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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 13, 1995.** The main farming activities for the week included: irrigating crops; controlling insects in cotton; and harvesting corn, corn silage, hay and sorghum silage. Cotton producers continue to battle worm problems in many areas of the state. Control measures have been erratic at best in some areas. Hay and pasture land are being sprayed in some counties for the control of armyworms. Crops have benefitted from recent rains but are still hurting for rain where irrigation is not available. Soil moisture conditions were rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dough	99	94	98	93	0	1	23	59	17
	Dent	86	69	78	73					
	Mature	46	27	35	38					
	Harvested	5	---	4	8					
	Silage Harvested	49	40	49	51					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	100	100	95	3	8	24	55	10
	Open Bolls	6	1	5	3					
Rice	Heading	90	80	92	71	0	5	28	54	13
	Mature	3	1	13	8					
Sorghum	Heading	98	92	100	91	1	4	16	59	20
	Turning Color	67	44	71	59					
	Mature	20	4	20	24					
	Harvested	0	---	3	2					
	Silage Harvested	20	7	13	27					
Soybeans	Blooming	94	86	93	77	3	7	24	51	15
	Setting Pods	76	54	69	50					
	Turning Color	9	---	3	4					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	81	76	---	---	1	10	30	51	8
Peaches	Harvested	92	82	97	97	0	8	26	40	26
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	3	---	9	5	0	0	13	77	10
Watermelons	Harvested	88	86	90	87	0	4	9	76	11
Peanuts						0	3	10	50	37
Cattle						1	5	24	56	14
Pasture						3	7	26	53	11

County Agent Comments

"Crops are hurting for rain except where irrigation is available. There may be some rice harvested next week."

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

"Worms have devastated many fields of cotton in the county. Some cotton continues to look very promising where timely spraying has been applied. Forage crops, corn and soybeans have benefitted from the recent rain."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Cotton insect pests, primarily bollworm budworm species, are near record levels in area fields. Control measures have been erratic at best."

— Ernest H. Flint, Attala County

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Weather Summary From August 7, 1995 to August 13, 1995 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	96	73	84	80	+3	0.34	-0.28	1	1.27	100	80	88	0.22
Cleveland													
Tunica	96	70	83	79	+4	0.26	-0.16	3	5.85	94	82	87	
Extreme/Average	96	70	83	80	+3	0.30	-0.22	2	3.56	100	80	88	0.22
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	95	70	82	77	+4	1.61	+0.71	3	8.96	97	78	87	0.20
Memphis	97	73	84	81	+4	0.14	-0.76	3	10.38				
Oxford	96	71	83	78	+5	0.05	-0.83	1	5.36				
Extreme/Average	97	70	83	79	+4	0.60	-0.29	2	8.23	97	78	87	0.20
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	71	80	78	+2	1.53	+0.83	5	4.39				
Corinth													
Iuka	92	68	79			0.96		4	6.99				
Pontotoc	94	71	82	78	+3	1.46	+0.79	2	10.25	95	78	86	0.21
Tupelo	95	73	83	80	+4	0.24	-0.31	2	4.89				
Verona	95	71	83			0.24		2	4.82	94	77	85	0.14
Extreme/Average	95	68	81	79	+3	0.89	+0.25	3	6.27	95	77	85	0.18
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	98	70	83	81	+3	0.00	-0.70	0	3.64	102	85	94	
Greenwood	99	73	86	80	+5	0.88	+0.29	1	4.68				
Rolling Fork	96	72	84			0.31	-0.06	1	2.54	99	86	93	0.19
Stoneville	97	72	84	80	+4	0.00	-0.58	0	1.56	100	79	91	0.27
Yazoo City	96	73	85	81	+3	0.00	-0.62	0	3.70				
Extreme/Average	99	70	84	81	+4	0.24	-0.33	0	3.22	102	79	92	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage	94	70	83	80	+3	0.89	+0.02	2	6.73				
Jackson	96	72	83	81	+2	0.07	-0.99	2	8.21				
Winona	92	69	80	78	+2	0.00	-0.96	0	11.32				
Extreme/Average	96	69	82	80	+2	0.32	-0.64	1	8.75				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	97	75	85			0.10	-0.67	1	3.87				
Columbus	96	73	84			0.01		1	7.04				
State University													
Extreme/Average	97	73	85	81	+4	0.06	-0.71	1	5.46				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs													
Natchez	94	71	83	81	+2	0.40	-0.16	1	3.20				
Oakley	94	69	82			0.28	-0.37	3	2.62	103	78	89	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	94	69	83	81	+2	0.34	-0.27	2	2.91	103	78	89	
8. South-Central													
Columbia				81		0.66	-1.06	1	5.14				
McComb	96	68	82	80	+2	0.02	-1.10	1	3.14				
Extreme/Average	96	68	82	80	+2	0.34	-1.08	1	4.14				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	97	71	83			0.64		3	4.62	100	78	86	
Hattiesburg	94	72	83	81	+2	0.00	-1.17	0	8.03				
Laurel													
Meridian	94	70	83	81	+2	0.04	-0.88	1	5.49				
Newton	95	70	82	79	+3	0.99	-0.05	2	10.49	91	77	83	0.17
Extreme/Average	97	70	83	80	+2	0.42	-0.62	2	7.16	100	77	85	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	94	72	83			2.65		3	9.14				
Biloxi	93	73	86	82	+4	0.47	-0.83	3	8.00				
Gulfport	91	72	82	82	-0	1.26	-0.30	5	5.07				
Pascagoula	90	70	80	82	-2	0.99	-0.55	3	9.96				
Poplarville	95	70	82	81	+1	2.37	+1.23	3	7.54	97	79	87	0.23
Extreme/Average	98	70	83	82	+1	1.55	+0.16	3	7.94	97	79	87	0.23
State	99	68	83	80	+3	0.51	-0.37	2	5.76	103	77	88	0.20

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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