



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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## General

After several weeks of cool temperatures and rain showers, warm and dry weather conditions existed throughout the state last week. All of the weather stations reported warmer than normal temperatures as high temperatures ranged from 83 degrees Fahrenheit at Batesville to 90 degrees Fahrenheit at five different reporting stations. This marked the first time this year that temperatures of 90 degrees Fahrenheit were recorded in Arkansas. Low temperatures ranged from 36 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 51 degrees Fahrenheit at Pine Bluff and North Little Rock. Last week, 23 out of the 36 reporting stations recorded no rainfall. The lack of rain was evident as producers had 5.6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

## Crops

Drier field conditions allowed producers to make significant progress in row crop plantings last week. Corn producers planted an additional 27 percent of the crop to reach 82 percent planted, 19 percent ahead of 2008 but still 5 percent behind the five-year average. Corn emergence, at 47 percent, was 9 percent ahead of last year but 23 percent behind the five-year average. Some producers were side-dressing nitrogen and applying herbicides to corn last week. Cotton planted was 9 percent by week's end, which was 1 percent ahead of last year but 6 percent behind the five-year average. Rice farmers planted 21 percent of the crop last week to reach 45 percent, 11 percent ahead of 2008 but still 15 percent behind the five-year average. The rice crop was 11 percent emerged by the end of the week, putting emergence 6 percent ahead of last year but 14 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum growers were able to plant 17 percent of the crop to reach 33 percent planted. Sorghum emerged, at 5 percent, was 5 percent ahead of last year but 18 percent behind the five-year average. An additional 6 percent of the soybean crop was planted last week to reach 12 percent as farmers continued to concentrate on getting their corn and rice crops planted. The soybean crop was 3 percent emerged, 3 percent ahead of 2008 and 1 percent ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat headed, at 66 percent, was 23 percent ahead of last year but 3 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat remained in mostly fair to good condition.

## Livestock

With the warmer temperatures, livestock remained in fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were also in fair to good condition as producers continued to fertilize pastures.

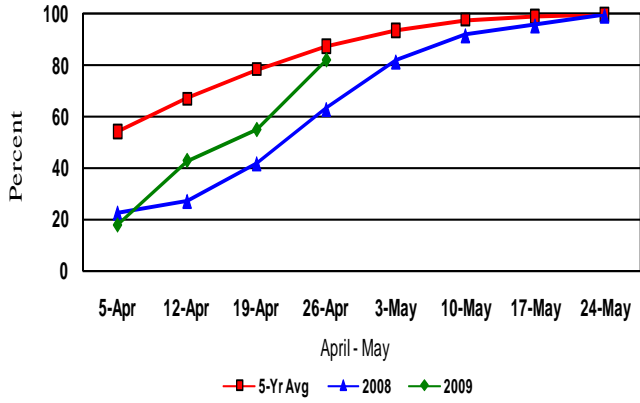
### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	82	55	63	87
	Emerged	47	27	38	70
Cotton	Planted	9	1	8	15
Rice	Planted	45	24	34	60
	Emerged	11	3	5	25
Sorghum	Planted	33	16	12	49
	Emerged	5	3	0	23
Soybeans	Planted	12	6	8	17
	Emerged	3	1	0	2
Winter Wheat	Headed	66	39	43	69

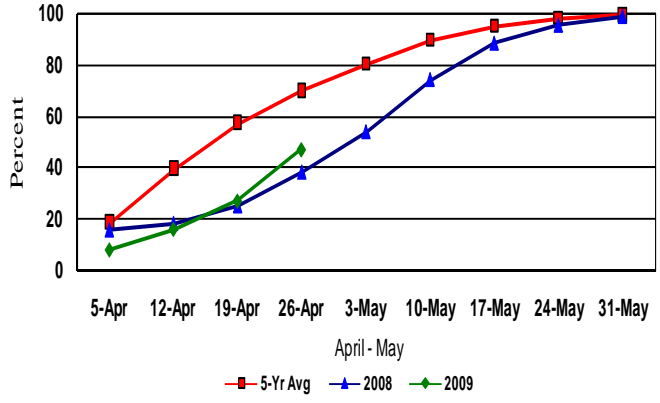
### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	6	27	58	9
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	38	61	1
Hay-Other	0	1	35	58	6
Pasture and Range	0	2	30	57	11

