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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending October 22, 1995.** The main farming activities for the week included: harvesting cotton, soybeans, peanuts, sweetpotatoes and field preparation for next year's crops. Producers are planting winter wheat and winter grazing crops, but still need moisture for germination and growth. Some of the wheat and grazing crops have died due to the dry weather. Armyworms continue to be a problem in winter grazing. Soil moisture conditions were rated 28 percent very short, 41 percent short and 31 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	100	100	97	94	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Harvested	90	77	51	65	7	28	45	17	3
Rice	Harvested	100	100	97	90	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum	Harvested	100	100	99	96	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	98	100	99	16	28	24	29	3
	Shedding Leaves	98	89	93	85					
	Harvested	76	61	50	43					
Wheat	Planted	45	29	28	34	0	19	60	18	3
	Emerged	17	10	19	20					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	83	78	81	81	0	1	11	78	10
Peanuts	Harvested	98	95	100	96	---	---	---	---	---
Pecans	Harvested	7	3	18	14	25	13	38	24	0
Cattle						3	10	37	45	5
Pasture						19	15	38	25	3

County Agent Comments

"Growers are having a difficult time deciding whether or not to plant wheat in dry soil. All crops have been harvested."

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

"Soybean and cotton harvesting continues with variable yields reported. Very little wheat will be planted due to high seed cost and low yields in recent years. Pasture plantings need a good rain for emergence. Cattle producers are caught between low cattle prices and high feed cost."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Rain has improved the pasture and winter grazing outlook for cattle producers. Cooler weather expected this weekend may trigger some precautionary statements on grazing sorghum-sudan crosses."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Ryegrass planting is almost complete. We still need more moisture for germination and growth."

— Chuck Grantham, Copiah County

"Cool season grass planting is in full swing after we finally got some rain. However, soil moisture is still very short. We must get additional rainfall soon to avoid die-off of young ryegrass seedlings."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

"Test plot yields look real good on cotton. Peanut harvest is almost complete; dry weather hurt yields. Winter grazing is off to a slow start due to dry weather. Most farm ponds are lower than anyone has seen in many years. Several reports of armyworms attacking ryegrass, bahiagrass and hybrid bermuda grass."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Weather Summary From October 16, 1995 to October 22, 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	85	44	64	62	+2	0.08	-0.72	1	0.21	83	54	71	0.19
Cleveland	85	36	63			0.03		1	0.36				
Tunica	85	35	62	61	+1	0.17	-0.72	1	0.22	78	60	69	
Extreme/Average	85	35	63	62	+2	0.09	-0.76	1	0.26	83	54	70	0.19
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	83	32	59	59	-0	0.21	-0.66	1	0.55	78	51	66	0.16
Memphis	85	43	65	62	+3	0.32	-0.54	1	0.45				
Oxford	85	32	60	59	+1	0.18	-0.60	1	2.06				
Extreme/Average	85	32	61	60	+1	0.24	-0.60	1	1.02	78	51	66	0.16
3. Northeast													
Booneville	79	39	60	59	+1	0.04	-0.63	1	0.85				
Corinth	80	33	58	61	-3	0.04	-0.80	1	0.10				
Iuka	78	31	55			0.05		1	1.79				
Pontotoc	81	37	60	60	-1	0.12	-0.58	1	1.21	77	54	66	0.18
Tupelo	81	38	60	61	+0	0.03	-0.74	1	1.21				
Verona	81	34	59			0.06		1	2.04	75	50	64	0.13
Extreme/Average	81	31	59	60	-2	0.06	-0.69	1	1.20	77	50	65	0.14
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	86	39	63	63	+0	0.00	-0.98	1	0.66	81	63	75	
Greenwood	88	40	66	63	+3	0.00	-0.87	1	0.64				
Rolling Fork	86	38	65			0.01	-1.03	1	0.85	88	63	77	0.18
Stoneville	87	39	63	63	+1	0.09	-0.54	1	0.40	81	56	70	0.20
Yazoo City	84	42	64	64	-0	0.00	-1.11	0	1.53				
Extreme/Average	88	38	64	63	+1	0.02	-0.91	0	0.82	88	56	74	0.19
5. Central													
Carthage	82	33	59	62	-3	0.00	-0.92	0	4.46				
Jackson	82	37	63	64	-1	0.02	-0.99	1	5.66				
Winona	81	30	57	60	-3	0.05	-0.86	1	2.04				
Extreme/Average	82	30	59	62	-2	0.02	-0.93	1	4.05				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	80	43	64			0.00	-0.73	0	4.86	75	59	68	
Columbus	81	38	61			0.00		0	3.53				
State University	81	38	61	62	-2	0.00	-0.87	0	2.81	73	57	65	
Extreme/Average	81	38	62	62	-0	0.00	-0.80	0	3.73	75	57	66	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	86	42	64			0.05		1	2.43	78	59	73	
Natchez	82	39	64	66	-2	0.00	-1.19	0	2.62				
Oakley	84	36	60			0.02	-0.98	1	3.52	78	60	68	
Vicksburg	82	42	63			0.00		1	2.43				
Extreme/Average	86	36	63	66	-3	0.02	-1.08	1	2.75	78	59	70	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	87	36	64	65	-2	0.05	-0.65	1	2.25				
McComb	86	37	65	65	+0	0.00	+0.80	0	3.12				
Extreme/Average	87	36	64	65	-1	0.03	-0.72	1	2.69				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	88	37	63			0.00		0	5.34	81	56	69	
Hattiesburg	84	38	63	65	-2	0.00	-0.70	0	2.43				
Laurel													
Meridian	82	34	61	63	-2	0.00	-1.07	0	6.04				
Newton	84	34	60	63	-3	0.00	-0.90	0	4.09	75	50	62	0.12
Extreme/Average	88	34	62	64	-2	0.00	-0.89	0	4.48	81	50	65	0.12
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis		39				0.00		0	2.41				
Biloxi	83	48	69	69	+0	0.00	-0.50	0	4.96				
Gulfport	80	44	66	68	-3	0.00	-0.52	0	4.06				
Pascagoula	80	37	62	68	-7	0.00	-0.68	0	5.39				
Poplarville	81	40	63	67	-4	0.00	-0.78	0	1.64	83	62	73	0.19
Extreme/Average	83	37	65	68	-3	0.00	-0.62	0	3.69	83	62	73	0.19
State	88	30	62	63	-1	0.05	-0.80	1	2.47	88	50	69	0.16

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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