



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending May 10, 2009.

General

Severe weather systems continued to bring thunderstorms and heavy rainfall to Arkansas last week. All of the reporting stations recorded over an inch of rainfall, and 17 out of the 36 stations recorded over 4 inches of rain. The greatest rainfall totals were observed at Hot Springs, Hope, and DeQueen with 7.13, 7.20, and 8.03 inches of rain, respectively. The constant rain showers have brought year-to-date rainfall totals well ahead of the normal for all but 4 of the reporting stations. Farmers had very few opportunities to get into the fields as there were only 1.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent short, 13 percent adequate, and 86 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent short, 19 percent adequate, and 80 percent surplus. High temperatures ranged from 81 degrees Fahrenheit at Newport to 88 degrees Fahrenheit at three different reporting stations. Low temperatures ranged from 48 degrees Fahrenheit at Harrison to 61 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora.

Crops

Fieldwork was very limited last week due to the rain showers and saturated soil conditions as there were reports of flooded fields in some areas. With reports of flooding in low-lying fields and water-logged soils, some producers have switched their sorghum and corn intentions over to soybeans. Corn planted was 96 percent complete at week's end, 4 percent ahead of last year but 2 percent behind the five-year average. The corn crop was 83 percent emerged by week's end, 9 percent ahead of 2008 but 7 percent behind the five-year average. Corn condition was 1 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Cotton farmers planted 7 percent of the crop last week to reach 32 percent planted, 18 percent behind the previous year and 25 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton emerged, at 13 percent, was 8 percent behind 2008 and 10 percent behind the five-year average. Rice planted was 66 percent by the end of the week, even with last year but 19 percent behind the five-year average. An additional 19 percent of the rice crop emerged last week to reach 49 percent emerged, 10 percent ahead of 2008 but 16 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum planted was 74 percent, 17 percent ahead of last year but 3 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum emerged, at 42 percent, was 15 percent ahead of last year but 16 percent behind the five-year average. Soybean farmers did not make a lot of progress in planting last week as they only planted an additional 2 percent of the crop to reach 25 percent planted. Soybeans emerged increased 5 percent to reach 14 percent emerged, 2 percent ahead of 2008 but 9 percent behind the five-year average. The winter wheat crop had almost completed heading as 98 percent of the crop was headed by week's end. Winter wheat condition was 1 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 7 percent excellent as there were some reports of lodging from the high winds experienced during last week's storms.

Livestock

Livestock were in fair to good condition last week. Pasture and range and hay crops were in fair to good condition as producers continued to wait for drier weather to harvest hay.

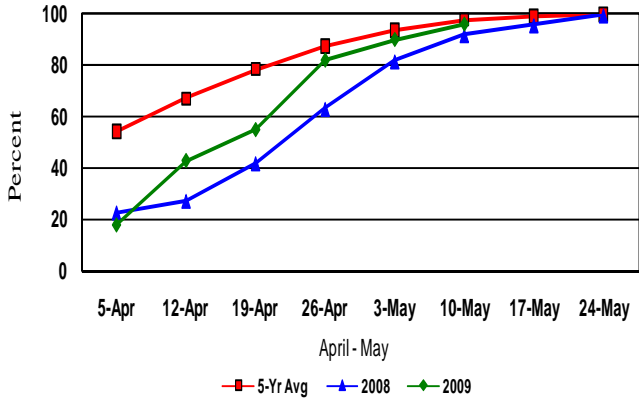
Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	96	90	92	98
	Emerged	83	67	74	90
Cotton	Planted	32	25	50	57
	Emerged	13	7	21	23
Rice	Planted	66	63	66	85
	Emerged	49	30	39	65
Sorghum	Planted	74	47	57	77
	Emerged	42	19	27	58
Soybeans	Planted	25	23	22	36
	Emerged	14	9	12	23
Winter Wheat	Headed	98	82	94	97

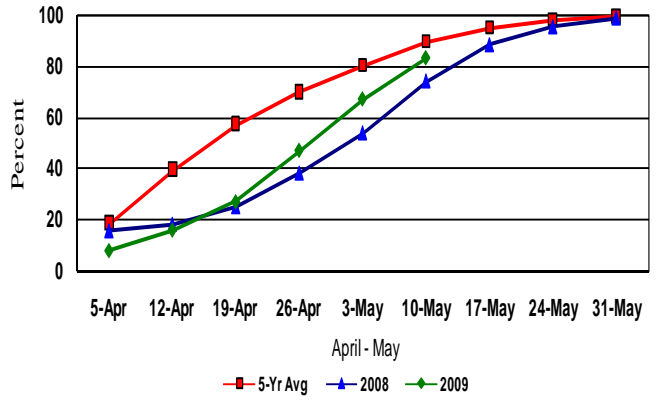
Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	20	38	33	8
Winter Wheat	1	10	33	49	7
Hay-Alfalfa	1	3	22	63	11
Hay-Other	1	2	28	58	11
Pasture and Range	1	2	28	55	14

