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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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Week Ending August 10, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 10, 1997.** The main farming activities for the week were spraying for insects, weed control, and harvesting hay. Rain halted some farm activities, but it was much needed throughout the state. Soil moisture conditions were rated 5 percent very short, 10 percent short, 46 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dough	95	90	98	95	1	3	22	64	10
	Dent	85	72	84	74					
	Mature	36	20	38	34					
	Grain Harvested	10	---	---	---					
	Silage Harvested	47	35	64	45					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	95	100	98	0	4	23	63	10
	Open Bolls	7	2	10	4					
Rice	Heading	78	60	87	77	0	4	22	63	11
	Mature	6	---	8	7					
Sorghum	Heading	99	97	97	93	0	3	19	76	2
	Turning Color	75	55	78	62					
	Mature	7	---	---	---					
Soybeans	Blooming	81	75	93	84	0	4	21	58	17
	Setting Pods	71	42	78	59					
	Turning Color	8	---	11	5					
Watermelons	Harvested	86	78	87	85	11	12	25	46	6
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	72	69	77	---	2	6	33	49	10
Peaches	Harvested	82	79	92	93	2	1	20	59	18
Peanuts						0	0	1	99	0
Sweetpotatoes						0	0	1	99	0
Cattle						0	5	21	57	17
Pasture						0	5	23	60	12

County Agent Comments

"Hay production continues to be the main farming activity. Good weather conditions have helped the cotton and sweet potatoes to make up for lost time. Insect pressure has been light to this point."

— Ben Harlow, Calhoun County

"The rain this weekend should have helped all crops, particularly the hay, pastures, and soybeans. No major problems with insects or disease reported. Silage harvesting will begin when the rain stops and ground conditions are favorable. "

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Soybeans in the northern part of the county desperately need a good general rain. Producers are also waiting on a rain to control weeds in fields."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Boll weevil eradication got underway with no problems reported. No insect problems in cotton, except several hot spots of weevils. Minimal bollworm and budworm activity."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

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Weather Summary From August 4, 1997 to August 10, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	90	65	76	81	-5	0.80	+0.02	1	0.92	89	75	82	0.23
Cleveland	94	62	77			0.73		2	1.51				
Tunica	90	55	74	80	-6	1.87	+1.25	4	3.38	90	78	82	
Extreme/Average	94	55	76	80	-5	1.13	+0.43	2	1.94	90	75	82	0.23
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	58	74	78	-4	3.60	+2.81	3	4.93	91	76	82	0.23
Memphis	93	63	77	81	-4	1.24	+0.30	3	3.90				
Oxford	93	59	77	78	-1	2.99	+2.14	3	3.99				
Extreme/Average	93	58	76	79	-3	2.61	+1.75	3	4.27	91	76	82	0.23
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	62	75	79	-4	2.41	+1.63	3	5.64				
Corinth	96	62	78	79	-1	1.88	+1.21	3	4.13				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	91	61	77	79	-2	1.00	+0.47	3	1.82	94	76	83	0.20
Tupelo	91	62	77	80	-3	1.74	+1.14	3	4.82				
Verona	93	63	78			1.23		3	3.24	95	72	84	0.21
Extreme/Average	96	61	77	79	-2	1.65	+1.00	3	3.93	95	72	84	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	95	66	80	81	-1	1.67	+0.99	3	4.33	100	83	91	
Greenwood	92	64	77	81	-4	1.98	+1.34	3	2.00				
Rolling Fork	95	65	76			1.14	+0.74	2	1.19	102	83	91	0.17
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	96	66	80	81	-2	1.00	+0.35	2	1.89				
Extreme/Average	96	64	78	81	-3	1.45	+0.86	3	2.35	102	83	91	0.17
5. Central													
Carthage	93	64	78	80	-2	0.50	-0.21	1	2.81				
Jackson	94	67	79	81	-3	0.76	-0.02	3	1.61				
Winona	89	63	75	78	-3	0.57	-0.20	2	4.20				
Extreme/Average	94	63	77	80	-3	0.61	-0.14	2	2.87				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	92	64	78			0.00	-0.87	0	2.84	84	75	80	
Columbus	93	68	79			0.96		3	3.58				
State University	92	69	81	80	+1	0.49	-0.28	1	2.66	94	74	82	
Extreme/Average	93	64	80	80	-1	0.48	-0.34	1	3.03	94	74	81	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	67	79			0.80		2	1.77	99	75	85	
Natchez	92	68	78	81	-3	0.83	+0.08	2	1.76				
Oakley	94	62	77			2.62	+1.92	2	3.49	93	76	82	
Vicksburg	91	67	77			0.52		2	1.78				
Extreme/Average	94	62	78	81	-3	1.19	+0.46	2	2.20	99	75	84	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	67	80	82	-2	1.45	+0.56	3	5.38				
McComb	99	67	81	80	+1	1.55	+0.65	3	2.07				
Extreme/Average	99	67	80	81	-1	1.50	+0.60	3	3.73				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	65	81			0.60		2	2.24	93	77	85	
Hattiesburg	92	67	80	81	-1	0.80	-0.34	2	4.51				
Laurel													
Meridian	92	66	79	81	-2	0.14	-0.71	2	4.33				
Newton	92	65	79	80	-1	0.64	-0.33	3	4.12	91	73	81	0.19
Extreme/Average	94	65	80	81	-1	0.55	-0.44	2	3.80	93	73	83	0.19
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	97	67											
Biloxi	91	72	82			0.78		3	12.14				
Gulfport	91	69											
Pascagoula	91	68	79	82	-3	0.82	-1.15	4	15.72				
Poplarville	94	69	81	81	0	1.41	+0.18	1	23.78	96	75	84	
Extreme/Average	97	67	81	82	-1	1.00	-0.60	3	17.21	96	75	84	
State	99	55	78	80	-2	1.22	+0.36	2	4.53	102	72	84	0.20

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