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Reporting for the week ending March 29, 2009.

General

Last week was a very wet week across most of Arkansas as all reporting stations recorded more than 1.5 inches of rain. Over 4 inches of rain were recorded at the West Memphis and Morrilton stations. The wet weather hindered producers' efforts to get into the fields as there were only 3.2 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. High temperatures last week ranged from 71 degrees Fahrenheit at three different reporting stations to 79 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora and Little Rock. Low temperatures ranged from 29 degrees Fahrenheit in Ozark to 42 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora.

Crops

Crop plantings have been delayed as producers wait for drier field conditions. As of last week, farmers have planted only 12 percent of the corn crop, which was 12 percent behind last year and 27 percent behind the five-year average. Most of the corn plantings occurred in the Southwestern and Southeastern parts of the state. Corn emergence was at 3 percent, which was equal to both 2008 and the five-year average. Winter wheat was in mostly fair to good condition, with some incidences of powdery mildew and leaf rust being reported. When weather conditions were favorable, fertilizers and herbicides were applied to the winter wheat crop.

Livestock

Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Producers were still making fence repairs from the January ice storm. At least 88 percent of the pasture and range and hay crops were reported in mostly fair to good condition.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	12	n/a	24	39
	Emerged	3	n/a	3	3

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	6	29	59	6
Hay-Alfalfa	0	2	46	51	1
Hay-Other	0	2	33	63	2
Pasture and Range	1	5	35	53	6

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending March 29, 2009

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Mar 29	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	71	30	3	1.97	3.67	3.78	10.45	8.68
	Harrison	74	32	3	2.24	2.97	3.89	9.64	9.50
N. Central	Calico Rock	75	37	4	3.09	3.97	4.18	10.09	10.43
	Gilbert	73	34	2	2.93	3.33	3.72	10.53	9.81
	Greers Ferry	74	37	2	2.51	4.50	4.56	8.91	11.96
	Mtn. Home	75	34	3	3.00	3.43	4.07	10.11	10.24
Northeast	Batesville	72	37	2	1.94	3.31	4.10	9.87	11.15
	Blytheville	77	41	5	2.43	3.47	4.43	10.49	12.29
	Jonesboro	75	41	5	3.10	4.49	4.01	11.83	11.35
	Keiser	77	42	7	2.57	4.90	4.40	11.41	12.41
	Newport	72	40	2	3.42	5.60	4.35	12.54	11.68
W. Central	Booneville	74	33	-3	2.06	3.57	3.68	8.94	10.48
	Clarksville	75	33	1	2.57	3.65	4.07	9.80	10.24
	Dardanelle	76	35	0	2.63	4.46	4.17	8.55	10.99
	Ft. Smith	75	32	1	2.49	2.99	3.57	10.77	8.90
	Mena	71	35	2	2.80	6.45	4.69	10.89	12.18
	Ozark	71	29	0	2.35	3.31	4.06	9.53	10.09
Central	Conway	77	38	-1	3.56	6.54	4.10	14.95	11.26
	Hot Springs	76	37	1	3.52	5.71	4.82	11.61	13.02
	Little Rock	79	40	4	3.11	4.37	4.39	9.13	11.86
	Morrilton	76	37	2	4.03	6.08	4.07	12.37	11.22
	N. Little Rock	77	38	1	3.81	5.81	4.41	10.65	11.55
E. Central	Brinkley	75	40	4	3.56	5.09	4.30	11.54	12.52
	Marianna	77	40	2	3.06	5.42	5.00	12.88	13.71
	Stuttgart	76	38	1	2.85	5.41	4.42	13.85	12.39
	West Memphis	76	41	5	4.35	6.05	4.98	11.51	13.88
Southwest	DeQueen	76	31	2	1.75	3.20	4.70	4.77	12.51
	Hope	76	32	-1	2.60	6.24	4.49	11.27	13.20
	Texarkana	77	34	-1	2.24	5.54	3.70	8.88	11.10
S. Central	Camden	78	35	0	2.87	6.04	4.64	10.68	13.96
	El Dorado	78	34	0	2.82	5.55	4.67	8.74	14.48
	Warren	75	36	3	3.22	6.29	5.42	10.99	15.61
Southeast	Eudora	79	39	2	2.89	5.98	5.40	12.13	16.86
	Monticello	76	37	3	2.86	5.15	5.16	8.46	15.59
	Pine Bluff	78	39	2	2.87	5.22	4.59	12.15	13.43
	Rohwer	76	39	3	3.01	5.18	4.82	10.06	14.78

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$ - 30 year average.

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