



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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General

The wet spring continued for Arkansas last week as thunderstorms and rain occurred throughout the state. Once again, all of the reporting stations recorded some rainfall, with the reporting station at Mena receiving the most at 3.82 inches. All of the reporting stations are ahead of the four-week normal accumulation, as the station at Warren recorded the greatest accumulation since April 27 of 16.75 inches and another 8 stations have received more than a foot of rain. Farmers were still limited in their ability to get into the fields as the number of days suitable for fieldwork was only 1.4. Topsoil moisture supplies were 26 percent adequate and 74 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 30 percent adequate and 70 percent surplus. Cooler temperatures accompanied the rain as all but one of the stations reported temperatures at or below normal for last week. Low temperatures ranged from 40 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 56 degrees Fahrenheit at Pine Bluff. High temperatures ranged from 82 degrees Fahrenheit at Hot Springs to 89 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora.

Crops

Crop progress was delayed again as the rain caused field activities to be non-existent last week and further aggravated already flooded field conditions in some areas of the state. Corn producers only planted an additional 1 percent of the crop last week to reach 97 percent planted, 1 percent ahead of 2008 but 2 percent behind the five-year average. Corn emergence, at 90 percent, was 2 percent ahead of last year but 5 percent behind the five-year average. Corn condition was 4 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Corn condition continued to deteriorate with the wet soils as the percent of corn reported in very poor and poor condition increased 5 percent from last week. Cotton planted was 39 percent by week's end, 26 percent behind last year and 37 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton emerged increased 11 percent to reach 24 percent emerged, 17 percent behind 2008 and 27 percent behind the five-year average. Both rice and sorghum producers planted an additional 2 percent of their crops last week to finish at 68 percent and 76 percent planted, respectively. Rice condition was 1 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. An additional 7 percent of the rice crop emerged last week to reach 56 percent emerged, 3 percent ahead of 2008 but 21 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum emerged jumped 20 percent to 62 percent emerged, 12 percent ahead of 2008 but 11 percent behind the five-year average. Soybean farmers only planted an additional 1 percent of the crop by week's end to finish at 26 percent planted, 3 percent behind last year and 22 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans emerged, at 18 percent, was 2 percent behind last year and 15 percent behind the five-year average. The winter wheat crop had completed heading by week's end. Winter wheat condition was 3 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, with reports of head scab in some counties.

Livestock

Livestock remained in fair to good condition last week. Pasture and range and hay crops were in fair to good condition as hay harvest continued to be put off due to the extremely wet conditions.

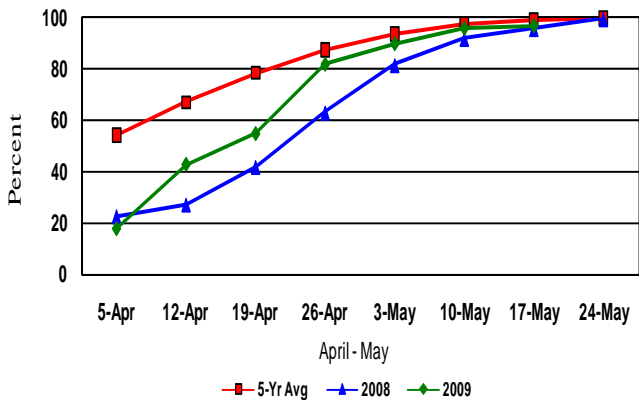
Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	97	96	96	99
	Emerged	90	83	88	95
Cotton	Planted	39	32	65	76
	Emerged	24	13	41	51
Rice	Planted	68	66	74	90
	Emerged	56	49	53	77
Sorghum	Planted	76	74	70	85
	Emerged	62	42	50	73
Soybeans	Planted	26	25	29	48
	Emerged	18	14	20	33
Winter Wheat	Headed	100	98	99	99

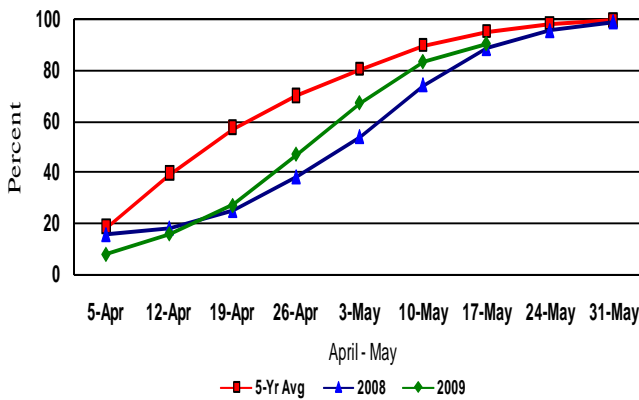
Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	4	22	41	29	4
Rice	1	15	41	37	6
Sorghum	1	8	59	25	7
Winter Wheat	3	14	34	43	6
Hay-Alfalfa	0	7	23	59	11
Hay-Other	1	3	34	49	13
Pasture and Range	1	3	26	52	18

