

Arkansas

Crop Progress and Condition



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General

Last week, high temperatures in Arkansas ranged from 78 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit while low temperatures ranged from 27 to 57 degrees Fahrenheit. On average, there were 6.9 days suitable for field work. Rainfall in Arkansas has been minimal, as most of the state received less than half the normal rainfall for March. State average topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 45 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. The subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 22 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Crops

Dry conditions during March have allowed farmers to begin planting earlier than in normal years. Producers have already planted 45 percent of the corn crop and 12 percent of the sorghum has been planted. Both corn and sorghum are well ahead of the 2006 crops and 5-year averages. Farmers have just begun planting rice with 3 percent in the ground. Winter wheat has started heading and was in fair to good condition by the end of the week.

Livestock

Cattle were in fair to good condition as of March 25. There were some reports of thin cattle due to the lack of high quality hay for feed. The alfalfa and other hay crops were also in good to fair condition.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2006	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	45	n/a	21	14
Sorghum	Planted	12	n/a	5	1
Rice	Planted	3	n/a	1	1
Winter Wheat	Headed	1	n/a	1	0

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	0	27	50	23
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	66	31	2
Hay-Other	0	11	69	18	2

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending March 25, 2007

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending	4 wk	4 wk	Jan - March**	
					Mar. 25	Accum	Normal	2007	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	78	49	16	0.03	0.29	3.64	0.00	0.00
	Harrison	80	50	16	0.28	0.55	3.81	0.00	0.00
N. Central	Calico Rock	82	27	14	0.05	0.43	4.11	0.00	0.00
	Gilbert	81	46	11	0.24	0.46	3.68	0.00	0.00
	Greers Ferry	82	48	14	0.28	0.51	4.47	0.00	0.00
	Mtn. Home	80	33	15	0.03	0.14	3.99	0.00	0.00
Northeast	Batesville	81	35	15	0.40	0.50	4.02	0.00	0.00
	Jonesboro	83	47	14	0.41	0.52	3.97	0.00	0.00
	Keiser	85	41	15	0.07	0.31	4.36	0.00	0.00
	Newport	84	37	13	0.28	0.82	4.20	0.00	0.00
W. Central	Booneville	81	33	7	0.00	0.46	3.62	0.00	0.00
	Clarksville	81	37	15	0.00	0.46	3.98	0.00	0.00
	Dardanelle	82	48	11	0.00	0.65	4.10	0.00	0.00
	Ft. Smith	82	57	15	0.00	0.39	3.49	0.00	0.00
	Mena	81	43	13	0.00	0.24	4.62	0.00	0.00
	Ozark	82	57	16	0.00	0.12	4.00	0.00	0.00
Central	Conway	81	37	10	0.00	0.86	4.00	0.00	0.00
	Hot Springs	85	36	11	0.00	0.87	4.77	0.00	0.00
	Little Rock	84	56	15	0.00	0.64	4.24	0.00	0.00
	N. Little Rock	83	39	12	0.00	0.78	4.27	0.00	0.00
E. Central	Brinkley	82	48	13	0.00	1.79	4.25	0.00	0.00
	Marianna	84	49	14	0.00	0.78	4.92	0.00	0.00
	Stuttgart	84	43	12	0.00	1.07	4.30	0.00	0.00
Southwest	Hope	83	33	9	0.00	1.48	4.41	0.00	0.00
	Texarkana	81	56	11	0.00	1.01	3.69	0.00	0.00
	Camden	84	45	11	0.00	2.36	4.63	0.00	0.00
S. Central	El Dorado	84	53	10	0.00	2.18	4.67	0.00	0.00
	Warren	82	46	11	0.00	1.80	5.36	0.00	0.00
Southeast	Eudora	85	51	11	0.00	0.45	5.35	0.00	0.00
	Pine Bluff	83	55	13	0.00	1.11	4.51	0.00	0.00
	Rohwer	84	45	14	0.00	0.60	4.75	0.00	0.00

* Departure from normal = (high- low) - 30 year average. ** Data not available at press time.

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