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Reporting for week ending April 16, 2006

General

Warm and dry conditions were prevalent throughout most of the week. There were some scattered showers but not enough to keep farmers from field work. More rain is needed to help with seed germination and the crops already emerged. Windy conditions last week stalled some herbicide applications as well as decreased soil moisture on tilled land. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 9% very short, 50% short, and 41% adequate.

Crops

Corn planting was nearing completion with 91% reported planted. The corn crop was 61% reported emerged. Soybean planting was 14% complete. Sorghum planting still ahead of normal with 40% of the crop planted. Rice planting was nearly halfway complete with the crop beginning to emerge last week. Several county agents indicated that rice farmers were flushing rice fields to enhance seed germination. The dry weather accelerated the heading stage on wheat with 43% of the crop headed; which is well ahead the normal rate. There were several reports of farmers applying fungicides to the wheat fields.

Livestock

Livestock remained in mostly good condition. Cattlemen continued to fertilize pastures along with tending to herds. Hay crops and pastures were both in need of rain. Hay crops and pastures were in mostly fair to good condition.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Planted	91	72	68	73
	Emerged	61	33	42	39
Cotton	Planted	8	0	1	1
Rice	Planted	46	15	12	28
	Emerged	6	0	2	4
Sorghum	Planted	40	16	17	29
Soybeans	Planted	14	6	7	5
Wheat	Headed	43	15	16	15

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	0	4	26	51	19
Hay-other	0	7	59	32	2
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	67	33	0
Pasture & Range	4	17	46	31	2

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Weather for the Week

There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 22% very short, 42% short, 32% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending: April 16, 2006

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending April 9	April Accum	April Normal	Jan - March	
								2006	Normal
North west	Fayetteville	89	35	13	0.00	1.31	2.97	5.97	8.07
	Harrison	88	41	13	0.09	1.66	2.82	14.92	8.86
N. Central	Calico Rock	91	30	10	0.17	0.66	3.05	10.71	9.73
	Gilbert	90	31	9	1.22	2.32	2.73	11.06	9.16
	Greers Ferry	87	37	10	0.00	0.66	3.53	15.20	11.14
	Mountain Home	90	38	12	0.01	1.15	2.87	8.45	9.55
North east	Batesville	89	34	10	0.00	0.28	3.29	12.18	10.37
	Jonesboro	86	38	10	0.00	1.58	3.38	12.26	10.59
	Keiser	88	40	11	0.00	0.71	3.36	13.31	11.57
	Newport	87	41	9	0.00	0.26	3.57	19.05	10.83
W. Central	Booneville	92	37	8	0.00	0.27	2.81	6.29	9.74
	Clarksville	89	44	11	0.00	0.75	3.09	9.11	9.49
	Dardanelle	91	40	9	0.00	0.96	2.90	10.88	10.24
	Ft. Smith	92	44	10	0.00	0.99	2.63	10.65	8.30
	Mena	85	38	8	0.00	2.31	3.50	6.75	11.32
	Ozark	89	42	11	0.00	2.11	2.52	14.26	9.39
Central	Conway	87	39	8	0.00	0.33	3.49	12.25	10.44
	Hot Springs	89	35	9	0.00	2.33	3.58	11.15	12.13
	Little Rock	85	40	8	0.00	0.71	3.80	12.02	11.00
	N Little Rock	85	40	6	0.00	0.83	3.46	10.31	10.73
E. Central	Brinkley	87	37	8	0.00	0.00	3.49	14.80	11.68
	Marianna	85	42	10	0.00	0.47	3.77	17.08	12.75
	Stuttgart	87	40	7	0.00	2.06	3.64	13.47	11.49
South west	Hope	87	37	7	0.00	0.02	3.49	9.85	12.30
	Texarkana	89	41	7	0.00	0.01	2.06	10.35	10.32
	Camden	88	37	7	0.00	0.07	3.32	10.12	13.03
S. Central	El Dorado	88	36	5	0.00	0.11	3.20	17.97	13.52
	Warren	86	38	7	0.00	1.07	3.78	14.00	14.55
Southeast	Eudora	87	44	7	0.00	2.12	4.33	17.13	15.74
	Pine Bluff	88	40	8	0.00	0.30	3.58	14.20	12.45
	Rohwer	85	42	6	0.00	1.61	3.58	17.97	13.75