



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 8, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 8 percent very short, 31 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corinth to 69.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Clarksdale, Kosciusko, and Poplarville to 88.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Columbus. Most of the state received some rain, with the highest concentration in the coastal part of the state with an average of 1.25 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 8, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	99	98	100	98
Cotton, open bolls	89	84	98	93
Cotton, harvested	32	18	53	37
Peanuts, dug	56	48	65	56
Peanuts, harvested	28	21	39	38
Rice, mature	100	99	100	97
Rice, harvested	93	86	89	85
Sorghum, harvested	97	88	96	87
Soybeans, turning color	96	95	98	97
Soybeans, dropping leaves	91	88	93	88
Soybeans, mature	86	80	90	NA
Soybeans, harvested	73	64	79	71
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	63	50	47	49
Winter Wheat, planted	4	3	6	9

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 8, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	1	3	13	82	1
Cotton	0	8	32	41	19
Livestock	0	3	21	66	10
Pasture	1	12	30	52	5
Peanuts	0	4	33	50	13

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Dry weather allowed grain harvest to move rapidly. Armyworms hit bermuda fields, a few acres of wheat, and wildlife food plots. Phosphorus and Potassium are being applied behind combines.”

- Bill Burdine, Union County

“Some isolated areas received showers; however, it continues to be dry with pastures suffering and spots of dead grass showing up in lawns.”

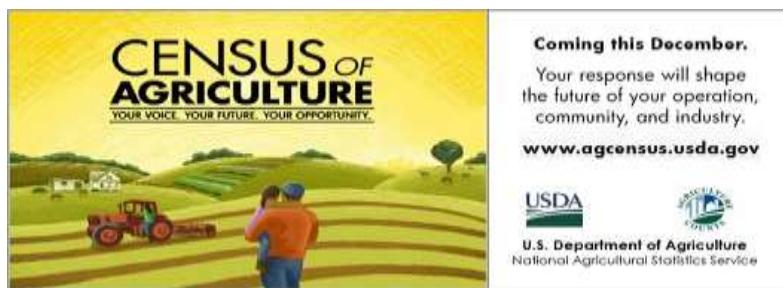
- Allan “Keith” Whitehead, Franklin County

“Much of the county received about one-half inch of rain Saturday evening and Sunday morning; however, soil moisture conditions have gotten progressively dryer over the past few weeks. We need a good, slow-soaking rain to replenish soil moisture to allow livestock producers to plant cool season forages with confidence that moisture conditions will support satisfactory seed germination and seedling growth.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Our area received little to no rainfall from Tropical Storm Nate. Hay producers continued to bale. Cool season forages are germinating, and producers are on the lookout for fall armyworms.”

- Randall “Randy” H. McKey III, Amite County



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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 8, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Upper Delta										
Clarksdale	80.0	63.0	71.5	67.1	4.3	0.00	0	-0.25	1.20	0.19
Cleveland	87.0	64.6	75.8	68.5	7.2	NA	0	-0.79	1.56	-2.00
Lambert	84.4	62.1	73.3	67.6	5.7	0.09	1	-0.81	3.14	0.04
Tunica	NA	NA	NA	67.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.04	0.23
Extreme/Average	83.8	63.2	73.5	67.3	5.7	0.04	1	-0.62	1.99	-0.39
North-Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hickory Flat	NA	NA	NA	64.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independence	82.0	61.1	71.6	64.4	7.2	0.10	1	-0.82	2.12	-1.32
University	85.9	61.4	73.6	65.4	8.2	0.01	1	-0.99	2.18	-1.47
Extreme/Average	84.0	61.2	72.6	65.0	7.7	0.06	1	-0.91	2.15	-1.40
Northeast										
Booneville	81.7	56.7	69.2	64.1	5.1	0.06	1	-0.87	2.24	-1.47
Corinth	82.2	56.0	69.1	63.9	5.0	0.00	0	-0.50	0.00	-1.21
Fulton	NA	NA	NA	65.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pontotoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tupelo	81.6	61.0	71.3	66.2	4.8	0.00	0	-0.81	2.28	-1.22
Verona	83.0	61.3	72.2	66.4	5.0	0.00	0	-0.47	1.47	-2.16
Extreme/Average	82.1	58.8	70.4	65.1	5.0	0.01	1	-0.66	1.50	-1.51
Lower Delta										
Belzoni	83.3	62.2	72.8	69.2	3.6	0.00	0	-0.85	1.00	-1.78
Moorhead	85.2	63.8	74.5	69.2	5.1	0.03	1	-0.72	1.74	-1.81
Rolling Fork	NA	NA	NA	68.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yazoo City	87.0	66.4	76.7	68.7	8.0	0.00	0	-0.95	0.64	-2.40
Extreme/Average	85.2	64.1	74.7	69.0	5.6	0.01	1	-0.84	1.13	-2.00
Central										
Canton	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kosciusko	80.0	67.0	73.5	65.8	6.7	0.00	0	-0.29	1.12	-1.89
Winona	82.4	58.4	70.4	65.1	5.4	0.05	1	-0.83	1.51	-1.95
Extreme/Average	81.2	62.7	72.0	65.5	6.0	0.03	1	-0.56	1.31	-1.92
East-Central										
Aberdeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbus	88.2	65.5	76.9	67.8	8.9	0.52	1	0.02	0.82	-1.65
Macon	85.0	62.1	73.6	66.9	6.6	0.35	1	-0.58	0.80	-2.38
Philadelphia	84.0	62.8	73.4	68.4	4.6	0.00	0	-0.63	0.65	-2.15
State University	84.9	62.1	73.5	66.3	7.2	0.41	1	-0.52	2.49	-0.88
Extreme/Average	85.5	63.1	74.3	67.4	6.8	0.32	1	-0.43	1.19	-1.76
Southwest										
Crystal Springs	83.2	62.2	72.7	70.9	1.4	0.05	1	-0.64	1.30	-0.74
Natchez	83.7	62.1	72.9	69.0	3.9	0.40	1	-0.48	0.80	-2.86
Oakley	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vicksburg City	83.7	65.7	74.7	69.0	5.8	0.08	1	-0.96	0.29	-3.02
Extreme/Average	82.9	63.3	73.1	69.4	3.6	0.15	1	-0.66	0.68	-2.44
South-Central										
Collins	NA	NA	NA	68.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Columbia	86.9	64.3	75.6	70.5	5.0	0.26	2	-0.52	1.24	-2.00
Monticello	NA	NA	NA	69.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.83	0.41
Extreme/Average	86.9	64.3	75.6	69.5	5.0	0.26	2	-0.52	1.03	-0.80
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	84.0	63.0	73.5	70.4	2.7	0.01	1	-0.62	0.16	-3.16
Laurel	84.4	62.6	73.5	68.9	4.6	1.61	1	0.84	2.21	-0.87
Waynesboro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	84.2	62.8	73.5	68.7	3.7	0.81	1	0.11	0.93	-1.97
Coastal										
Biloxi	81.5	69.3	75.4	73.4	1.9	3.74	2	2.89	6.20	1.56
Poplarville	80.0	63.0	71.5	70.3	0.5	0.00	0	-0.26	1.50	-1.41
Saucier	82.5	65.0	73.8	72.9	0.4	0.00	0	-0.58	2.34	-2.06
Extreme/Average	81.3	65.8	73.6	72.2	0.9	1.25	2	0.68	3.35	-0.64
State	83.7	62.9	73.3	67.9	5.0	0.29	1	-0.45	1.42	-1.60

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.