



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 17, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Aberdeen to 62.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 65.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Tupelo and Winona to 78.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbia. Most of the state received some rain with the southeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 5.54 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 17, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	64	51	68	75
Corn, emerged	43	17	22	51
Cotton, planted	3	1	2	3
Hay, first cutting	2	0	0	10
Peanuts, planted	7	1	0	1
Rice, planted	39	26	35	30
Rice, emerged	14	3	15	15
Sorghum, planted	6	5	14	13
Sorghum, emerged	1	0	5	4
Soybeans, planted	19	9	29	20
Soybeans, emerged	3	NA	9	7
Watermelons, planted	36	30	47	45
Winter Wheat, headed	33	11	23	46

Crop condition for week ending April 17, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	13	81	6
Livestock	0	3	22	56	19
Pasture	1	4	25	58	12
Winter Wheat	2	10	47	36	5

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Excessive Rainfall over the past few days will delay planting progress on rice and soybeans for another week and will likely put an end to any additional corn planting.”

- Anthony DeWayne, Tunica County

“Cool overcast days have kept soil temperatures down and planted crops from emerging as quickly as desired. Surplus soil moisture and rain late in the week has postponed progress in planting of the soybean crop.”

- Steven “Craig” Hankins, Bolivar County

“Wet, Wet, Wet! Rains all week have slowed field preparation for row crops and the cutting of hay/haylage by livestock producers. Pastures appear to be holding up well, but some warm, sunny days would be a welcome sight!”

- Charles “Richard” Hay, Walthall County

“Rain continues to prevent all crop progress and fieldwork. Producers are reporting anticipation of a decrease in corn production and an increase in soybean acres due to the saturated conditions and optimum crop planting dates. Winter wheat crop is beginning to head and looks great.”

- Jon M. Carson, Issaquena & Sharkey Counties

“Much field prep has been completed. Wet conditions have stopped planting this week. Sweet potato slip beds continue to be covered in plastic with the cool temperatures we have experienced.”

- Trent Barnett, Calhoun County

“Rain in the county continues to slow planting. Farmers are eternal optimist so the weather will be better next week.”

- Lester Stephens, Washington County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 17, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	70.6	55.4	63.0	61.4	1.7	3.82	3	3.00	8.89	5.99
Cleveland	68.0	52.4	60.2	62.4	-1.9	0.91	4	0.13	2.64	-1.37
Lambert	67.0	53.2	60.1	61.8	-1.9	6.26	3	5.37	9.42	5.67
Tunica	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	68.5	53.7	61.1	61.9	-0.7	3.66	4	2.83	6.98	3.43
North-Central										
Ashland	68.0	48.4	58.2	NA	NA	2.32	3	1.12	5.54	0.84
Hickory Flat	68.1	48.3	58.2	59.3	-1.1	3.10	4	1.88	6.96	2.41
Independence	67.6	49.1	58.4	59.5	-1.2	3.71	3	2.64	6.46	2.20
University	70.0	51.3	60.6	60.5	0.1	4.52	3	3.24	9.43	4.68
Extreme/Average	68.4	49.3	58.9	59.8	-0.7	3.41	4	2.22	7.10	2.53
Northeast										
Booneville	68.0	47.9	57.9	59.0	-1.0	2.04	3	0.87	6.97	2.53
Corinth	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	66.9	50.0	58.4	59.9	-1.5	3.04	3	1.78	6.31	1.74
Tupelo	65.7	50.1	57.9	61.2	-3.3	3.64	3	2.60	7.87	3.52
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	66.9	49.3	58.1	60.0	-1.9	2.91	3	1.75	7.05	2.60
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	68.2	55.3	61.8	63.7	-2.1	0.32	2	-0.74	3.49	-0.80
Moorhead	69.1	56.0	62.6	63.3	-0.7	3.27	6	1.97	8.47	3.70
Rolling Fork	73.3	58.3	65.8	63.7	2.0	3.79	4	2.73	6.84	3.39
Yazoo City	75.1	60.1	67.6	63.1	4.5	2.96	2	1.66	6.35	1.34
Extreme/Average	71.4	57.4	64.4	63.5	0.9	2.58	6	1.41	6.29	1.91
Central										
Canton	68.7	56.6	62.6	62.5	0.1	4.37	4	3.06	7.97	3.07
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	65.7	49.7	57.7	59.3	-1.6	3.32	4	2.17	9.01	4.62
Extreme/Average	67.2	53.2	60.2	60.9	-0.8	3.84	4	2.62	8.49	3.84
East-Central										
Aberdeen	69.3	45.3	57.3	61.5	-4.1	2.35	3	1.18	4.34	0.14
Columbus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Macon	66.4	50.8	58.6	61.8	-2.9	3.41	2	2.6	5.67	2.77
Philadelphia	68.4	55.4	61.9	63.3	-1.4	3.11	3	1.81	6.30	1.38
State University	67.7	52.5	60.1	61.6	-1.4	2.83	4	1.80	4.91	0.50
Extreme/Average	68.0	51.0	59.5	62.1	-2.4	2.92	4	1.85	5.30	1.20
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	70.9	57.6	64.2	65.0	-0.8	3.09	4	1.88	6.69	2.13
Natchez	72.9	58.9	65.9	64.5	1.3	1.30	4	0.23	3.05	-1.75
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	72.1	61.7	66.9	63.7	3.2	7.62	4	6.42	11.78	6.93
Extreme/Average	72.0	59.4	65.7	64.4	1.3	4.00	4	2.84	7.17	2.44
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	78.1	59.9	69.0	65.0	4.0	1.32	4	0.03	4.99	-0.23
Monticello	76.9	61.3	69.1	64.8	4.3	2.12	4	0.91	3.65	-0.39
Extreme/Average	77.5	60.6	69.0	64.9	4.1	1.72	4	0.47	4.32	-0.31
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	73.6	57.6	65.6	65.2	0.4	5.27	3	4.03	9.48	4.83
Laurel	72.0	56.6	64.3	64.3	0	5.80	4	4.70	7.82	3.43
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	72.8	57.1	64.9	64.7	0.2	5.54	4	4.37	8.65	4.13
Coastal										
Biloxi	70.0	62.7	66.4	67.3	-0.9	2.67	3	1.61	7.64	2.98
Poplarville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	70.0	62.7	66.4	67.3	-0.9	2.67	3	1.61	7.64	2.98
State	70.4	55.4	62.9	62.9	-0.1	3.46	4	2.31	6.99	2.52

DFN = Departure from Normal.
 Normal = Averaged Collected Date from the Years 1981-2010.
 NA = Not Available.