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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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Week Ending August 24, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 24, 1997.** The main farming activities for the week were spraying for insects, weed control, applying fertilizers and harvesting hay. Soil moisture conditions were rated 4 percent very short, 14 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 12 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	Dent	93	90	97	93	1	6	23	58	13
	Mature	64	53	71	65					
	Grain Harvested	13	12	25	19					
	Silage Harvested	69	60	76	68					
Cotton	Open Bolls	12	10	50	29	2	4	28	59	7
Rice	Heading	82	80	99	93	0	2	10	72	16
	Mature	15	12	46	34					
	Harvested	0	0	6	5					
Sorghum	Heading	100	100	100	99	3	5	23	62	7
	Turning Color	85	82	93	87					
	Mature	30	22	74	52					
Soybeans	Blooming	95	93	99	96	2	6	14	57	21
	Setting Pods	86	84	95	82					
	Turning Color	21	15	34	18					
	Shedding Leaves	13	---	22	7					
Watermelons	Harvested	96	95	96	95	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	81	80	84	---	2	7	27	54	10
Peaches	Harvested	98	90	100	100	---	---	---	---	---
Peanuts	Harvested	23	---	---	---	0	0	2	84	14
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	2	0	10	12	0	1	10	88	1
Cattle						1	3	20	62	14
Pasture						2	6	21	59	12

County Agent Comments

"Aphids, white flies, and spider mites are present but in low numbers in many cotton fields. Corn fields should be ready for harvest in 1-1/2 to 2 weeks. Hay harvest continues to be the major field work when weather permits. Some early-set sweet potatoes have been harvested and are yielding well."

— Ben Harlow, Calhoun County

"All crops continue to improve from the much needed rains earlier this week. Silage yields are down from last year. Ideal weather has allowed hay harvesting to progress nicely with very good yields this cutting. Corn harvesting will begin in the next few days."

— Eddie Harris, Humphreys County

"Insect pressure in cotton fields continues to be light but has begun to increase in soybeans. Most corn is near maturity, and harvesting began earlier this week. Hay also continues to be harvested."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Recent showers have helped some soybean and cotton fields. Insect pressure seems to be increasing in soybeans. Corn is maturing at a fast pace. Livestock producers are getting ready to plant winter annuals."

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

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Weather Summary From August 18, 1997 to August 24, 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													
Cleveland													
Tunica	93	55	75	79	-4	1.15	+0.64	1	3.74	87	76	82	
Extreme/Average	93	55	75	79	-4	0.58	+0.07	1	2.60	87	76	82	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	92	53	75	78	-2	0.94	+0.28	4	5.08	91	70	82	0.23
Memphis	92	60	77	81	-4	1.02	+0.34	2	4.26				
Oxford	93	55	76	78	-2	3.55	+3.10	3	6.86				
Extreme/Average	93	53	76	79	-3	1.84	+1.24	3	5.40	91	70	82	0.23
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	58	75	79	-4	0.15	-0.33	3	5.39				
Corinth	95	58	78	79	-1	0.32	-0.31	3	4.85				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	97	55	76	79	-3	3.61	+3.17	3	5.24	91	73	82	0.26
Tupelo	92	57	75	80	-5	1.56	+1.13	2	4.93				
Verona	95	57	77			0.23		2	1.78	96	70	83	0.24
Extreme/Average	97	55	76	79	-3	1.17	+0.67	3	4.44	96	70	82	0.23
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	95	64	79	81	-1	1.48	+1.03	2	7.17	100	79	88	
Greenwood	92	59	76	81	-5	0.36	-0.13	4	2.90				
Rolling Fork	97	61	81			0.15	-0.43	1	1.64	102	84	94	0.23
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	94	64	81	82	-1	0.28	-0.43	1	4.34				
Extreme/Average	97	59	79	81	-2	0.57	+0.01	2	4.01	102	79	91	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage	96	57	78	80	-3	1.68	+0.89	2	6.23				
Jackson	95	60	78	82	-4	1.02	+0.15	3	5.08				
Winona	90	55	74	78	-4	1.82	+1.11	2	4.99				
Extreme/Average	96	55	77	80	-3	1.51	+0.72	2	5.43				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	93	61	78			1.70	+0.97	3	5.76	85	73	79	
Columbus	93	59	77			2.30		2	4.95				
State University	94	54	78	80	-3	1.68	+0.75	2	3.06	93	69	81	
Extreme/Average	94	54	78	80	-3	1.89	+1.06	2	4.59	93	69	80	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	63	80			0.60		1	2.15	100	75	88	
Natchez	94	61	79	81	-2	0.20	-0.66	3	1.89				
Oakley	95	57	78			2.62	+1.85	1	7.04	93	75	84	
Vicksburg	94	64	80			1.25		1	4.56				
Extreme/Average	95	57	79	81	-2	1.17	+0.35	2	3.91	100	75	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	95	61	79	82	-2	0.20	-1.11	2	3.06				
McComb	95	63	80	80	-1	0.19	-0.69	2	2.50				
Extreme/Average	95	61	80	81	-2	0.20	-0.90	2	2.78				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	99	57	80			0.19		2	1.97	104	74	89	
Hattiesburg	95	61	81	82	-1	0.30	-0.47	1	1.59				
Laurel													
Meridian	94	56	76	81	-5	0.99	+0.06	2	3.50				
Newton	95	57	78	80	-2	1.17	+0.35	5	4.83	91	70	80	0.18
Extreme/Average	99	56	79	81	-2	0.66	-0.18	3	2.97	104	70	85	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	98	63	82			0.48		1	5.82				
Biloxi	93	66	81			1.80		3	4.00				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	92	60	80	83	-3	0.45	-0.67	1	3.35				
Poplarville	95	64	81	81	-0	2.84	+1.40	1	6.90	100	72	85	0.32
Extreme/Average	98	60	81	82	-1	1.39	+0.11	2	5.02	100	72	85	0.32
State	99	53	78	80	-2	1.10	+0.32	2	4.12	104	69	84	0.21

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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