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Reporting for week ending April 23, 2006

General

The week began with warm and dry conditions. These conditions were observed throughout most of the week. There were some scattered showers on Thursday and Friday. These much needed rains helped with the emergence of crops. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 6% very short, 39% short, 50% adequate and 5% surplus.

Crops

Corn planting was nearly complete. There were reports of corn being replanted in Clay county. The crop was in fair to mostly good condition with 84% reported emerged. Soybean planting remained ahead of normal with almost one-fourth of the crop planted. Sorghum planting was 59% complete with nearly one-third of the crop emerged. Cotton planting was 28% complete. Rice planting was 78% complete with crop emergence at 29%. Despite recent rains, rice farmers were still flushing rice fields. Winter Wheat heading was still well ahead of the normal rate with 81% of the crop headed.

Livestock

Livestock were still in mostly good condition. Baling hay, fertilizing pastures and working cattle were some of the activities of cattlemen last week. Hay crops and pastures remained in mostly fair to good condition.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Percent of Progress			
		Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Planted	96	91	83	86
	Emerged	84	61	54	58
Cotton	Planted	28	8	6	7
Rice	Planted	78	46	46	56
	Emerged	29	6	10	17
Sorghum	Planted	59	40	46	50
	Emerged	32	n/a	17	10
Soybeans	Planted	24	14	15	13
Wheat	Headed	81	43	45	45

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Condition in Percentages				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	34	51	14
Wheat	0	5	23	54	18
Hay-other	0	9	59	31	1
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	60	40	0
Pasture & Range	4	21	45	28	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 23, 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	93	45	9	0.01	1.32	4.01	5.97	8.07
	Harrison	92	53	9	0.00	1.66	3.79	14.92	8.86
N. Central	Calico Rock	93	46	11	0.50	1.16	4.06	10.71	9.73
	Gilbert	92	43	6	0.91	3.23	3.69	11.06	9.16
	Greers Ferry	92	54	10	0.62	1.28	4.68	15.20	11.14
	Mountain Home	92	50	9	0.26	1.41	3.85	8.45	9.55
North east	Batesville	94	51	11	0.85	1.13	4.41	12.18	10.37
	Jonesboro	94	53	9	1.13	2.71	4.57	12.26	10.59
	Keiser	96	51	11	0.84	1.55	4.51	13.31	11.57
	Newport	96	55	9	1.20	1.46	4.73	19.05	10.83
W. Central	Booneville	96	48	6	2.07	2.34	3.86	6.29	9.74
	Clarksville	95	51	11	0.60	1.35	4.14	9.11	9.49
	Dardanelle	94	51	10	0.66	1.62	3.90	10.88	10.24
	Ft. Smith	96	51	9	1.08	2.07	3.56	10.65	8.30
	Mena	90	48	9	1.04	3.35	4.73	6.75	11.32
	Ozark	95	50	10	0.15	2.26	3.36	14.26	9.39
Central	Conway	92	53	9	1.87	2.20	4.68	12.25	10.44
	Hot Springs	94	54	9	1.37	3.70	4.84	11.15	12.13
	Little Rock	93	55	10	2.60	3.31	5.08	12.02	11.00
	N Little Rock	93	58	9	2.04	2.87	4.65	10.31	10.73
E. Central	Brinkley	91	52	10	0.25	0.25	4.74	14.80	11.68
	Marianna	93	52	11	1.60	2.07	4.96	17.08	12.75
	Stuttgart	94	53	11	1.78	3.84	4.90	13.47	11.49
Southwest	Hope	91	47	10	1.15	1.17	4.61	9.85	12.30
	Texarkana	94	53	9	0.63	0.64	2.97	10.35	10.32
	Camden	94	52	10	0.58	0.65	4.37	10.12	13.03
S. Central	El Dorado	92	51	9	0.68	0.79	4.25	17.97	13.52
	Warren	90	51	10	1.51	2.58	4.93	14.00	14.55
Southeast	Eudora	93	57	11	3.60	5.72	5.75	17.13	15.74
	Pine Bluff	93	55	10	1.33	1.63	4.80	14.20	12.45
	Rohwer	93	55	10	1.85	3.46	4.77	17.97	13.75