



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 16, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 63.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 80.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kosciusko and Tunica to 91.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. Most of the State received rain, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the State with an average of 2.19 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 16, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, mature	98	96	100	99
Corn, harvested	83	74	90	86
Cotton, open bolls	81	69	59	67
Cotton, harvested	6	1	1	2
Peanuts, dugged	16	10	20	25
Peanuts, harvested	6	3	8	15
Rice, mature	98	95	96	82
Rice, harvested	70	65	60	45
Sorghum, coloring	100	93	98	98
Sorghum, mature	81	70	93	85
Sorghum, harvested	46	25	67	51
Soybeans, setting pods	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	85	76	87	77
Soybeans, dropping leaves	69	56	70	58
Soybeans, mature	54	35	59	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	33	22	37	28
Sweet potatoes, harvested	12	6	20	18

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 16, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	4	22	70	4
Cotton	0	5	23	45	27
Livestock	0	4	33	54	9
Pasture	1	12	39	44	4
Peanuts	0	5	40	53	2
Sorghum	0	0	16	70	14
Soybeans	0	5	29	49	17
Sweet potatoes	0	6	46	44	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Sweet Potato harvest is in full swing while corn harvest is history for 2018. Cotton has been defoliated and a lot of cotton will start coming out this week. Soybeans and rice are coming out and it’s great that we missed the after effects of Hurricane Florence.”

- Jimbo Burkhalter, Panola County

“Favorable conditions allowed some hay producers to get in their final cutting of hay. Soybean and cotton harvest is also in full swing.”

- Lemon Ray Phelps, Marshall County

“Corn harvest has begun. Several farmers are planning to begin harvesting soybeans by mid-week.”

- James Shannon, Pontotoc County

“Hot weather is drying things out and combines are rolling. A hand full of producers are still gathering corn. Cotton defoliation is picking up and a few pickers are in the field.”

- Preston Aust, Humphreys County

“Many area livestock farmers are preparing to plant cool season forage crops but are waiting on a good rain before seeding.”

- Lamar Adams, Pike County

“Rain slowed down corn harvest and delayed cotton defoliation but still more water is needed to fill out late soybeans. High humidity keeping dew on until noon and diseases are increasing in crops, gardens, and lawns.”

- Dr. Bill Burdine, Union County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 16, 2018

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)	74.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Clarksdale	84.5	67.2	75.9	75.3	0.7	1.88	1	1.49	5.56	4.69
Cleveland	84.3	69.6	76.9	77.0	0.0	0.03	2	-0.99	6.38	2.94
Lambert	80.8	66.8	73.8	75.8	-2.2	0.12	1	-0.51	7.01	4.54
Tunica	80.0	69.0	74.5	75.6	-1.1	0.02	1	-0.07	1.96	0.38
Extreme/Average	82.4	68.1	75.3	75.7	-0.7	0.51	2	-0.02	5.23	3.14
North central										
Ashland	82.9	63.9	73.4	(NA)	(NA)	0.12	2	-0.73	2.35	-0.49
Batesville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hickory Flat	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Independence	80.6	65.3	72.9	73.2	-0.2	0.83	1	0.02	4.32	1.54
University	84.0	65.2	74.6	74.4	0.2	0.08	1	-0.64	3.62	0.71
Extreme/Average	82.5	64.8	73.6	73.6	0.0	0.34	2	-0.45	3.43	0.59
Northeast										
Booneville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corinth	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Fulton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tupelo	85.9	68.3	77.1	74.8	2.3	0.07	1	-0.74	1.73	-1.30
Verona	81.5	67.5	74.5	75.4	-1.8	0.23	1	-0.04	2.77	0.08
Extreme/Average	83.7	67.9	75.8	73.7	0.3	0.15	1	-0.39	2.25	-0.61
Lower delta										
Belzoni	88.2	70.4	79.3	77.1	2.2	0.05	1	-0.48	4.63	1.92
Moorhead	82.8	68.5	75.7	76.8	-1.3	0.37	3	-0.41	6.08	3.27
Rolling Fork	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Yazoo City	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	85.5	69.5	77.5	76.8	0.5	0.21	3	-0.44	5.36	2.59
Central										
Kosciusko	80.0	66.0	73.0	74.3	-2.2	2.20	2	1.94	5.81	3.47
Winona	87.7	67.0	77.3	73.5	3.9	0.07	3	-0.74	4.58	1.34
Extreme/Average	83.8	66.5	75.2	73.9	0.9	1.14	3	0.60	5.20	2.41
East central										
Columbus	91.8	72.0	81.9	76.0	5.7	0.29	2	-0.32	3.67	0.95
Macon	86.4	68.4	77.4	75.5	1.5	1.19	3	0.53	4.82	1.62
Philadelphia	86.2	70.0	78.1	76.8	0.9	0.82	2	0.37	4.95	1.82
State University	88.9	69.4	79.1	74.9	4.2	3.28	4	2.50	7.45	4.14
Extreme/Average	88.3	70.0	79.1	75.8	3.1	1.40	4	0.77	5.22	2.13
Southwest										
Brookhaven City	83.0	71.7	77.3	76.3	0.4	2.57	2	2.12	5.42	1.73
Crystal Springs	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Natchez	85.1	70.6	77.9	76.3	1.6	2.73	3	1.64	4.40	0.12
Vicksburg City	86.3	70.7	78.5	76.7	1.8	1.26	2	0.31	4.90	1.13
Extreme/Average	84.8	71.0	77.9	77.0	1.3	2.19	3	1.36	4.91	0.99
South central										
Collins	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Columbia	91.3	72.3	81.8	77.9	3.9	1.60	5	0.65	5.06	0.95
Monticello	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	77.5	(NA)	0.03	1	-0.09	2.18	0.33
Extreme/Average	91.3	72.3	81.8	77.2	3.9	0.82	5	0.28	3.62	0.64
Southeast										
Hattiesburg	89.2	70.8	80.0	77.9	1.7	0.63	2	-0.01	2.68	-1.58
Laurel	91.9	72.3	82.1	76.5	5.6	0.53	4	-0.39	7.43	3.52
Newton	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.54	1.02
Extreme/Average	90.6	71.5	81.0	76.5	3.6	0.58	4	-0.20	4.22	0.99
Coastal										
Biloxi	90.6	74.1	82.4	79.6	2.8	0.85	2	-0.52	7.55	2.25
Poplarville	88.8	70.0	79.4	77.2	1.9	2.20	3	1.53	5.53	1.76
Saucier	89.2	72.0	80.6	78.9	1.4	2.51	3	1.72	9.85	4.95
Extreme/Average	89.5	72.0	80.8	78.6	2.0	1.85	3	0.91	7.64	2.99
State	86.4	69.4	77.9	75.8	1.6	0.98	3	0.30	4.69	1.53

(NA) Not available.
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
DFN = Departure From Normal.