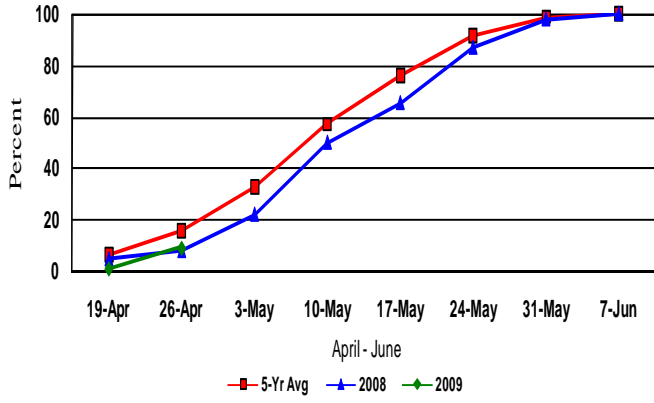
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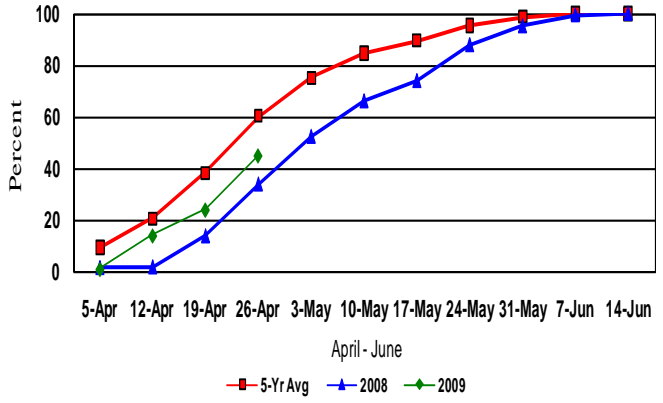
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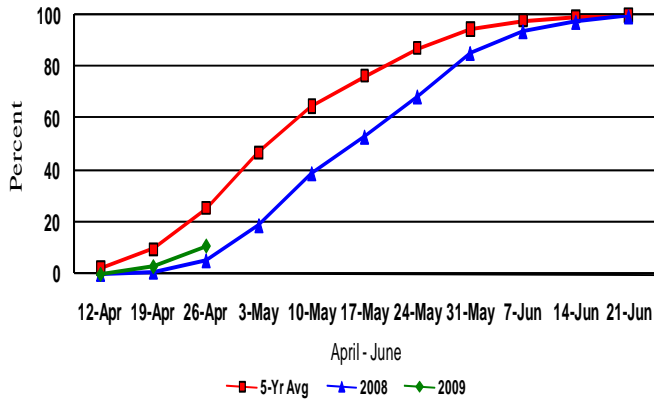
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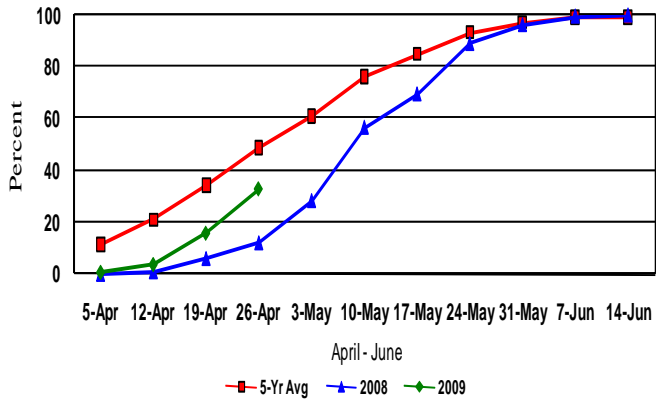
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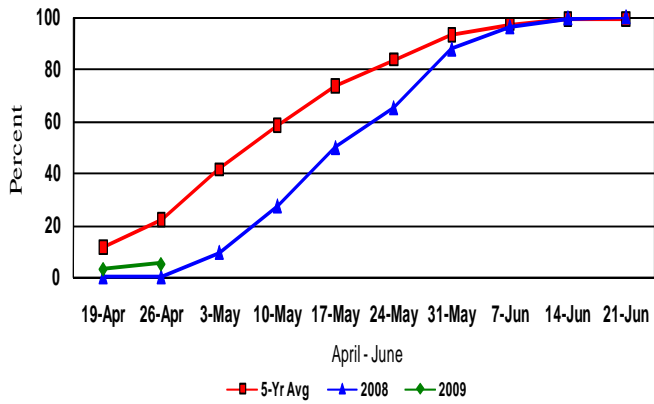
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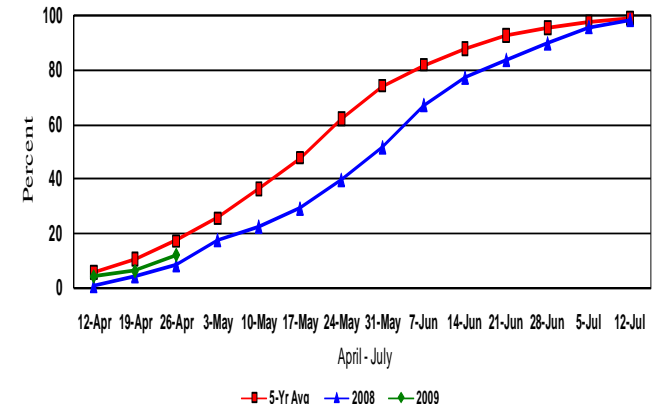
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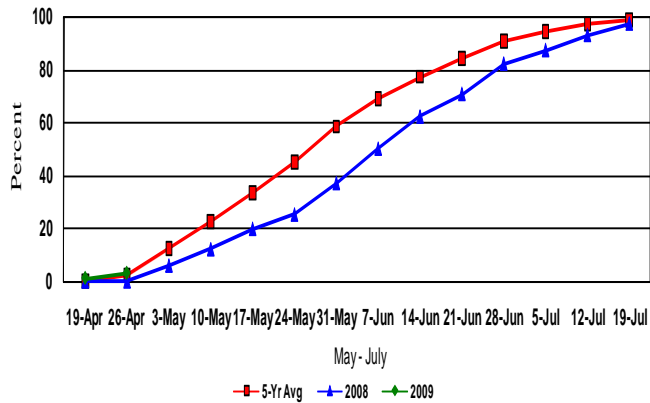
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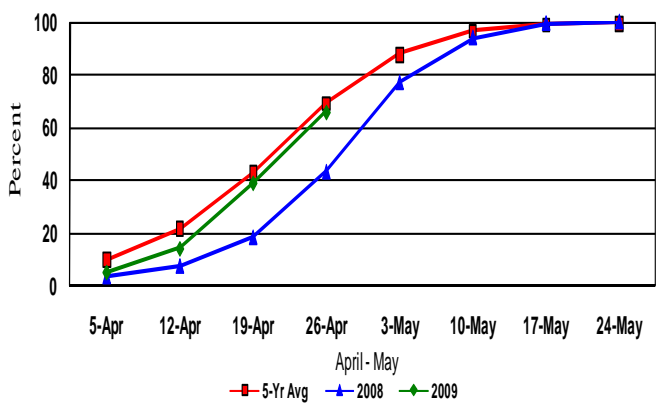
Soybeans Planted



