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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 3, 1995.** The main farming activities for the week included: Controlling insects in crops; harvesting corn, corn silage, rice, sorghum, sorghum silage, and hay. Worm pressure remains in green cotton with some movement into soybeans and forage crops. Cotton producers are defoliating cotton and getting harvesting equipment ready for harvest. The dry, hot conditions are affecting both crops and livestock. Soil moisture conditions were rated 30 percent very short, 51 percent short, 19 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	Dent	100	100	100	93	0	9	31	49	11
	Mature	88	84	88	80					
	Harvested	45	31	24	26					
	Silage Harvested	80	72	81	79					
Cotton	Open Bolls	65	37	60	50	7	16	30	36	11
Rice	Heading	100	100	100	95	4	16	32	41	7
	Mature	84	53	66	46					
	Harvested	34	12	21	11					
Sorghum	Turning Color	88	84	98	90	2	12	37	44	5
	Mature	66	51	80	66					
	Harvested	45	17	41	27					
	Silage Harvested	65	45	55	69					
Soybeans	Blooming	100	100	100	97	6	16	37	33	8
	Setting Pods	97	90	98	86					
	Turning Color	43	28	33	23					
	Shedding Leaves	23	8	16	8					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	94	90	---	---	2	20	37	34	7
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	21	10	40	27	0	1	4	93	2
Watermelons	Harvested	100	95	100	100	---	---	---	---	---
Peanuts						0	0	13	81	6
Cattle						1	5	30	57	7
Pasture						6	20	37	35	2

County Agent Comments

"Worms have moved from cotton to soybeans and forage crops. The cotton crop is a disaster. Silage crops are good and most of the corn silage has been harvested. A lot of hay was harvested during the week."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"We need rain on pastures. Drought is affecting pastures as well as stressing trees, creating more pine beetle problems. Worms in cotton have caused a disaster crop."

— Dannie Reed, Choctaw County

"Worm threat in cotton seems to be over for 1995. Dry, hot conditions may hurt cotton yields in addition to worm and weevil damage."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Some cotton fields were abandoned this week. Worm pressure remains in green cotton. Clay soils are cracking open with dry weather. Soybeans are trying to fill and set pods against the heat and dry weather. Fly pressure is still high on cattle. Hay harvest is almost complete unless it rains. Corn harvest is progressing rapidly."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

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Weather Summary From August 28, 1995 to September 3, 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	100	69	85	79	+6	0.00	-0.59	0	0.34	102	81	91	0.32
Cleveland	100	64	84			0.00		0	0.00				
Tunica	99	57	79	78	+2	0.00	-0.58	0	0.26	94	78	86	
Extreme/Average	100	57	83	78	+4	0.00	-0.59	0	0.20	102	78	89	0.32
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	98	58	79	76	+3	0.00	-0.85	0	2.16	97	75	86	0.24
Memphis	99	65	83	79	+4	0.00	-0.81	0	0.41				
Oxford	99	57	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.70	0	0.52				
Extreme/Average	99	57	81	77	+4	0.00	-0.79	0	1.03	97	75	86	0.24
3. Northeast													
Booneville	95	60	81	77	+4	0.04	-0.53	1	1.84				
Corinth				78		0.00	-0.80	0	0.64				
Iuka	94	53	77			0.04		1	2.48				
Pontotoc	97	56	80	77	+3	0.02	-0.67	1	2.29	99	78	89	0.25
Tupelo	95	59	80	78	+3	0.00	-0.67	0	1.35				
Verona	98	57	82			0.05		1	1.10	97	77	87	0.26
Extreme/Average	98	53	80	77	+3	0.03	-0.61	1	1.81	99	77	88	0.26
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	101	58	83	79	+4	0.02	-0.70	1	0.07	101	87	95	
Greenwood	102	64	84	80	+5	0.00	-0.80	0	1.23				
Rolling Fork	100	63	84			0.00	-0.66	0	0.31	104	90	98	0.22
Stoneville	99	61	83	79	+4	0.00	-0.75	0	0.76	99	79	91	0.29
Yazoo City	100	68	85	80	+5	0.00	-0.96	0	0.36				
Extreme/Average	102	58	84	79	+4	0.00	-0.78	0	0.55	104	79	94	0.26
5. Central													
Carthage	97	67	80	79	+1	0.00	-0.63	0	0.93				
Jackson	99	58	84	80	+4	0.00	-0.64	0	0.39				
Winona	96	54	79	77	+2	0.00	-0.67	0	0.00				
Extreme/Average	99	54	81	79	+3	0.00	-0.65	0	0.44				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	100	63	85			0.00	-0.59	0	0.80				
Columbus	97	58	81			0.00		0	0.05				
State University	97	58	82	79	+3	0.00	-0.61	0	0.58	91	78	86	
Extreme/Average	100	58	82	79	+4	0.00	-0.60	0	0.48	91	78	86	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	100	65	85			0.00		0	0.34	90	78	86	
Natchez	95	65	83	80	+2	1.49	+0.67	1	4.47				
Oakley	101	57	85			0.00	-0.96	0	0.60	103	82	91	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	101	57	84	80	+4	0.50	-0.39	0	1.80	103	78	88	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	99	59	82	80	+2	0.01	-1.14	1	0.82				
McComb	101	61	84	79	+5	0.18	-1.11	1	2.28				
Extreme/Average	101	59	83	80	+3	0.10	-1.12	1	1.55				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	101	60	84			0.00		0	0.77	104	80	93	
Hattiesburg	96	63	84	80	+3	0.00	-0.85	0	3.67				
Laurel													
Meridian	97	57	82	80	+3	0.00	-0.62	0	0.41				
Newton	98	55	82	78	+3	0.00	-0.71	0	1.65	98	77	88	0.20
Extreme/Average	101	55	83	79	+4	0.00	-0.73	0	1.63	104	77	91	0.20
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	99	69	83			0.00		0	2.95				
Biloxi	98	72	87	81	+6	0.00	-1.25	0	0.84				
Gulfport	96	68	84	81	+2	0.00	-1.19	0	1.96				
Pascagoula	94	65	80	82	-2	0.00	-1.01	0	1.36				
Poplarville	97	66	83	80	+3	0.00	-1.44	0	4.77	100	80	90	0.27
Extreme/Average	99	65	83	81	+2	0.00	-1.22	0	2.38	100	80	90	0.27
State	102	53	82	79	+3	0.06	-0.75	0	1.19	104	75	89	0.26

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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