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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 1, 1996.** The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops and hay. Cotton needs some dry weather so farmers can begin defoliating the crop. Insect activity on cotton and soybeans is spotty in most areas of the state. Cattle producers are preparing soils to plant winter grazing. Soil moisture is 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 21 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	Dent	100	97	100	97	1	5	25	56	13
	Mature	91	74	87	80					
	Harvested	38	27	41	28					
	Silage Hvstd	91	77	78	76					
Cotton	Open Bolls	77	53	57	43	1	4	27	50	18
Rice	Heading	100	99	100	94	0	1	22	59	18
	Mature	55	48	75	47					
	Harvested	18	7	28	13					
Sorghum	Turning Color	95	93	87	89	0	3	22	63	12
	Mature	86	75	62	63					
	Harvested	53	34	37	26					
	Silage harvested	67	55	59	62					
Soybeans	Blooming	100	99	100	98	1	4	24	58	13
	Setting pods	97	95	95	87					
	Turning Color	44	36	39	23					
	Shedding leaves	26	24	19	8					
	Harvested	9	5	0	0					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	88	85	93	88	4	22	25	41	8
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	24	10	18	25	1	1	1	96	1
Watermelons	Harvested	99	97	99	99					
Peanuts						0	1	5	74	20
Pecans						13	33	26	25	3
Cattle						1	3	21	61	14
Pasture						2	7	24	59	8

County Agent Comments

"Marshall county finally received a good general rain. Rain is helping to finish filling soybeans. Cotton is starting to open but there is still boll weevil and armyworm activity in some late fields."

— R. L. Jones, Marshall County

"Farmers are starting to harvest corn. Rains are starting to raise concerns about harvest losses and lowering grain quality."

— Ernest H. Flint, Attala County

"Cotton needs some dry weather and sunshine. Some cotton will be defoliated this week."

— Charles Fitts, Chickasaw County

"Farmers received much needed rain. The recent drought damaged pastures, commercial vegetables, cotton and soybeans. Beef producers are preparing to plant winter grazing within the next two weeks."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

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Weather Summary From August 26, 1996 to September 1, 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	62	76	79	-3	0.43	-0.09	3	0.88	89	75	80	0.17
Cleveland	93	64	77			0.79		3	1.57				
Tunica	94	60	77	78	-2	2.02	+1.44	3	2.04	88	77	82	
Extreme/Average	94	60	77	79	-2	1.08	+0.53	3	1.50	89	75	81	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	93	61	75	76	-1	0.45	-0.31	2	1.36	90	75	81	0.13
Memphis	90	66	77	80	-3	1.69	+0.82	4	2.15				
Oxford				77		0.49	-0.04	2	0.97				
Extreme/Average	93	61	76	78	-2	0.88	+0.16	3	1.49	90	75	81	0.13
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	65	76	77	-2	2.07	+1.59	4	3.39				
Corinth	93	66	78	78	+0	1.31	+0.61	2	2.30				
Iuka	91	62	75			0.93		4	3.20				
Pontotoc	93	64	77	78	-1	1.46	+0.90	5	2.44	92	75	82	0.22
Tupelo	90	65	76	78	-2	1.80	+1.19	6	3.28				
Verona	94	66	78			0.83		4	2.59	93	74	82	0.15
Extreme/Average	94	62	77	78	-1	1.40	+0.81	4	2.87	93	74	82	0.19
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	96	66	79	81	-2	2.28	+1.62	4	3.91	99	79	88	
Greenwood	92	66	77	80	-3	0.03	-0.56	2	0.84				
Rolling Fork	95	67	78			2.67	+2.02	4	4.10	102	80	89	0.13
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	94	69	79	81	-2	3.71	+3.04	3	7.94				
Extreme/Average	96	66	78	80	-2	2.17	+1.53	3	4.15	102	79	88	0.13
5. Central													
Carthage	94	65	77	79	-2	4.43	+3.85	5	6.59				
Jackson	90	66	76	80	-5	3.23	+2.72	5	6.20				
Winona	92	61	74	77	-3	1.45	+0.80	3	2.51				
Extreme/Average	94	61	76	79	-3	3.04	+2.46	4	5.10				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	95	71	82			1.47	+1.10	4	3.54				
Columbus	90	64	77			1.78		3	2.67				
State University				79		1.13	+0.63	3	2.16	87	76	81	
Extreme/Average	95	64	80			1.46	+1.02	3	2.79	87	76	81	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	65	78			4.52		6	7.06	94	75	83	
Natchez	90	66	76	80	-4	0.30	-0.44	3	0.74				
Oakley	94	67	77			2.42	+1.56	4	3.65	97	74	83	
Vicksburg	91	68	77			2.19		4	3.31				
Extreme/Average	94	65	77	80	-3	2.36	+1.56	4	3.69	97	74	83	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	67	77	80	-3	1.92	+1.05	5	5.11				
McComb	93	67	77	79	-3	2.16	+1.01	4	2.79				
Extreme/Average	93	67	77	80	-3	2.04	+1.03	5	3.95				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	93	67	77	81	-4	1.58	+0.66	5	3.18				
Laurel													
Meridian	93	66	76	80	-4	2.25	+1.82	7	2.31				
Newton	94	65	76	79	-2	1.10	+0.33	6	1.74	94	70	80	0.16
Extreme/Average	94	65	76	80	-3	1.64	+0.93	6	2.41	94	70	80	0.16
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	93	69	80			0.91		2	5.34				
Biloxi	90	72	80			16.36		5	17.14				
Gulfport	90	69	80	81	-2	2.40	+1.31	5	4.57				
Pascagoula	90	67	78	82	-4	2.86	+1.77	6	4.70				
Poplarville	92	67	78	80	-2	1.63	+0.38	6	2.80	96	75	83	0.18
Extreme/Average	93	67	79	81	-2	4.83	+3.69	5	6.91	96	75	83	0.18
State	96	60	77	79	-2	2.09	+1.37	4	3.49	102	70	82	0.17

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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