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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 8, 1996.** The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops and hay. Boll rot in cotton has become a major concern in parts of the state that have received excess rainfall. Afternoon showers have slowed down corn harvesting, but benefited the fall and winter grasses. Insect activity is occurring in fall plantings. Soil moisture is 3 percent very short, 15 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 11 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	97	91	93	88	0	4	27	60	9
	Harvested	53	38	61	41					
	Silage Hvstd	94	91	91	85					
Cotton	Open Bolls	84	77	78	59	1	7	28	49	15
	Harvested	2	--	2	1					
Rice	Mature	67	55	89	67	0	12	27	58	3
	Harvested	25	18	53	25					
Sorghum	Turning Color	99	95	89	93	0	4	27	59	10
	Mature	90	86	75	77					
	Harvested	62	53	49	42					
	Silage harvested	75	67	69	70					
Soybeans	Setting pods	100	97	99	94	3	8	23	56	10
	Turning Color	62	44	54	37					
	Shedding leaves	48	26	32	15					
	Harvested	17	9	10	2					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	92	88	95	--	3	18	39	35	5
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	26	24	22	32	1	1	16	58	24
Watermelons	Harvested	100	99	100	100					
Peanuts						0	2	21	77	0
Pecans						8	8	25	53	6
Cattle						1	4	28	58	9
Pasture						3	11	40	41	5

County Agent Comments

"Rice harvest is going well with good yields being reported. Some soybeans have been harvested, and cotton harvest should get started next week."

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

"Beef producers are culling their herds in anticipation of higher feed costs this winter. More winter grazing will be planted along with more hay being stored. Pecan scab disease will cut the pecan crop in half."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

"Frequent afternoon thundershowers continue to hamper corn dry down. Boll rot in cotton has become a major concern. Field conditions are poor with extremely wet soils. Harvesting of sweet potatoes has gotten under way county-wide. Pastures look good for early September."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

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Weather Summary From September 2, 1996 to September 8, 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						0.63	-0.08	2	1.50				0.12
Cleveland	92	64	76			2.51		2	4.08				
Tunica	91	62	76	77	-1	0.51	-0.06	1	2.55	84	76	79	
Extreme/Average	92	62	76	77	-1	1.51	+0.94	2	3.32	84	76	79	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	89	63	74	75	-0	4.00	+3.27	4	4.96	87	70	79	0.14
Memphis	89	67	77	78	-1	0.62	-0.03	2	2.35				
Oxford													
Extreme/Average	89	63	76	77	-1	2.31	+1.62	3	3.66	87	70	79	0.14
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	64	74	76	-2	0.00	-0.78	0	2.80				
Corinth	91	66	77	76	+0	1.92	+1.21	2	3.45				
Iuka	86	61	72			2.11		2	4.31				
Pontotoc	91	64	75	76	-1	0.20	-0.73	2	2.59	87	74	79	0.16
Tupelo	91	66	77	77	-0	0.23	-0.37	1	2.07				
Verona	91	65	76			1.05		3	3.12	90	72	79	0.16
Extreme/Average	91	61	75	76	-1	0.92	+0.16	2	3.06	90	72	79	0.16
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	94	66	78	78	-0	0.05	-0.61	1	3.81	97	78	86	
Greenwood	93	68	79	79	+1	2.15	+1.48	3	2.18				
Rolling Fork	93	66	77			0.01	-0.78	1	2.92	98	80	87	0.16
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	92	68	78	79	-2	0.00	-0.87	0	4.82				
Extreme/Average	94	66	78	79	-1	0.55	-0.19	1	3.43	98	78	87	0.16
5. Central													
Carthage	92	65	76	78	-2	0.45	-0.39	3	5.56				
Jackson	91	66	78	79	-1	0.00	-0.78	0	4.40				
Winona	87	62	74	76	-2	0.84	+0.03	2	2.49				
Extreme/Average	92	62	76	77	-1	0.43	-0.38	2	4.15				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	92	70	81			0.01	-1.03	1	2.03				
Columbus	91	66	76			0.30		3	2.11				
State University	90	67	78	79	-1	1.17	+0.33	4	3.27	84	74	78	
Extreme/Average	92	66	78	79	-1	0.49	-0.45	3	2.47	84	74	78	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	66	76			0.27		2	5.34	89	74	82	
Natchez	91	65	77	79	-2	0.00	-1.02	0	0.45				
Oakley	93	64	76			0.10	-0.58	1	2.92	93	72	81	
Vicksburg	90	68	76			0.00		0	3.31				
Extreme/Average	93	64	77	79	-3	0.09	-0.76	1	3.01	93	72	81	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	90	67	78	79	-1	0.03	-1.55	2	2.54				
McComb	95	66	79	78	+0	0.00	-1.34	0	2.18				
Extreme/Average	95	66	78	79	-1	0.02	-1.44	1	2.36				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	95	66	80			1.37		4	2.15	93	75	84	
Hattiesburg	93	66	78	79	-1	1.36	+0.16	2	3.20				
Laurel													
Meridian	91	67	78	78	-1	1.32	+0.27	3	3.62				
Newton	92	64	76	77	-1	0.16	-1.06	2	1.52	86	70	77	0.16
Extreme/Average	95	64	78	78	-0	1.05	-0.11	3	2.62	93	70	80	0.16
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	91	67	79			0.10		1	3.02				
Biloxi	93	73	83			0.01		1	16.58				
Gulfport	90	69	79	80	-1	0.32	-1.93	2	3.94				
Pascagoula	89	68	78	84	-6	0.24	-2.14	2	3.59				
Poplarville	93	68	80	79	+1	0.00	-1.57	0	2.03	98	76	84	0.22
Extreme/Average	93	67	80	81	-1	0.13	-1.94	1	5.83	98	76	84	0.22
State	95	61	77	78	-1	0.75	-0.26	2	3.39	98	70	81	0.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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