



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending April 19, 2009.

## General

Last week, weather conditions were wet and cool throughout the state. All weather stations recorded some rain, with Hope receiving the most at 1.89 inches. Of the 36 stations, 21 reported weekly accumulations greater than an inch. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 49 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus. Temperatures continued to be cooler than usual at all of the weather stations, as temperatures as low as 7 degrees Fahrenheit below normal were observed at Booneville. Low temperatures ranged from 33 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock and Gilbert to 44 degrees Fahrenheit at Pine Bluff. High temperatures ranged from 70 degrees Fahrenheit at Greers Ferry and Ozark to 80 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Producers had 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

## Crops

Rain showers last week affected crop progress as wet fields limited row crop plantings and cool temperatures at night slowed crop emergence. Corn producers were able to plant an additional 12 percent of the crop last week to reach 55 percent planted, 13 percent ahead of 2008 but 23 percent behind the five-year average. Corn emerged, at 27 percent, jumped ahead of last year's progress for the first time this year but remained 30 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton farmers started planting with 1 percent of the crop in the ground by week's end. Rice planted increased 10 percent to reach 24 percent planted, 10 percent ahead of last year but 14 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum growers planted 12 percent of the crop to reach 16 percent planted last week, 10 percent ahead of last year but 18 percent behind the five-year average. Soybean farmers only planted an additional 2 percent of the crop to reach 6 percent planted last week as the focus remained on getting the corn and rice crops in the ground. The rice, sorghum, and soybean crops were just beginning to emerge last week. Winter wheat was 39 percent headed by the end of the week, 21 percent ahead of last year but 4 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat was in mostly fair to good condition, as reports of leaf blotch and stripe rust were observed in some areas.

## Livestock

Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were also in fair to good condition, with some reports of slow forage growth due to the cooler nighttime temperatures.

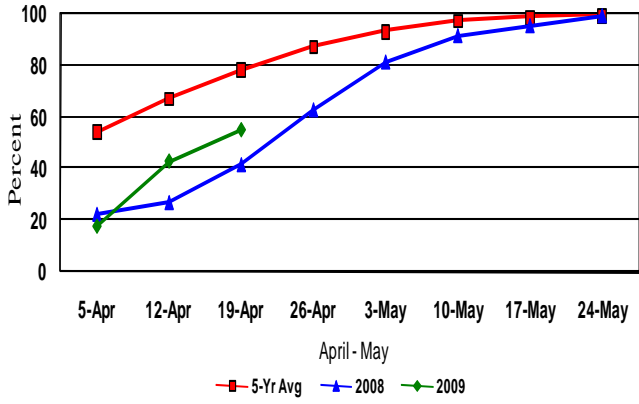
### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	55	43	42	78
	Emerged	27	16	25	57
Cotton	Planted	1	0	4	6
Rice	Planted	24	14	14	38
	Emerged	3	0	1	10
Sorghum	Planted	16	4	6	34
	Emerged	3	n/a	0	11
Soybeans	Planted	6	4	4	11
	Emerged	1	n/a	0	0
Winter Wheat	Headed	39	14	18	43

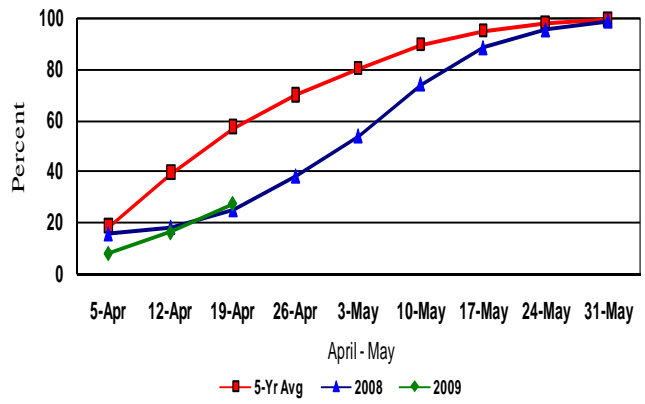
### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	7	35	52	6
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	31	67	1
Hay-Other	0	1	32	64	3
Pasture and Range	0	5	30	57	8

