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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 15, 1996.** The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops and hay. Corn harvested has been hampered by high moisture. Boll rot has emerged in late planted cotton. Cattlemen are planting winter grasses, but insect activity is on the rise. Soil moisture is 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 2 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	Mature	100	97	99	95	1	4	25	58	12
	Harvested	62	53	72	53					
	Silage Hvstd	97	94	97	89					
Cotton	Open Bolls	93	84	91	76	1	2	30	52	15
	Harvested	9	2	10	4					
Rice	Mature	87	67	93	76	0	3	21	58	18
	Harvested	62	25	72	38					
Sorghum	Turning Color	100	99	95	96	0	8	29	55	8
	Mature	97	95	86	83					
	Harvested	81	62	62	53					
	Silage harvested	78	75	76	78					
Soybeans	Turning Color	70	62	69	49	1	4	25	57	13
	Shedding leaves	50	48	43	23					
	Harvested	20	17	22	6					
Wheat	Planted	1	--	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	94	92	99	--	0	0	0	0	0
Peanuts	Harvested	13	--	--	--	0	0	3	97	0
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	31	26	32	39	0	4	24	49	23
Pecans						5	9	60	22	4
Cattle						1	3	22	67	7
Pasture						1	6	30	56	7

County Agent Comments

"Harvesting of all crops is moving along nicely with very good yields being reported. All we need is for the good weather to continue."

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

"Corn harvest going full throttle with moisture continuing high at 20-25% due to last week's rains. Some cotton defoliated but boll rot showing up throughout the county. Some soybeans harvested but harvest will begin in earnest next week."

— R. L. Jones, Marshall County

"Lots of corn has been harvested this past week and cotton harvest is ready to begin in earnest if good weather holds."

— Charles Fitts, Chickasaw County

"Corn harvest continues. Some early soybeans will be ready for harvest in two weeks. Soybean looper counts were up sharply in traps this week. Dairymen are planting winter grazing and will be completed in another week or so."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

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Weather Summary From September 9, 1996 to September 1[illegible], 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	90	50	74	76	-3	0.00	-0.66	0	1.15	87	72	80	0.20
Cleveland	92	58	75			0.00		0	3.45				
Tunica	92	47	72	75	-3	0.21	-0.62	1	2.78	88	72	78	
Extreme/Average	92	47	74	76	-2	0.07	-0.68	0	2.45	88	72	79	0.20
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	48	71	73	-2	0.04	-0.73	1	4.85	86	69	79	0.20
Memphis	89	52	73	76	-3	0.80	-0.22	1	3.13				
Oxford	91	49	74	74	-0	0.91	+0.03	1	1.81				
Extreme/Average	91	48	73	74	-2	0.58	-0.31	1	3.26	86	69	79	0.20
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	51	72	74	-2	0.01	-0.82	1	2.08				
Corinth	92	50	75	75	-0	0.36	-0.39	1	3.59				
Iuka						0.00		0	3.04				
Pontotoc	92	49	74	75	-1	0.00	-1.02	0	1.66	88	69	80	0.22
Tupelo	91	51	72	75	-3	0.00	-0.75	0	2.03				
Verona	92	50	75			0.01		1	1.89	90	71	81	0.18
Extreme/Average	92	49	74	75	-1	0.06	-0.78	1	2.38	90	69	81	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	95	57	78	77	+2	0.00	-0.84	0	2.36	97	78	88	
Greenwood	93	57	76	77	-1	0.21	-0.65	1	2.39				
Rolling Fork	93	60	77			0.11	-0.49	1	2.79	98	79	89	0.18
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	93	62	78	78	-0	0.00	-0.79	0	3.71				
Extreme/Average	95	57	77	77	+0	0.08	-0.69	1	2.81	98	78	89	0.18
5. Central													
Carthage	91	57	75	77	-2	0.53	-0.43	1	5.41				
Jackson	90	62	76	78	-2	0.17	-0.93	1	3.53				
Winona	87	48	70	74	-4	0.00	-1.00	0	2.34				
Extreme/Average	91	48	73	76	-3	0.23	-0.79	1	3.76				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	95	59	79			0.18	-0.62	2	1.66	87	74	80	
Columbus	88	54	73			0.65		1	2.76				
State University	92	53	75	78	-3	0.03	-0.90	1	2.71	85	67	78	
Extreme/Average	95	53	75	78	-2	0.29	-0.58	1	2.38	87	67	79	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.38		1	5.27				
Natchez	89	64	77	78	-1	0.18	-0.93	1	0.59				
Oakley										92	75		
Vicksburg	88	63	76			0.31		1	2.89				
Extreme/Average	89	63	77	78	-2	0.29	-0.82	1	2.92	92	75		
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	65	79	78	+1	0.01	-1.08	1	2.42				
McComb	93	65	77	77	-1	0.11	-1.10	1	2.29				
Extreme/Average	93	65	78	78	-0	0.06	-1.09	1	2.36				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	62	79			0.14		1	2.14	98	71	85	
Hattiesburg	92	63	79	78	+1	0.01	-1.08	1	2.95				
Laurel													
Meridian	90	57	74	77	-3	0.41	-0.36	3	3.98				
Newton	92	56	75	76	-1	0.69	+0.01	2	1.95	87	66	78	0.17
Extreme/Average	94	56	77	77	-0	0.31	-0.54	2	2.76	98	66	81	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	92	63	79			1.26		2	3.73				
Biloxi	93	70	81			0.81		1	17.20				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	90	65	78	82	-4	0.86	+0.05	1	3.98				
Poplarville	93	66	81	78	+3	0.29	-1.25	1	1.92	98	78	88	0.22
Extreme/Average	93	63	80	80	-0	0.64	-0.70	1	6.06	98	78	88	0.22
State	95	44	76	77	-1	0.26	-0.70	1	3.11	98	66	82	0.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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