average	79.2	62.5	70.8	70.4	0.4	0.01	1	-0.75	0.52	-2.28
Central										
Canton	78.3	61.6	69.9	69.1	0.8	0.01	1	-0.84	0.02	-3.24
Kosciusko	74.6	61.0	67.8	67.4	0.4	1.12	1	0.11	1.38	-2.27
Winona	74.1	59.0	66.6	66.6	0.0	0.04	3	-0.72	0.36	-3.01
Extreme/Average	75.7	60.5	68.1	67.7	0.4	0.39	3	-0.48	0.59	-2.84
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	73.0	61.6	67.3	69.3	-2.2	0.10	1	-0.56	1.70	-1.15
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	81.2	65.8	73.5	70.0	3.1	0.56	1	-0.02	0.56	-2.18
State University	73.7	62.6	68.1	67.8	0.3	0.13	3	-0.78	1.46	-1.83
Extreme/Average	76.0	63.3	69.6	69.0	0.4	0.26	3	-0.45	1.24	-1.72
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Natchez	78.9	61.1	70.0	70.3	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.86	0.62	-3.02
Oakley	78.3	61.9	70.1	70.3	-0.2	0.64	2	-0.26	0.95	-2.26
Vicksburg City	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	78.6	61.5	70.0	70.3	-0.3	0.32	2	-0.56	0.78	-2.64
South-Central										
Collins	79.7	63.4	71.6	69.9	1.7	0.30	1	-0.53	1.10	-2.38
Columbia	77.1	63.6	70.4	71.9	-1.6	0.21	2	-0.56	1.93	-1.43
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	78.4	63.5	71.0	70.9	0.1	0.26	2	-0.55	1.52	-1.90
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	79.7	65.1	72.4	71.8	0.6	1.40	3	0.48	3.39	-0.62
Laurel	76.0	63.7	69.9	70.3	-0.5	1.06	1	0.30	3.32	0.16
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	77.8	64.4	71.1	71.1	0.0	1.23	3	0.39	3.35	-0.23
Coastal										
Biloxi	77.0	65.4	71.2	74.7	-3.5	0.07	2	-1.02	2.40	-2.58
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	77.0	65.4	71.2	74.7	-3.5	0.07	2	-1.02	2.40	-2.58
State	76.5	62.1	69.3	69.5	-0.2	0.41	2	-0.46	1.32	-2.13

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal = Averaged Collected Date from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.