

Planting Forecast: The following comments are meant to be used as a guide. Keep in mind weather forecasts can, and do, change regularly.

Predicted DD60 Accumulation for Five Days Following Planting	Outlook for Planting
< 10	Very Poor
11-15	Poor
16-25	Marginal
26-50	Good
>50	Very Good

North Delta:

5-day DD60 accumulation: 26

Precipitation: 10% Thursday, 60% Friday, and 20% Saturday – Monday

Planting Forecast: Marginal – One-half of the total DD60 accumulation over the next 5 days will take place on Thursday. Beyond Thursday, planting forecasts are poor until at least the beginning of next week. With the exception of some fields with lighter soils, most field operations are on hold. With a good chance of rain on Friday and cooler temperatures over the weekend, it would be best to keep cotton in the sack until at least the beginning of next week.

Mid-Delta:

5-day DD60 accumulation: 46

Precipitation: 10% Thursday, 40% Friday, and 20 – 30% Saturday – Monday

Planting Forecast: Good – Wet soil conditions will prevent field work on mixed to heavier soil types until at least the end of this week. Field work on lighter soils could begin tomorrow. Caution is urged if trying to get back onto wet soils ahead of the predicted showers on Friday.

South Delta:

5-day DD60 accumulation: 51

Precipitation: 10% Thursday, 40% Friday, and 20 – 30% Saturday – Monday

Planting Forecast: Very Good – Many areas of the South Delta received substantially less rainfall over the past weekend than other parts of the state. Field operations are underway in several locations in the South Delta.

Northeast MS:

5-day DD60 accumulation: 27.5

Precipitation: 10% Thursday, 40% Friday, and 20 – 30% Saturday – Monday

Planting Forecast: Marginal – Areas between Highway 82 and Tupelo received significant rainfall over the past weekend and field operations are on hold for the remainder of this week. However, some areas north of Tupelo will begin field work today. Some areas in extreme north MS received increased rainfall and will be out of the field until the end of the week or the beginning of next week. Cooler temperatures and the chance of rainfall toward the end of the week suggest cotton planting should be on hold until the beginning of next week.