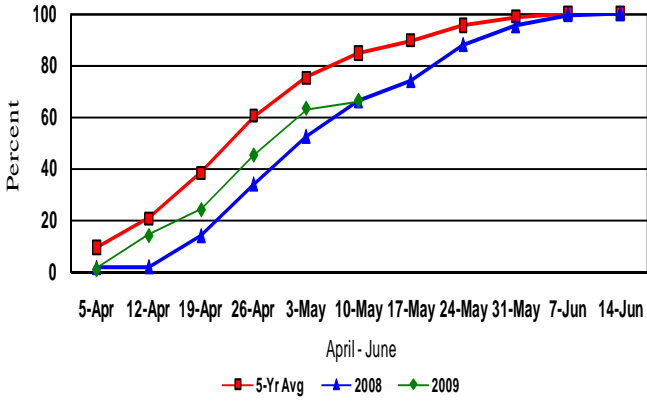
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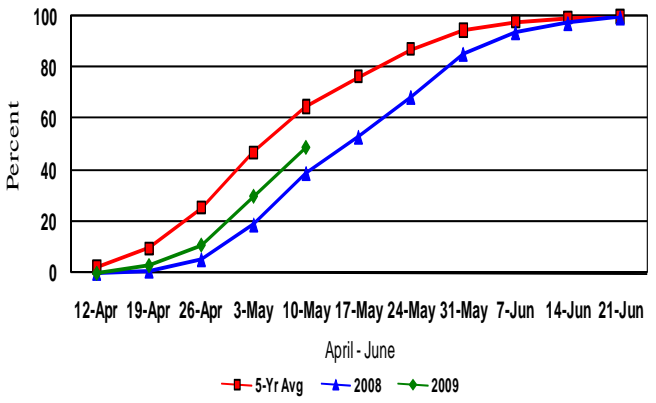
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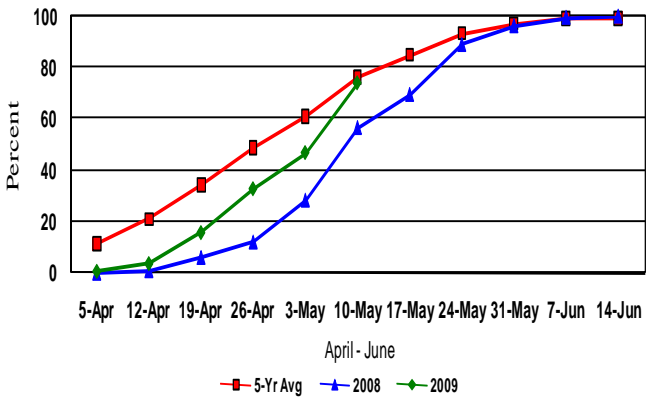
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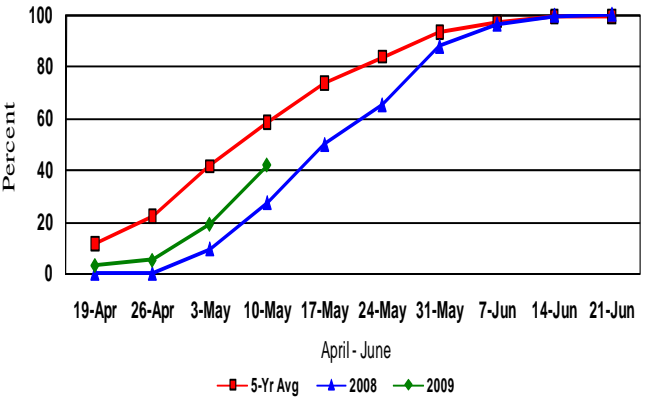
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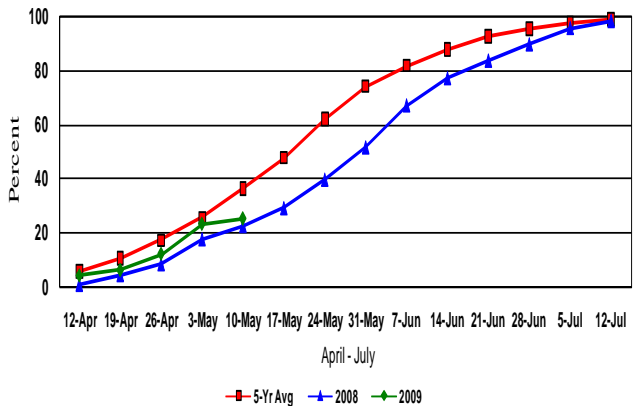
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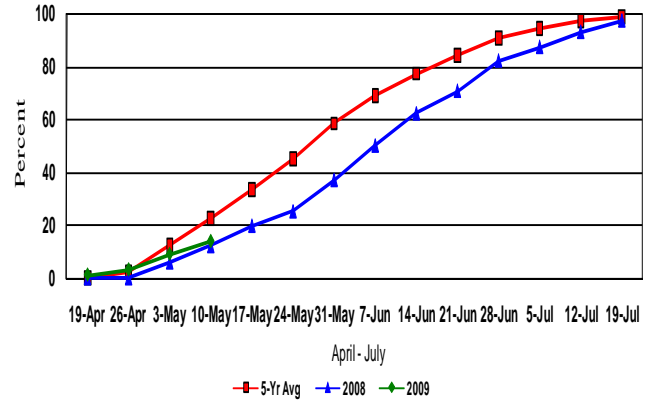
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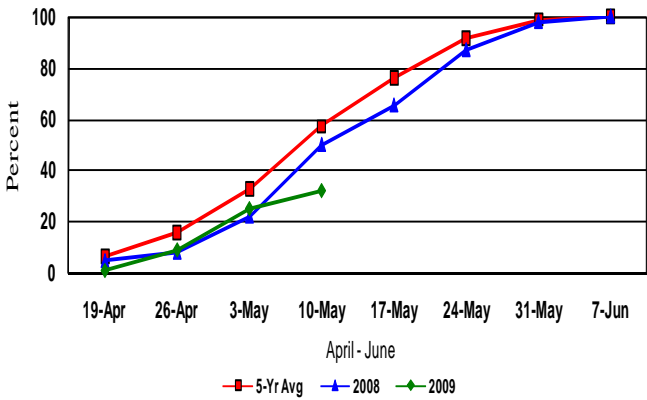
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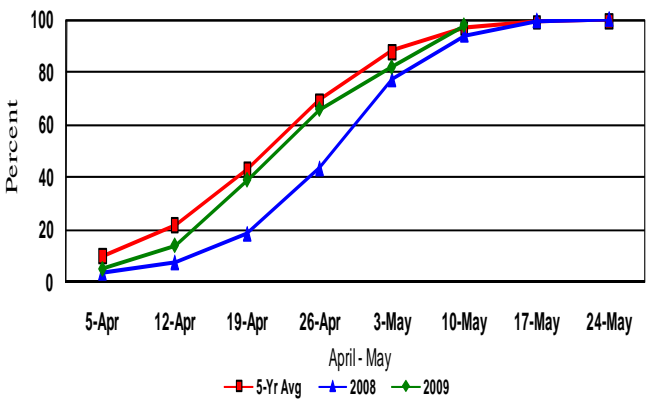
Soybeans Emerged



