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Reporting for week ending April 30, 2006

General

Last week brought much needed rainfall throughout a large portion of the state. Along with rain, strong winds and cooler temperatures were observed during the week. Hail damage was reported to wheat and corn crops in Clay county. The week ended with more rainfall throughout the state. The rainfall limited farm activity, but helped with the emergence of crops. There were 4.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 1% very short, 14% short, 69% adequate and 16% surplus.

Crops

The corn crop was in fair to mostly good condition with 92% reported emerged. Nearly one-third of the soybean crop had been planted with 17% of the crop emerged. Sorghum planting was 68% complete with nearly half of the crop emerged. Cotton planting was 38% complete. Rice planting was 87% complete with crop emergence at 62%. Winter Wheat heading remained ahead of its normal rate with the crop in mostly good condition.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Farmers continued to fertilize pastures and work cattle last week. Recent rains improved pasture and hay crop conditions.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Percent of Progress			
		Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Planted	98	96	91	94
	Emerged	92	84	69	76
Cotton	Planted	38	28	26	25
Rice	Planted	87	78	72	76
	Emerged	62	29	32	42
Sorghum	Planted	68	59	59	64
	Emerged	49	32	34	34
Soybeans	Planted	32	24	24	20
	Emerged	17	n/a	9	7
Wheat	Headed	88	81	76	77

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Condition in Percentages				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	28	55	16
Wheat	0	6	20	51	23
Hay-other	0	5	46	45	4
Hay-Alfalfa	0	11	53	36	0
Pasture & Range	3	10	46	38	3

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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 30, 2006

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending April 30	April Accum	April Normal	Jan - March	
								2006	Normal
North west	Fayetteville	81	45	0	3.09	4.41	5.06	5.97	8.07
	Harrison	81	45	-1	5.53	7.19	4.80	14.92	8.86
N. Central	Calico Rock	85	41	1	4.79	5.95	5.11	10.71	9.73
	Gilbert	84	36	-3	3.75	6.98	4.72	11.06	9.16
	Greers Ferry	85	45	-1	3.74	5.02	5.87	15.20	11.14
	Mountain Home	80	44	-1	6.56	7.97	4.85	8.45	9.55
North east	Batesville	85	44	0	4.01	5.14	5.53	12.18	10.37
	Jonesboro	84	46	2	2.16	4.87	5.76	12.26	10.59
	Keiser	87	45	2	0.82	2.37	5.72	13.31	11.57
	Newport	86	47	-1	2.97	4.43	5.85	19.05	10.83
W. Central	Booneville	85	39	-4	4.40	6.74	5.01	6.29	9.74
	Clarksville	86	42	-1	5.38	6.73	5.24	9.11	9.49
	Dardanelle	82	46	-1	4.48	6.10	5.00	10.88	10.24
	Ft. Smith	85	42	-2	3.38	5.45	4.58	10.65	8.30
	Mena	76	39	-3	4.37	7.72	6.08	6.75	11.32
	Ozark	85	42	-4	4.00	6.26	4.32	14.26	9.39
Central	Conway	85	46	-1	3.19	5.39	5.80	12.25	10.44
	Hot Springs	88	45	-1	3.52	7.22	6.19	11.15	12.13
	Little Rock	86	47	-1	3.33	6.64	6.34	12.02	11.00
	N Little Rock	86	47	-2	5.16	8.03	5.88	10.31	10.73
E. Central	Brinkley	79	47	-1	0.56	0.81	6.02	14.80	11.68
	Marianna	85	47	1	0.61	2.68	6.20	17.08	12.75
	Stuttgart	86	46	0	0.89	4.73	6.15	13.47	11.49
Southwest	Hope	85	43	-1	1.96	3.13	5.73	9.85	12.30
	Texarkana	86	47	1	1.72	2.36	3.88	10.35	10.32
	Camden	88	46	-1	1.27	1.92	5.42	10.12	13.03
S. Central	El Dorado	87	44	-1	1.32	2.11	5.35	17.97	13.52
	Warren	85	47	0	1.99	4.57	6.05	14.00	14.55
Southeast	Eudora	88	50	0	3.97	9.69	7.15	17.13	15.74
	Pine Bluff	86	48	0	0.93	2.56	5.99	14.20	12.45
	Rohwer	85	48	-1	1.33	4.79	5.92	17.97	13.75