

# Yazoo Backwater Floods in 2008 & 2009

## Statistics



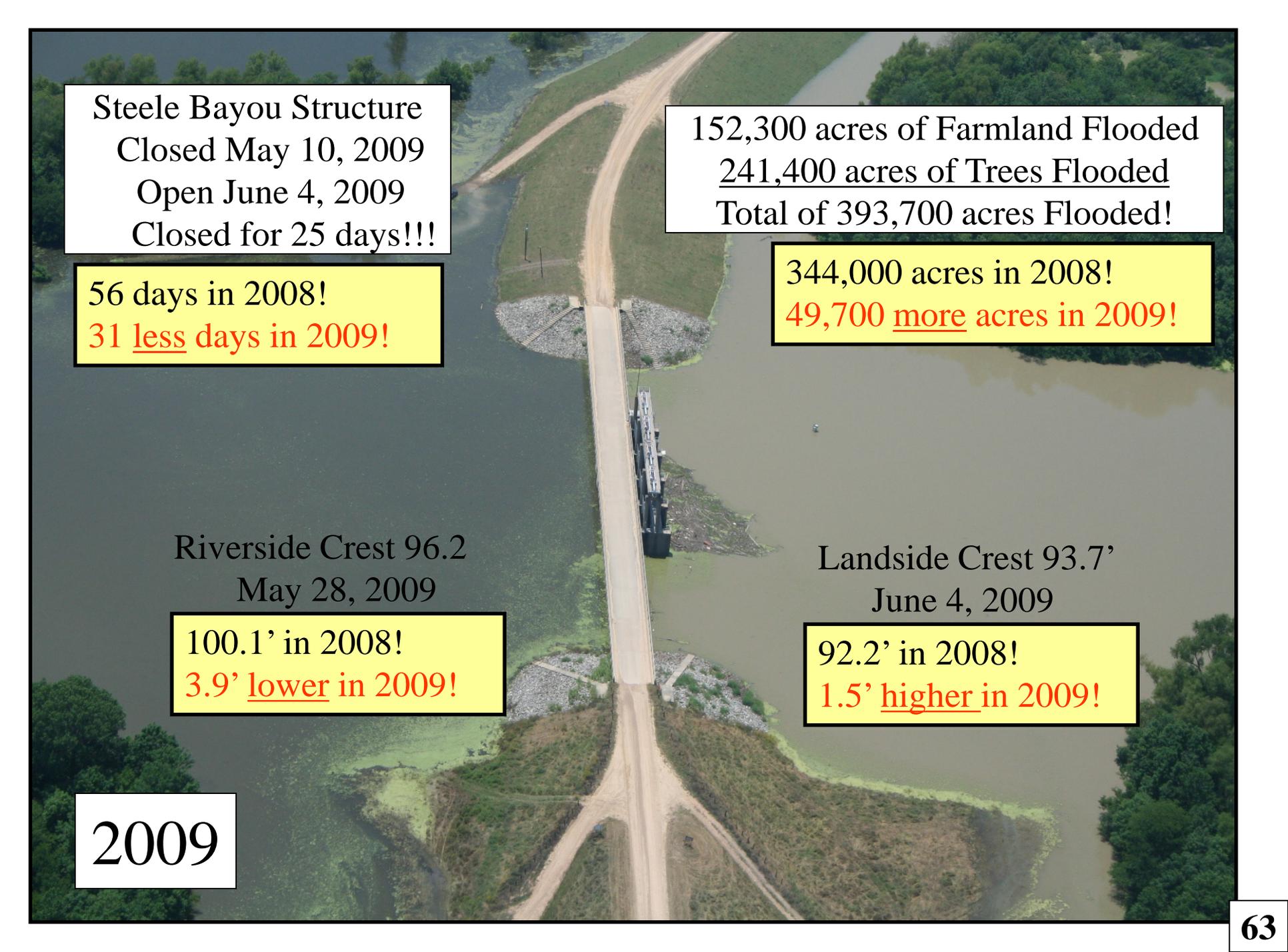
Steele Bayou Structure  
Closed March 13, 2008  
Opened May 8, 2008  
Closed for 56 days!!

121,000 acres of Farmland Flooded  
223,000 acres of Trees Flooded  
Total of 344,000 acres Flooded!

Landside Crest 92.2'  
May 8, 2008

Riverside Crest 100.1'  
April 24, 2008

2008



Steele Bayou Structure  
Closed May 10, 2009  
Open June 4, 2009  
Closed for 25 days!!!

56 days in 2008!  
31 less days in 2009!

152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded  
241,400 acres of Trees Flooded  
Total of 393,700 acres Flooded!

