



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 2, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 28 percent very short, 43 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 46 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Winona to 66.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 77.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 89.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Collins. The state did not receive much rain, with the south central part of the state receiving the most at an average of 1.15 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 2, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	99	97	97	97
Cotton, open bolls	95	90	93	90
Cotton, harvested	32	15	24	21
Peanuts, dug	52	26	61	42
Peanuts, harvested	28	14	41	29
Rice, mature	100	96	97	95
Rice, harvested	82	72	84	76
Sorghum, harvested	91	85	90	82
Soybeans, turning color	95	89	93	95
Soybeans, dropping leaves	90	78	86	82
Soybeans, mature	84	70	80	NA
Soybeans, harvested	67	45	66	58
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	39	28	34	47
Winter Wheat, planted	2	0	14	11

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 2, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	2	11	61	26
Cotton	1	7	29	46	17
Livestock	1	4	26	55	14
Pasture	5	14	37	39	5
Peanuts	0	4	24	62	10
Sweet Potatoes	0	9	38	47	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Yields are excellent as well as harvest conditions, many producers are averaging over 50 bushels on dryland soybeans. Rice harvest is somewhat slow due to a large percentage of downed rice in the county.”

- Anthony DeWayne, Tunica County

“Cotton harvest will be in full swing this week. Some late soybeans still coming out of the field. Corn harvest is complete. Very poor quality hay being baled due to the drought. We are in a severe drought mode.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Overall the yields were low on corn and the soybean yields are coming in low as well due to dry weather. Farmers still working on peanuts currently, but the yields there are about average. Pastures are dry and livestock are on hay already. Everything is waiting on a rain which we most desperately need.”

- James “Randall” Nevins, Monroe County

“Still very dry across the majority of the county. Most of the soybean harvest is in full swing and close to finishing with some cotton starting. Pastures are showing signs of decline and grazing stress without moisture and rainfall is going to be highly needed for cool season forage plantings.”

- BJ McClenton, Clay County

“The drought continues to affect pasture conditions. Any hope for a last cutting of hay has diminished for many along with the damage from the armyworms.”

- Tracy Robertson, Carroll County

“Majority of crops have been completely harvested with the exception of cotton. Yield reports have ranged from good to excellent. Fall field preparation has also begun with tillage, row-hipping, and sub-soiling.”

- Jon M. Carson, Issaquena and Sharkey Counties

“Recent dry conditions have affected the sweet potato yields, especially on higher ground. Some growers are seeing insect damage on potatoes.”

- Trent Barnett, Calhoun County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 2, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cleveland	84.3	57.4	70.9	70.9	0.0	0.01	1	-0.78	1.19	-2.40
Lambert	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tunica	81.5	57.3	69.4	69.4	-0.2	0.14	1	-0.49	0.45	-1.95
Extreme/Average	82.9	57.3	70.1	70.2	-0.1	0.08	1	-0.64	0.82	-2.17
North-Central										
Ashland	80.6	51.9	66.2	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.04	0.43	-3.19
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	79.0	52.3	65.6	66.7	-1.1	0.32	1	-0.62	1.07	-2.19
University	83.9	53.9	68.9	67.8	1.1	0.00	0	-0.99	0.29	-2.96
Extreme/Average	81.2	52.7	66.9	67.3	0.0	0.11	1	-0.88	0.60	-2.78
Northeast										
Booneville	82.4	52.1	67.3	66.4	0.9	0.00	0	-0.96	0.83	-2.80
Corinth	77.7	51.7	64.7	66.2	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.85	2.05	-1.64
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	83.1	57.0	70.1	68.3	1.7	0.00	0	-0.72	0.25	-2.89
Verona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	81.1	53.6	67.3	67.0	0.4	0.00	0	-0.84	1.04	-2.44
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	83.9	57.3	70.6	71.3	-0.7	0.00	0	-0.86	0.65	-2.14
Moorhead	86.0	59.0	72.5	71.3	0.9	0.00	0	-0.71	0.62	-2.75
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	87.0	60.4	73.7	70.9	2.8	0.05	1	-0.74	1.11	-1.60
Extreme/Average	85.6	58.9	72.3	71.2	1.0	0.02	1	-0.77	0.79	-2.16
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winona	88.2	51.6	69.9	67.4	2.3	0.00	0	-0.64	1.02	-2.35
Extreme/Average	88.2	51.6	69.9	67.4	2.3	0.00	0	-0.64	1.02	-2.35
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	84.6	57.2	70.9	70.1	0.5	0.00	0	-0.66	0.48	-2.34
Macon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philadelphia	83.1	55.1	69.1	70.8	-1.7	0.32	1	-0.23	0.59	-2.13
State University	86.0	57.3	71.6	68.6	3.0	0.00	0	-0.88	2.75	-0.49
Extreme/Average	84.6	56.5	70.6	69.8	0.6	0.11	1	-0.59	1.27	-1.65
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	87.0	62.2	74.6	70.7	3.6	0.00	0	-0.66	4.31	0.65
Natchez	81.7	58.0	69.9	71.0	-1.2	0.00	0	-0.87	3.65	0.27
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	84.9	60.3	72.6	71.0	1.6	0.00	0	-0.84	0.68	-2.43
Extreme/Average	84.5	60.2	72.3	70.9	1.3	0.00	0	-0.79	2.88	-0.50
South-Central										
Collins	89.0	60.8	74.9	70.6	4.2	0.22	2	-0.38	1.66	-1.28
Columbia	85.7	61.1	73.4	72.6	0.8	2.07	2	1.30	4.25	0.81
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	87.3	61.0	74.2	71.6	2.5	1.15	2	0.46	2.96	-0.23
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	86.0	63.8	74.9	72.6	2.0	0.76	2	0.08	4.36	0.54
Laurel	87.2	60.0	73.6	71.1	2.4	0.14	2	-0.61	1.94	-1.25
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	86.6	61.9	74.2	71.8	2.2	0.45	2	-0.27	3.15	-0.35
Coastal										
Biloxi	84.9	66.7	75.8	75.3	0.5	0.16	1	-0.99	5.28	0.20
Poplarville	86.0	62.8	74.4	72.2	1.8	0.13	1	-0.51	5.14	2.06
Extreme/Average	85.4	64.1	74.8	74.1	0.6	0.74	2	-0.19	6.40	2.10
State	85.0	57.7	71.3	70.1	1.2	0.25	0	-0.52	2.08	-1.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.