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Reporting for the week ending April 5, 2009.

General

The wet weather continued last week as all reporting stations recorded some rainfall. The stations at Hot Springs, Warren, and Monticello all received over 2 inches of rain by week's end. The rainfall again limited the number of days producers could get into the fields as there were only 2.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 43 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. High temperatures ranged from 69 degrees Fahrenheit at six different reporting stations to 82 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora. Below-freezing temperatures were recorded last week as low temperatures ranged from 28 degrees Fahrenheit in Gilbert to 41 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora and North Little Rock.

Crops

Row crop plantings were once again delayed as wet field conditions continued to hamper field activities. Farmers planted an additional 6 percent of the corn crop to reach 18 percent, which was 8 percent behind 2008 and 37 percent behind the five-year average. Corn emerged, at 8 percent, was 8 percent behind last year and 10 percent behind the five-year average. Only 1 percent of both the rice and sorghum crops were in the ground by week's end. Rice planted was 1 percent behind last year and 8 percent behind the five-year average, while sorghum planted was even with last year but 10 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat was at 5 percent headed, 2 percent ahead of 2008 but 5 percent behind the five-year average. Last week, 88 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in fair to good condition, and producers applied herbicides and fungicides to the crop.

Livestock

Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were in mostly fair to good condition. Some farmers sprayed for weeds and fertilized pastures last week.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	18	12	26	55
	Emerged	8	3	16	18
Rice	Planted	1	0	2	9
Sorghum	Planted	1	0	1	11
Winter Wheat	Headed	5	0	3	10

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	7	37	51	5
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	40	58	1
Hay-Other	0	1	40	57	2
Pasture and Range	0	8	32	54	6

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 5, 2009

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Apr 5	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	74	29	-1	0.63	4.29	3.91	11.08	9.67
	Harrison	73	34	0	0.93	3.90	3.96	10.57	10.48
N. Central	Calico Rock	69	29	-3	0.70	4.67	4.23	10.79	11.48
	Gilbert	69	28	-6	0.98	4.31	3.72	11.51	10.72
	Greers Ferry	71	33	-3	0.54	5.04	4.68	9.45	13.15
	Mtn. Home	69	34	-3	1.23	4.66	4.09	11.34	11.22
Northeast	Batesville	69	33	-1	0.42	3.73	4.19	10.29	12.22
	Blytheville	73	40	2	1.02	4.49	4.57	11.51	13.48
	Jonesboro	74	34	1	0.48	4.97	4.13	12.31	12.45
	Keiser	74	38	1	1.37	6.27	4.47	12.78	13.53
	Newport	71	40	-2	1.07	6.67	4.54	13.61	12.87
W. Central	Booneville	73	33	-9	1.15	4.72	3.70	10.09	11.39
	Clarksville	70	33	-4	0.53	4.18	4.17	10.33	11.29
	Dardanelle	72	34	-4	1.05	5.51	4.14	9.60	11.98
	Ft. Smith	79	36	0	0.69	3.68	3.62	11.46	9.79
	Mena	70	29	-5	1.30	7.75	4.74	12.19	13.35
	Ozark	71	32	-5	0.68	3.99	3.98	10.21	10.97
Central	Conway	69	35	-5	1.48	8.02	4.25	16.43	12.39
	Hot Springs	79	37	-2	2.15	7.83	4.85	13.76	14.21
	Little Rock	74	36	0	0.93	5.29	4.64	10.06	13.11
	Morrilton	69	34	-3	1.29	7.37	4.10	13.66	12.22
	N. Little Rock	74	41	-1	1.30	7.11	4.53	11.95	12.69
E. Central	Brinkley	77	38	1	1.42	6.51	4.38	12.96	13.65
	Marianna	76	37	1	1.45	6.87	5.07	14.33	14.97
	Stuttgart	75	37	-2	0.96	6.35	4.58	14.81	13.58
	West Memphis	74	37	1	1.01	7.06	5.12	12.52	15.21
Southwest	DeQueen	80	31	0	0.08	3.26	4.69	4.85	13.63
	Hope	76	32	-1	0.58	6.82	4.59	11.85	14.39
	Texarkana	79	38	-1	0.24	5.78	3.75	9.12	12.06
S. Central	Camden	76	35	-3	0.43	6.47	4.64	11.11	15.08
	El Dorado	80	33	0	1.26	6.81	4.60	10.00	15.56
	Warren	75	36	-3	2.23	8.52	5.43	13.22	16.92
Southeast	Eudora	82	41	1	0.36	6.34	5.49	12.49	18.27
	Monticello	79	36	2	2.42	7.57	5.17	10.88	16.85
	Pine Bluff	76	38	1	0.81	5.81	4.67	12.96	14.62
	Rohwer	79	39	0	1.44	6.54	4.84	11.50	15.97

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

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