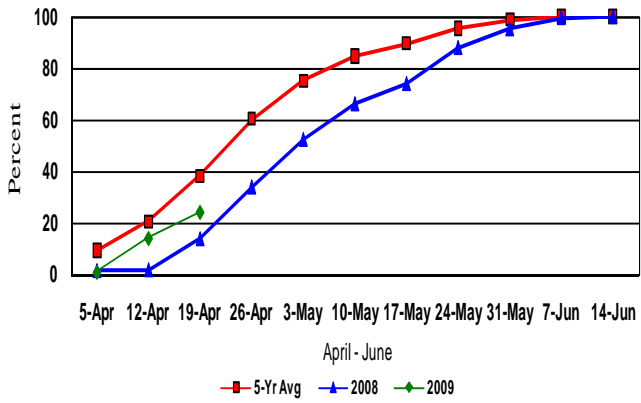
### Corn Planted



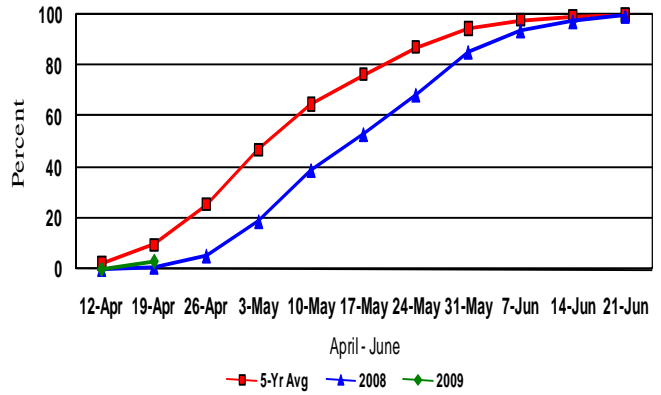
### Corn Emerged



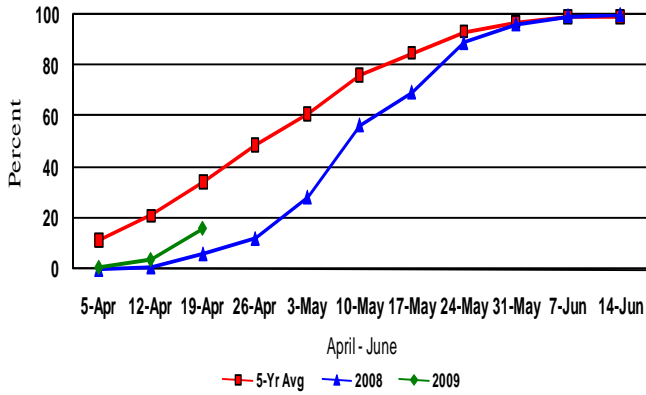
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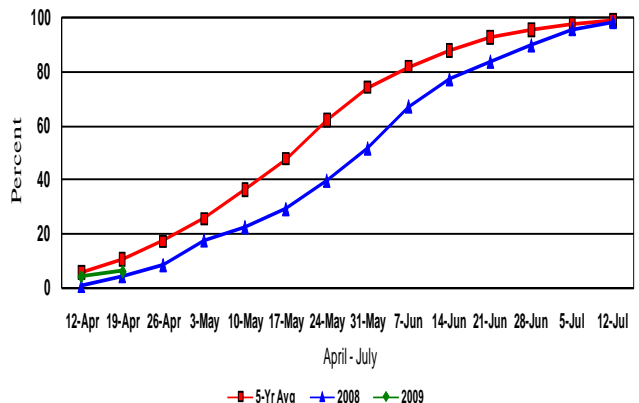
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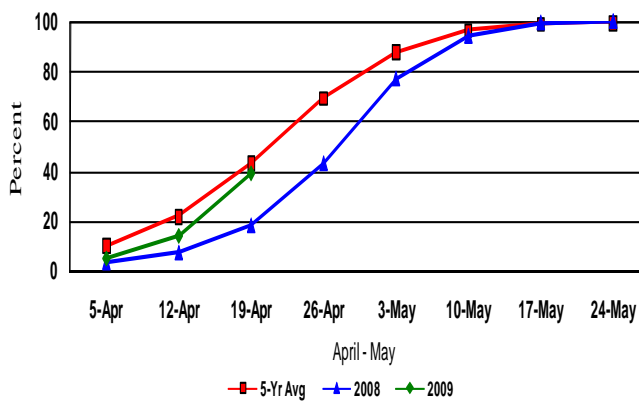
### Sorghum Planted



