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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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There were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. The main farming activities for the week included: planting cotton, corn, soybeans, rice and sorghum. Replanting of some cotton has been reported. Farmers are harvesting hay between rains and hoping for warmer and drier weather conditions in order to resume planting.

Progress In Percentages					Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	1995	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	93	95	79		8	25	48	19
	Emerged	83	87	69					
Cotton	Planted	45	83	47					
	Emerged	24	66	32	4	19	52	25	
Rice	Planted	85	99	52		6	14	77	3
	Emerged	65	71	31					
Sorghum	Planted	67	72	52		5	20	66	9
	Emerged	56	53	40					
Soybeans	Planted	24	35	12		5	35	56	4
	Emerged	18	26	7					
Wheat	Heading	99	99	91		2	50	46	2
	Mature	2	5	9					
Hay	Harvested	18	16	6		2	28	55	15
Peanuts	Planted	65	88	35			1	51	48
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	5	2	19			15	76	9
Watermelons	Planted	75	89	79			18	68	14
Blueberries							14	66	20
Cattle						4	18	65	13
Pasture					2	7	25	50	16

Soil Moisture In Percentages									
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil		2	54	44	Subsoil		2	62	36

County Agent Comments

"We are getting behind on planting cotton. It's starting to look like the majority of our cotton will be planted late this year--mid to end of May."

— Charlie Estess, Coahoma County

"Wet fields continue to keep growers from planting. We need some dry weather. Warmer temperatures have emerged crops looking better."

— Don Respess, Quitman County

"Many cotton farmers have started planting despite cool soil temperatures. Hopefully, the soil will continue to warm."

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

"Rain continues to delay farming activity. Must have some drying days to be in the field next week. Virtually no cotton planted; what has been planted will be planted over."

— Jackie Courson, Lee County

"We needed the rain. However, we are now in need some dry, hot weather for farmers to get their cotton and soybeans planted."

— Ricky D. Ferguson, Tippah County

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Weather Summ..., From May 1, 1995 to May 7, 19..5 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	74	47	62	67	-6	1.43	+0.02	4	6.97	75	57	65	0.10
Cleveland	74	45	62			0.56		3	5.76				
Tunica	75	43	60	66	-6	1.60	+0.08	4	5.92	75	60	66	0.13
Extreme/Average	75	43	61	67	-6	1.20	-0.27	4	6.22	75	57	65	0.11
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	74	46	60	64	-4	1.43	+0.09	4	4.96	78	56	65	0.15
Memphis	74	45	61	67	-6	1.46	+0.18	4	5.30				
Oxford	78	45	62	65	-3	1.63	+0.30	4	6.18				
Extreme/Average	78	45	61	65	-4	1.51	+0.19	4	5.48	78	56	65	0.15
3. Northeast													
Booneville	71	47	60	65	-5	1.23	+0.10	5	5.91				
Corinth	78	45	61	66	-5	1.09	-0.38	4	6.22				
Iuka	71	41	58			1.81		5	7.81				
Pontotoc	75	45	61	66	-5	1.67	+0.58	5	8.37	79	58	67	0.16
Tupelo	74	47	61	66	-5	1.20	-0.33	5	6.73				
Verona	76	46	62			1.30		5	7.82	72	53	63	0.14
Extreme/Average	78	41	60	66	-5	1.38	+0.07	5	7.14	79	53	65	0.15
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	84	48	64	69	-5	0.80	-0.16	2	10.89	81	62	72	
Greenwood	80	49	66	68	-3	0.51	-0.77	4	11.99				
Rolling Fork	83	49	65			1.09	-0.23	5	12.71	85	68	75	0.14
Stoneville				68									
Yazoo City	82	52	66	69	-3	0.76	-0.70	3	12.62				
Extreme/Average	84	48	65	69	-4	0.79	-0.47	4	12.05	85	62	73	0.14
5. Central													
Carthage	82	48	65	67	-2	0.76	-0.45	4	10.92				
Jackson	83	50	68	69	-1	0.62	-0.87	4	9.10				
Winona	75	44	60	65	-4	0.50	-0.58	1	3.89				
Extreme/Average	83	44	64	67	-2	0.63	-0.63	3	7.97				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	79	51	67			0.68	-0.12	3	6.85	81	58	67	
Columbus	76	48	63			0.61		4	8.46				
State University	78	46	63	67	-4	0.35	-0.58	2	5.63	76	60	66	
Extreme/Average	79	46	64	67	-3	0.55	-0.32	3	6.98	81	58	66	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.32		1	8.33				
Natchez	84	51	71	70	+1	0.43	-1.42	2	8.95				
Oakley	86	50	69			3.20	+2.02	4	11.05	88	62	74	
Vicksburg	84	50	67			0.53		5	11.03				
Extreme/Average	86	50	69	70	-1	1.12	-0.40	3	9.84	88	62	74	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	87	51	71	70	+1	0.04	-1.01	1	3.81				
McComb	90	50	71	69	+1	0.15	-1.38	3	8.89				
Extreme/Average	90	50	71	70	+1	0.10	-1.19	2	6.35				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	88	45	68			0.04		1	4.83	92	63	75	
Hattiesburg	86	50	69	70	-1	0.01	-1.08	1	5.46				
Laurel	85	48	68	69	-1	0.00	-0.86	0	4.14				
Meridian	85	48	69	68	+1	0.64	-0.36	2	6.71				
Newton	83	46	66	67	-2	0.29	-0.86	2	7.47	80	57	67	0.11
Extreme/Average	88	45	68	68	-1	0.20	-0.83	1	5.72	92	57	71	0.11
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	89	55	73			0.23		1	13.13				
Biloxi	85	55	73	72	+1	0.00	-0.92	0	M				
Gulfport	84	58	73	72	+1	0.00	-1.07	0	9.08				
Pascagoula	82	52	68	72	-4	0.00	-1.06	0	7.42				
Poplarville	88	51	68	71	-3	0.04	-1.17	2	7.25	92	68	78	0.15
Extreme/Average	89	51	71	72	-1	0.05	-1.02	1	9.22	92	68	78	0.15
State	90	41	65	68	-3	0.75	-0.49	3	7.70	92	53	70	0.14

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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