Cotton Planted



Winter Wheat Headed



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 10, 2009

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending May 10	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	83	51	0	3.15	5.65	4.16	19.03	14.81
	Harrison	86	48	-1	1.77	5.40	4.02	18.07	15.41
N. Central	Calico Rock	85	50	0	1.84	6.76	4.18	19.73	16.66
	Gilbert	85	50	-1	1.64	3.86	4.11	17.00	15.74
	Greers Ferry	84	51	0	3.07	10.57	4.68	21.77	19.02
	Mtn. Home	86	51	1	1.65	4.36	4.00	17.50	16.17
Northeast	Batesville	84	50	-1	2.10	8.96	4.53	21.05	17.87
	Blytheville	83	54	0	5.97	9.39	4.94	22.25	19.61
	Jonesboro	83	53	1	3.43	9.93	4.76	24.06	18.34
	Keiser	83	57	1	3.60	8.23	4.80	22.53	19.45
	Newport	81	54	-1	2.29	9.70	4.57	24.93	18.63
W. Central	Booneville	86	55	-1	3.86	10.11	4.56	21.95	16.89
	Clarksville	85	54	0	3.46	10.82	4.41	22.85	16.69
	Dardanelle	85	54	1	3.05	10.48	4.37	21.83	17.28
	Ft. Smith	86	56	0	3.44	7.76	4.07	21.24	14.70
	Mena	83	53	0	6.28	12.85	5.36	27.18	19.85
	Ozark	86	53	-1	2.89	7.77	3.80	19.78	15.58
Central	Conway	84	56	-1	3.94	12.03	4.52	30.88	18.10
	Hot Springs	83	54	0	7.13	12.28	5.33	28.19	20.73
	Little Rock	85	57	2	4.63	12.25	5.04	24.06	19.41
	Morrilton	84	53	2	3.56	11.95	4.34	27.88	17.54
	N. Little Rock	86	55	-1	4.86	12.45	4.90	26.03	18.72
E. Central	Brinkley	84	56	0	4.88	11.98	5.09	26.06	19.93
	Marianna	83	56	1	5.38	11.70	4.94	27.04	21.17
	Stuttgart	85	55	-1	4.72	9.53	4.96	25.94	19.75
	West Memphis	83	54	1	3.12	8.23	4.92	21.49	21.42
Southwest	DeQueen	87	56	4	8.03	12.28	4.93	18.99	19.63
	Hope	87	57	2	7.20	14.04	4.48	27.68	20.03
	Texarkana	87	57	0	4.38	9.03	3.64	19.70	16.61
S. Central	Camden	88	58	1	5.15	12.69	4.21	25.19	20.41
	El Dorado	88	59	4	3.40	6.50	4.43	18.27	21.04
	Warren	85	59	2	6.07	14.42	4.49	30.39	22.65
Southeast	Eudora	88	61	3	5.10	9.52	5.56	23.64	25.30
	Monticello	87	58	2	6.27	9.60	4.67	22.31	22.78
	Pine Bluff	86	58	1	5.18	9.32	4.80	24.05	20.61
	Rohwer	86	59	2	4.42	8.59	4.63	22.19	21.79

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

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