### Soybeans Planted



### Winter Wheat Headed



**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 19, 2009**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Apr 19	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	73	34	-3	0.60	5.50	3.96	13.98	11.64
	Harrison	74	37	-3	0.77	6.04	3.80	13.44	12.31
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	74	33	-3	1.63	7.60	4.08	14.60	13.46
	Gilbert	75	33	-4	0.56	6.10	3.66	13.70	12.54
	Greers Ferry	70	36	-4	1.12	5.92	4.70	12.32	15.47
	Mtn. Home	74	39	-2	0.94	6.97	3.90	14.08	13.10
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	75	36	-4	1.39	5.55	4.36	13.48	14.46
	Blytheville	78	37	-3	0.29	5.09	4.77	13.15	15.91
	Jonesboro	76	37	-2	1.03	6.43	4.47	15.16	14.77
	Keiser	78	42	-2	1.58	7.04	4.48	15.88	15.77
	Newport	75	40	-5	1.62	7.73	4.73	16.85	15.25
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	72	38	-7	0.96	5.92	3.80	12.80	13.32
	Clarksville	72	40	-3	1.21	6.01	4.14	13.24	13.33
	Dardanelle	73	40	-4	1.12	6.55	3.93	12.47	13.87
	Ft. Smith	71	38	-3	1.06	6.26	3.54	14.54	11.53
	Mena	71	38	-3	1.22	7.46	4.69	15.55	15.68
	Ozark	70	40	-3	0.98	5.81	3.48	12.99	12.57
<b>Central</b>	Conway	74	40	-4	0.69	8.15	4.60	19.54	14.77
	Hot Springs	73	42	-4	1.18	9.00	4.83	17.09	16.62
	Little Rock	76	41	-1	1.82	7.61	5.03	13.63	15.70
	Morrilton	74	39	-3	0.51	8.10	4.04	16.44	14.21
	N. Little Rock	75	42	-4	0.95	7.69	4.64	14.53	15.01
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	76	40	-2	1.18	7.28	4.64	15.26	16.04
	Marianna	76	38	-3	1.34	6.86	5.04	16.68	17.46
	Stuttgart	75	40	-3	1.64	7.05	4.85	18.05	16.05
	West Memphis	76	37	-3	1.71	7.81	5.16	14.97	17.76
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	74	34	-1	1.26	4.95	4.49	7.97	15.81
	Hope	72	40	-3	1.89	6.86	4.63	15.53	16.67
	Texarkana	73	42	-4	1.94	5.97	3.73	12.61	13.88
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	74	43	-2	1.78	6.47	4.46	14.28	17.26
	El Dorado	75	41	-2	0.69	6.54	4.32	12.46	17.66
	Warren	74	42	-3	0.58	8.78	5.10	16.55	19.35
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	80	40	-2	0.33	5.21	5.75	14.45	21.21
	Monticello	78	42	-1	0.62	7.73	5.07	13.33	19.34
	Pine Bluff	75	44	-3	1.45	6.90	4.79	16.18	17.03
	Rohwer	78	43	-2	0.62	7.17	4.82	14.22	18.35

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

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