Soybeans Emerged



Winter Wheat Headed



**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 26, 2009**

District	Station	Temperatures			Wk Ending Apr 26	Rainfall			
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *		4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	86	37	7	0.00	3.53	4.01	13.98	12.69
	Harrison	88	45	7	0.00	3.80	3.79	13.44	13.29
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	84	37	7	0.02	4.53	4.06	14.62	14.49
	Gilbert	86	36	5	0.00	3.17	3.71	13.70	13.52
	Greers Ferry	86	41	4	0.10	3.51	4.68	12.42	16.64
	Mtn. Home	85	47	7	0.02	3.99	3.84	14.10	14.08
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	83	40	5	0.02	3.63	4.43	13.50	15.58
	Blytheville	87	43	5	0.00	2.66	4.88	13.15	17.17
	Jonesboro	85	45	5	0.00	3.33	4.61	15.16	15.96
	Keiser	87	47	6	0.00	4.47	4.53	15.88	16.94
	Newport	84	48	4	0.03	4.34	4.71	16.88	16.39
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	90	44	4	0.00	3.86	3.92	12.80	14.40
	Clarksville	87	48	7	0.03	3.47	4.14	13.27	14.38
	Dardanelle	87	43	4	0.00	3.92	3.90	12.47	14.89
	Ft. Smith	89	45	7	0.00	3.77	3.58	14.54	12.48
	Mena	88	44	6	0.00	4.66	4.76	15.55	16.94
	Ozark	87	46	7	0.03	3.49	3.34	13.02	13.43
<b>Central</b>	Conway	87	45	4	0.38	4.97	4.68	19.92	15.94
	Hot Springs	88	48	4	0.00	5.48	4.88	17.09	17.90
	Little Rock	90	47	7	0.00	4.50	5.10	13.63	16.96
	Morrilton	88	44	7	0.02	4.09	4.04	16.46	15.26
	N. Little Rock	87	51	5	0.00	3.88	4.65	14.53	16.20
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	87	48	6	0.02	3.74	4.78	15.28	17.30
	Marianna	86	48	5	0.00	3.80	4.94	16.68	18.65
	Stuttgart	88	49	5	0.00	4.20	4.92	18.05	17.31
	West Memphis	84	47	4	0.00	3.46	5.14	14.97	19.02
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	89	43	6	0.00	3.20	4.46	7.97	16.97
	Hope	89	47	4	0.00	4.26	4.59	15.53	17.79
	Texarkana	89	50	4	0.00	3.73	3.69	12.61	14.79
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	90	48	3	0.03	3.63	4.35	14.31	18.31
	El Dorado	90	48	5	0.05	3.77	4.23	12.51	18.71
	Warren	88	48	4	0.00	5.56	4.87	16.55	20.48
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	89	45	3	0.00	2.32	5.75	14.45	22.61
	Monticello	90	48	6	0.00	4.87	4.94	13.33	20.53
	Pine Bluff	87	51	5	0.00	4.03	4.80	16.18	18.23
	Rohwer	88	50	6	0.01	4.17	4.76	14.23	19.54

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

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