344,000 acres in 2008!  
49,700 more acres in 2009!

Riverside Crest 96.2  
May 28, 2009

100.1' in 2008!  
3.9' lower in 2009!

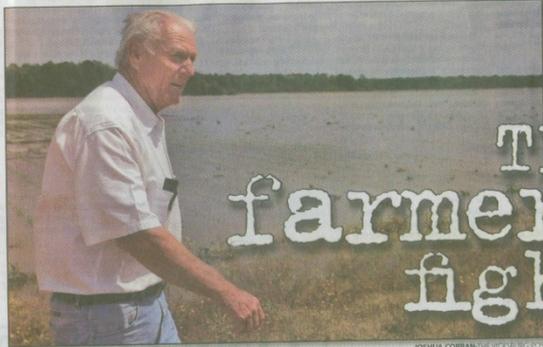
Landside Crest 93.7'  
June 4, 2009

92.2' in 2008!  
1.5' higher in 2009!

2009

# Hicksburg Post.

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## The farmers' fight

Valley Park farmer Jesse Willis stands near his flooded fields

JOSHUA COBBAN/THE VICKSBURG POST

### Watching backwater rise called 'a slow death'

## 'IT'S ALREADY BAD'



Gerald Maxey stands in his front yard at 274 Ford Road and talks about the rising flood waters.

MEREDITH SPENCER/THE VICKSBURG POST

### Late flooding taking toll on crops

# Flooded farmers



Jake Dornbusch, 28, one of the area's few young farmers, sits on top of a state truck at one of the levees near his farm in Redwood. A Corps spokesman says if the Yazoo project were in place, it would have pumped about 4 feet of water off currently flooded land. That would have made quite the difference for Mississippi farmers who work inside the levee system. "When they finally get down to the final project, the EPA says you can't do it. Because of a smelt," said Dornbusch. "I've never seen a smelt." Dornbusch said of the tiny fish that is used for bait.

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### Mississippi River flood dooms promising year for farmers

## 2008

**121,000 acres of Farmland Flooded**  
**223,000 acres of Trees Flooded**  
**Total of 344,000 acres Flooded!**

**\$111.0M** in prevented ag damages if Project in place

## 2009

**152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded**  
**241,400 acres of Trees Flooded**  
**Total of 393,700 acres Flooded!**

**\$105.2M** in prevented ag damages if Project in place

## 2011

**68,000 acres of Farmland Flooded**  
**147,000 acres of Trees Flooded**  
**Total of 215,000 acres Flooded!**

**\$41.3M** in prevented ag damages if Project in place

**If the \$220M YBW Project were in place during the 2008, 2009 & 2011 backwater events, it would have prevented \$257.5M in ag damages!**

# 2009 Yazoo Backwater Flood Photos





*June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'*

Ag Field getting covered by Backwater – Valley Park, MS – May, 2009



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Onward, MS – Hwy 61

May 15, 2009  
YBW Area at 90.8'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Onward, MS – Hwy 61

May 29, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.5'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Valley Park, MS

*June 1, 2009*  
*YBW Area at 93.7'*



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Blanton, MS

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Blanton, MS

May 29, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.5'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Cary, MS – Oil Well Road underwater

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Onward, MS – Low-water Bridge Road

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Onward, MS – Low-water Bridge Road

May 29, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.5'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Eagle Lake, MS

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Fidler, MS

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Floweree, MS

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Near Floweree, MS – Hwy 61

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Goose Lake Road

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Newman Road Underwater

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*152,300 acres of Farmland Flooded*  
Newman Road

May 29, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.5'



Newman Road Underwater

*May 29, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.5'*



*393,700 acres Total Flooded*  
Mahannah WMA

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



*241,400 acres of Trees Flooded*  
Mahannah WMA

June 1, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.7'



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Near Onward, MS

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Hwy 465 – Riverside of YBW Levee  
Houses flooded on the unprotected side of the Levee

*June 1, 2009*  
*YBW Area at 93.7'*



Homes impacted near Floweree, MS – Hwy 61

*June 1, 2009*  
*YBW Area at 93.7'*



Cabins flooded along Goose Lake Road

*May 29, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.5'*



Cabins flooded along Goose Lake Road

May 29, 2009  
YBW Area at 93.5'

# **2008 Yazoo Backwater Flood**

**Ag damage, County Road damage, Tree damage & Wildlife  
under stress during 2008 Backwater Flood**





2008 - 121,000 Acres of Agriculture Land Flooded & 500 miles of County Roads Damaged!!



Is flooding good for Trees in the Spring??  
In 2008 - 223,000 acres of Trees Flooded!!



Is flooding good for the Endangered LA Black Bear??



Is flooding good  
for Deer??

