

Arkansas

Crop Progress and Condition



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Reporting for the week ending April 1, 2007.

General

Last week, high temperatures in Arkansas ranged from 77 to 87 degrees Fahrenheit while low temperatures ranged from 34 to 58 degrees Fahrenheit. On average, there were 5.9 days suitable for field work. Rainfall totals for the week ranged from 0.11 inch in Eudora to 4.47 inches in Camden with the southwest and east central portions of the state receiving the most precipitation. State average topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. The subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 26 percent short and 71 percent adequate.

Crops

Despite some portions of the state receiving much needed rain last week, producers remained well ahead of last year's planting progress and the 5-year averages with 70 percent of the corn crop and 27 percent of the sorghum crop planted. Last week, corn and sorghum fields received fertilizer and herbicide applications. Rice farmers had 17 percent of this year's rice crop planted by the week's end, with some reports of bird damage. Although there were reports of aphids and stripe rust, winter wheat was at 14 percent headed by the end of the week, compared to 4 percent last year and the 5-year average of 1 percent.

Livestock

Cattle conditions improved to mostly good condition last week. With the precipitation, the alfalfa and other hay crops improved to 42 and 29 percent good to excellent, respectively, compared to 33 and 20 percent the previous week. Last week, some producers applied fertilizer and weed control to pastureland.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2006	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	70	45	45	33
Sorghum	Planted	27	12	8	4
Rice	Planted	17	3	2	2
Winter Wheat	Headed	14	1	4	1

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	6	24	50	20
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	58	32	10
Hay-Other	0	7	64	25	4
Pasture and Range	1	14	43	40	2

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 1, 2007

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Apr. 1	4 wk	4 wk	Jan - March	
						Accum	Normal	2007	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	80	45	14	0.40	0.49	3.85	7.03	8.72
	Harrison	81	55	15	0.34	0.76	3.93	6.33	9.51
N. Central	Calico Rock	83	40	13	0.82	0.94	4.21	10.15	10.43
	Gilbert	82	38	11	0.62	0.94	3.72	9.50	9.77
	Greers Ferry	81	45	11	1.12	1.60	4.62	11.10	11.94
	Mtn. Home	81	46	16	0.90	0.99	4.09	8.94	10.22
Northeast	Batesville	83	46	13	1.45	1.95	4.14	12.05	11.10
	Jonesboro	84	52	13	1.57	2.08	4.05	9.54	11.30
	Keiser	87	54	16	1.27	1.44	4.43	10.40	12.34
	Newport	85	52	13	1.52	2.33	4.44	11.31	11.63
W. Central	Booneville	82	34	5	0.69	1.10	3.70	8.91	10.38
	Clarksville	81	48	15	0.93	1.35	4.13	10.18	10.20
	Dardanelle	81	43	10	1.20	1.85	4.18	10.20	10.94
	Ft. Smith	82	44	12	0.11	0.30	3.60	9.21	8.90
	Mena	77	42	11	0.96	1.18	4.72	10.23	12.13
	Ozark	82	46	15	0.57	0.69	4.05	11.29	10.03
Central	Conway	82	48	11	1.50	2.34	4.16	12.67	11.20
	Hot Springs	83	41	9	1.60	2.44	4.85	13.45	12.94
	Little Rock	85	47	12	0.97	1.61	4.50	12.64	11.82
	N. Little Rock	84	51	11	0.83	1.45	4.49	11.50	11.52
E. Central	Brinkley	84	53	14	2.90	4.40	4.33	13.46	12.45
	Marianna	85	55	15	1.06	1.42	5.03	8.28	13.62
	Stuttgart	85	53	13	2.31	3.07	4.50	11.63	12.31
Southwest	Hope	81	50	10	3.01	4.49	4.55	17.31	13.12
	Texarkana	81	50	9	2.63	3.64	3.71	14.46	10.97
	Camden	86	52	11	4.47	6.11	4.64	18.10	13.82
S. Central	El Dorado	83	54	9	1.16	3.17	4.67	14.87	14.32
	Warren	82	58	12	0.29	1.74	5.45	11.61	15.48
Southeast	Eudora	86	58	13	0.11	0.51	5.44	8.85	16.72
	Pine Bluff	83	52	12	1.47	2.28	4.63	11.16	13.29
	Rohwer	86	57	15	0.10	0.60	4.84	8.40	14.61

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

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