

# Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Mississippi

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Location	Type	Years	Details
<a href="#"><u>Jackson</u></a>	WBAS WBO WSO WSFO WFO	1931- 1935, 1939- present	The Weather Bureau Airport Station opened at Hawkins Field in 1931, but closed June 1935 due to the Great Depression; it reopened June 1939. On 3/1/1953, the first upper air observation was taken. In 1959, a WSR-3 radar (old Navy 3-cm radar) was installed, later being replaced in 1969 by the WSR-57, and in 1993 by the WSR-88D. A second office opened 7/8/1963 at the new Thompson Field, for warning and forecast operations. The Hawkins Field office closed in 1969, with the WSR-57 installation at Thompson Field. On 4/1/1972, the office gained forecast responsibility for all of Mississippi. The office was relocated in October 1978.
<b>Meridian</b>	WBO WBAS WSO	1889- 1994?	A station opened in Meridian in August 1889, and was closed briefly from 1896-1898. It reopened at the Federal Building at the end of 1898, then moved to the post office in 1933. A second office opened at Key Field in 1944, taking over for the CAA. The city office merged operations at the airport in October 1948. A WSR-3 radar was commissioned at Key Field on 8/16/1959, then was replaced by a WSR-74C 11/2/1976. The office was closed as part of the NWS modernization.
<b>Stoneville</b>	WBO AWSC	1958- 1996	The Weather Bureau operated the Mid-South Agricultural Service Center at Mississippi State University's Delta Branch Experiment Station. The office closed in early 1996 when agricultural forecasts were discontinued by the NWS.
<b>Tupelo</b>	WSO	1983- 1995	A Weather Service Office was opened at Lemons Airport after the WSR-74C was commissioned 4/1/1983. It was closed following the radar decommissioning at the end of 1995.
<b>Vicksburg</b>	SigSvc WBO RDO WSO	1871- 1969, 1977-?	The Signal Service established an office in Vicksburg in 1871, and it was taken over by the Weather Bureau 20 years later. The office was forced to move in 1885 after burning down. When the Weather Bureau took over, it moved operations to the Post Office building. A River District Office was added in 1956, then closed in 1969. A liaison office was operated at the Corps of Engineers office afterward.