MISSISSIPPI

WEEKLY WEATHER CROP REPORT

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WEATHER SUMMARY (NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE): NOT AVAILABLE

CROP SUMMARY: There were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week compared to 4.3 days last year and 3.3 for the 5-year average. Soil moisture was rated 40% adequate, 47% surplus and 13% excessive with a soil temperature of 56 degrees. Hay supply was rated 10% short, 71% adequate and 19% surplus, while feed grain was rated 16% short, 78% adequate and 6% surplus. Pasture was rated 94% of normal. The main farm activities were planting corn, preparing land and equipment for other spring plantings, fertilizing pastures, and feeding cattle.

	CROP PROGRESS IN PERCENTAGES				CROP CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES				
CROP EVENT		THIS YEAR	1991	5-YR AVG	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL-LENT
CORN	Planted	16	19	13					
	Emerged	4	*	*					
WATERMELON	Planted	3	16	11					
WHEAT	Jointing	55	50	57		3	38	56	3
LIVESTOCK							29	62	9

* Not asked

"COMMENTS"

QUITMAN CO. AGT. "The wheat looks good. Seven inches of rain gave us plenty of water."

BENTON CO. AGT. "It is too wet to do any field work. Very little corn was planted about mid-March, only time will tell if it was too early."

PRENTISS CO. AGT. "The rain has stopped all field work except planting cabbage by hand."

SHARKEY CO. AGT. "Rains Tuesday night and Wednesday ended field activities for the week, however, considerable field work was completed Monday and Tuesday."

PIKE CO. AGT. "Continued rainfall has kept cattle and vegetable farmers out of their pastures and fields."

NEWTON CO. AGT. "Cool, wet weather has halted most farm activities. We need a few days of drying to get the corn crop finished.

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WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 0_/15/92 TO 03/21/92 FOR MISSISSIPPI

DISTRICT/ STATION	AIR TEMPERATURE MAX	MIN	AVE	NORM	DFN	PRECIPITATION ONE WEEK	DFN	RAIN DAYS	FOUR WEEKS	4 INCH SOIL TEMPERATURE MAX	MIN	AVE	EVAP AVE
1. UPPER DELTA													
TUNICA	74	31	51	52	-.9	1.52	.30	1	6.83	M	M	M	M
CLARKSDALE	74	35	52	54	-1.9	1.06	-.13	3	8.73	65	43	53	.15
CLEVELAND	73	35	54	54	.1	.94	-.54	3	4.57				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	74	31	52	53	-.9	1.17	-.12	2	6.71	65	43	53	
2. NORTH-CENTRAL													
MEMPHIS AP	74	31	54	52	1.6	1.77	.52	2	7.16				
HOLLY SPRINGS ES	74	25	49	50	-1.0	2.35	1.02	4	8.68	61	39	52	.14
OXFORD ES	74	31	52	52	.4	1.22	-.18	3	6.43				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	74	25	52	51	.3	1.78	.45	3	7.42	61	39	52	
3. NORTHEAST													
CORINTH	73	25	50	52	-1.9	1.42	.08	3	5.10				
IUKA	70	23	47	52	-4.9	.67	-.67	2	6.68				
BOONEVILLE	73	29	50	51	-1.4	1.06	-.48	4	6.15				
PONTOTOC ES	75	24	50	52	-2.3	.90	-.74	4	4.19	61	40	52	M
TUPELO AP	66	28	50	53	-2.8	.28	-1.33	2	3.43				
VERONA ES	75	27	51	53	-1.8	.98	-.63	4	4.01	M	M	M	.13
EXTREME/AVERAGE	75	23	50	52	-2.5	.88	-.63	3	4.93	61	40	52	
4. LOWER DELTA													
STONEVILLE ES	75	37	53	55	-1.0	1.35	.09	3	5.34	68	49	58	M
GREENWOOD AP	69	35	55	55	.1	.49	-.97	2	2.92				
BELZONI	67	38	53	55	-1.6	1.11	-.30	3	3.99	M	M	M	
ROLLING FORK	77	34	55	55	-.9	1.21	-.12	5	5.06	71	48	59	.11
YAZOO CITY	69	36	58	57	1.8	.89	-.51	4	4.51				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	77	34	55	55	-.3	1.01	-.36	3	4.36	71	48	59	
5. CENTRAL													
WINONA	74	28	52	53	-1.0	1.55	.08	3	2.65				
CARTHAGE	76	33	56	55	.7	.16	-1.24	2	2.67				
JACKSON AP	73	37	57	57	.4	.68	-.65	3	1.29				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	76	28	55	55	.0	.80	-.60	3	2.20				
6. EAST-CENTRAL													
STATE UNIVERSITY	75	28	51	55	-3.9	.71	-.76	3	2.99	61	45	54	.17
COLUMBUS AFB	69	30	53	54	-1.2	.59	-.95	3	3.64				
BROOKSVILLE ES	75	31	53	55	-1.9	.64	-.77	2	3.12				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	75	28	52	55	-2.3	.65	-.83	3	3.25	61	45	54	
7. SOUTHWEST													
VICKSBURG	74	37	57	58	-.7	1.86	.51	3	4.22				
OAKLEY ES	76	37	57	58	-.3	.97	-.35	3	2.74	73	49	60	
CRYSTAL SPRINGS	77	36	58	58	.6	1.37	.05	3	4.98	70	45	58	
ALCORN ES				57		M	M	M	M				
NATCHEZ	74	39	58	60	-1.1	2.23	.83	4	3.11				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	77	36	58	58	-.4	1.61	.26	3	3.76	73	45	59	
8. SOUTH-CENTRAL													
MC COMB AP	82	38	60	59	1.1	2.38	1.01	2	5.76				
COLUMBIA	81	40	62	60	2.1	2.51	1.18	3	5.29				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	82	38	61	60	1.6	2.45	1.10	3	5.53				
9. SOUTHEAST													
NEWTON ES	77	33	55	56	-1.6	1.04	-.43	4	3.29	60	40	50	
MERIDIAN AP	75	35	57	56	.6	1.70	.16	3	4.42				
LAUREL	77	40	58	57	.4	1.49	.05	3	4.25				
HATTIESBURG	79	42	60	59	1.1	2.44	1.00	3	4.16				
BEAUMONT ES	79	32	56	59	-2.4	2.74	1.30	2	5.73	72	46	60	
EXTREME/AVERAGE	79	32	57	57	-.4	1.88	.42	3	4.37	72	40	55	M
10. COASTAL													
POPLARVILLE ES	79	38	60	61	-.7	1.59	.31	3	4.56	81	49	65	.15
BAY ST. LOUIS	85	38	60	61	-.9	.83	-.46	2	5.13				
GULFPORT	80	32	62	61	.9	1.40	.21	3	5.57				
BILOXI	81	44	60	61	-.8	.49	-.74	2	4.16				
PASCAGOULA	77	36	58	61	-3.4	.10	-1.30	1	3.93				
EXTREME/AVERAGE	85	32	60	61	-1.0	.88	-.40	2	4.67	81	49	65	.15
STATE SUMMARY													
AVERAGES		55	56		-.9	1.25	-.14		4.65			56	.14

MAXIMUM SOIL TEMPERATURE 81 AT POPLARVILLE ES ON 3/15/92
MINIMUM SOIL TEMPERATURE 39 AT HOLLY SPRINGS ES ON 03/17/92
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