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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 18, 1996.** The main farming activities for the week were harvesting hay, corn, corn silage, sorghum, sorghum silage, sweetpotatoes, and rice. Soil moisture is 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dough	100	99	100	97	0	8	25	59	8
	Dent	95	85	92	83					
	Mature	55	41	62	50					
	Harvested	11	5	14	12					
	Silage Hvstd	72	68	58	59					
Cotton	Open Bolls	34	11	17	10	1	5	25	51	18
Rice	Heading	97	88	95	78	0	4	32	52	12
	Mature	35	9	22	16					
	Harvested	1	--	4	2					
Sorghum	Heading	99	97	99	95	0	3	27	47	23
	Turning Color	92	81	70	70					
	Mature	69	33	34	34					
	Harvested	28	25	2	5					
	Silage harvested	38	25	27	35					
Soybeans	Blooming	97	94	96	86	3	7	26	54	10
	Setting pods	93	80	80	62					
	Turning Color	20	13	13	13					
	Shedding leaves	11	--	--	--					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	80	78	84	80	3	10	26	51	10
Peaches	Harvested	97	92	96	98	46	32	8	13	1
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	9	--	5	10	0	0	15	77	8
Watermelons	Harvested	89	88	89	91	1	22	22	53	2
Peanuts						0	0	12	38	50
Pecans						13	17	36	32	2
Cattle						1	5	24	59	11
Pasture						1	7	30	49	13

County Agent Comments

"Corn harvest has started for farmers with drying facilities! Cotton insects, with exception of boll weevils, are spotty. Soybeans look good but some sudden death syndrome appears throughout the county. "

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Boll weevil pressure continues to increase in most fields. Producers are on a 4-5 day spray schedule. Beef producers are busy with hay harvesting because of recent rains. Soybeans are responding well to unusual amounts of rain during last of July and August."

— Don Schmidt, Leake County

"Hay harvesting is in full swing in all areas of the county. Frequent afternoon thundershowers are slowing down curing and baling processes. Fall armyworm pressure in pastures and hay fields is mounting. Ryegrass ground is being plowed up in preparation for early September plantings."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

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Weather Summary From August 12, 1996 to August 18, 1996 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	87	65	75	80	-5	0.35	-0.57	1	5.29	91	74	81	0.15
Cleveland	93	65	77			0.63		1	1.21				
Tunica	90	59	73	79	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	1.50	88	78	83	
Extreme/Average	93	59	75	79	-4	0.33	-0.48	1	2.67	91	74	82	0.15
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	91	58	75	77	-2	0.15	-0.76	2	3.47	90	75	82	0.19
Memphis	90	66	79	80	-2	0.00	-0.78	0	2.33				
Oxford	90	59	75	78	-3	0.48	-0.20	1	4.67				
Extreme/Average	91	58	76	78	-3	0.21	-0.58	1	3.49	90	75	82	0.19
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	64	76	78	-2	0.73	+0.07	1	4.17				
Corinth	92	62	77	79	-2	0.22	-0.59	1	4.49				
Iuka	87	56	72			1.27		1	5.66				
Pontotoc	91	62	76	78	-2	0.93	+0.10	2	4.99	91	75	82	0.23
Tupelo	89	63	76	80	-3	0.04	-0.58	1	3.11				
Verona	93	63	77			1.24		2	3.83	93	73	81	0.21
Extreme/Average	93	56	76	79	-3	0.74	+0.01	1	4.38	93	73	82	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	94	66	78	81	-2	1.45	+0.87	2	6.21	100	79	87	
Greenwood	94	65	79	81	-1	0.00	-0.67	0	0.05				
Rolling Fork	93	65	77			0.24	-0.29	2	5.67	100	82	89	0.16
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	92	65	77	81	-4	1.11	+0.34	2	9.21				
Extreme/Average	94	65	78	81	-3	0.70	+0.06	2	5.29	100	79	88	0.16
5. Central													
Carthage	91	63	77	80	-3	0.68	-0.08	2	5.44				
Jackson	91	65	78	81	-3	0.85	-0.14	1	4.77				
Winona	88	58	73	78	-5	0.15	-0.90	1	2.30				
Extreme/Average	91	58	76	80	-4	0.56	-0.37	1	4.17				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	91	70	80			0.55	-0.61	1	5.59	87	73	79	
Columbus	91	64	78			0.00		0	5.04				
State University				80		0.59	-0.39	2	4.34	92	74	82	
Extreme/Average	91	64	79	80	-1	0.38	-0.69	1	4.99	92	73	81	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	67	79			0.45		1	5.47	91	80	85	
Natchez	90	65	78	81	-4	0.04	-0.81	2	4.77				
Oakley	93	64	78			0.29	-0.69	1	2.91	95	76	84	
Vicksburg	90	67	78			0.73		2	2.64				
Extreme/Average	93	64	78	81	-3	0.38	-0.54	2	3.95	95	76	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	66	79	81	-2	0.13	-1.76	2	4.87				
McComb	92	66	79	80	-1	0.00	-1.34	0	2.80				
Extreme/Average	92	66	79	81	-2	0.07	-1.55	1	3.84				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	96	65	80			0.15		1	5.13	100	75	86	
Hattiesburg	93	66	79	81	-2	0.26	-1.25	2	2.89				
Laurel													
Meridian	90	65	77	81	-3	0.05	-0.95	1	4.88				
Newton	92	64	77	79	-2	0.26	-0.77	2	4.57	90	71	80	0.19
Extreme/Average	96	64	79	80	-2	0.18	-1.00	2	4.37	100	71	83	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	68	80			0.55		2	11.88				
Biloxi	91	72	82			0.19		1	2.96				
Gulfport	89	69	80	82	-2	0.46	-0.60	2	4.68				
Pascagoula	88	65	78	83	-5	0.47	-1.10	1	3.40				
Poplarville	94	66	80	81	-1	0.40	-1.04	3	4.55	95	75	84	0.20
Extreme/Average	94	66	80	82	-2	0.41	-0.95	2	5.47	95	75	84	0.20
State	96	56	77	80	-3	0.40	-0.61	1	4.26	100	71	83	0.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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