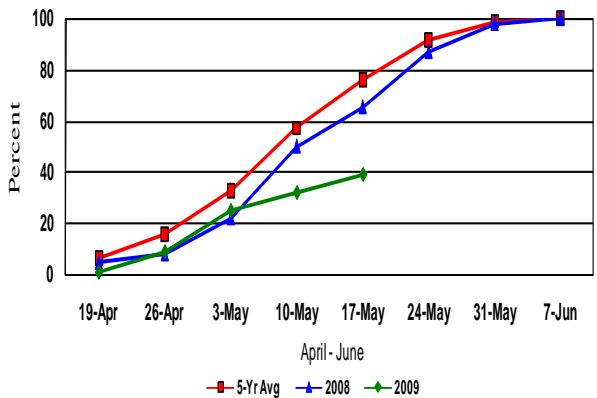
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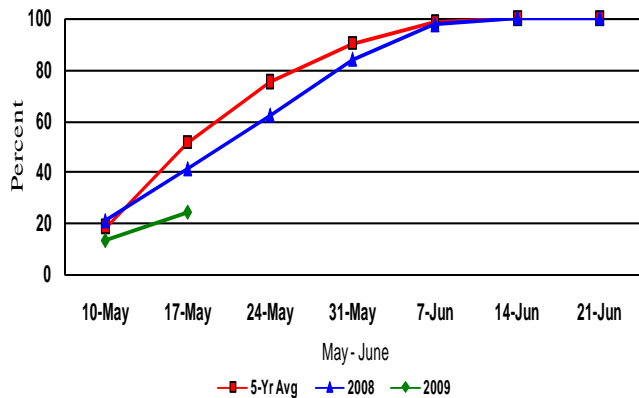
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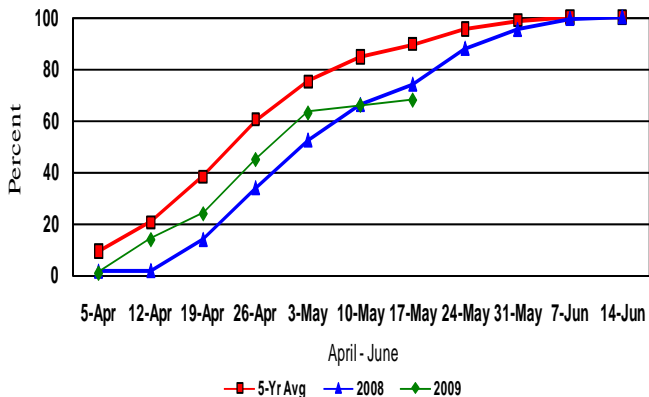
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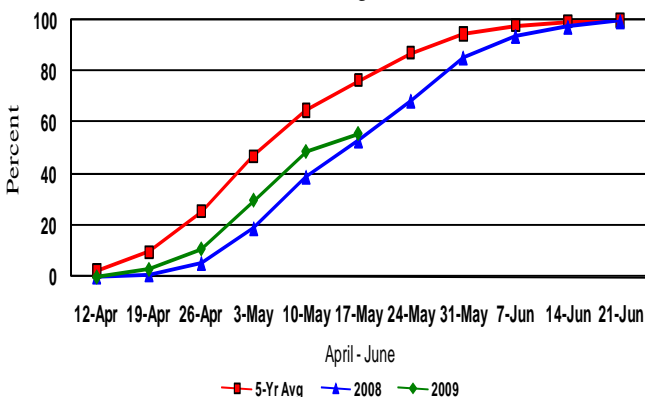
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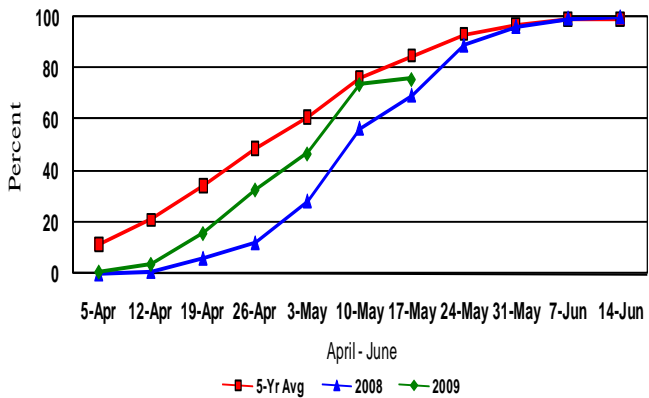
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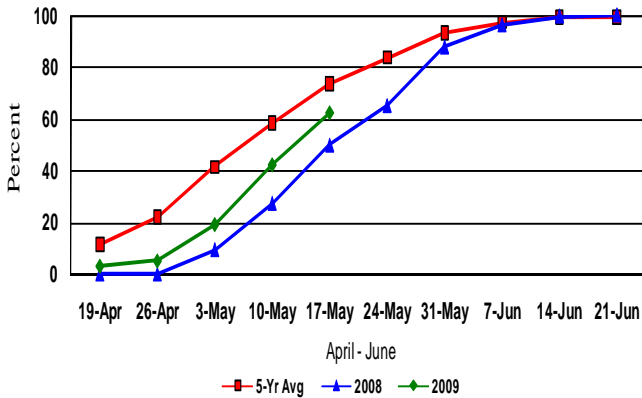
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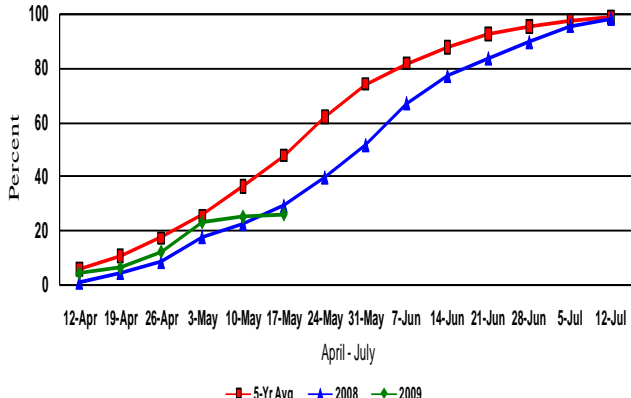
Sorghum Planted



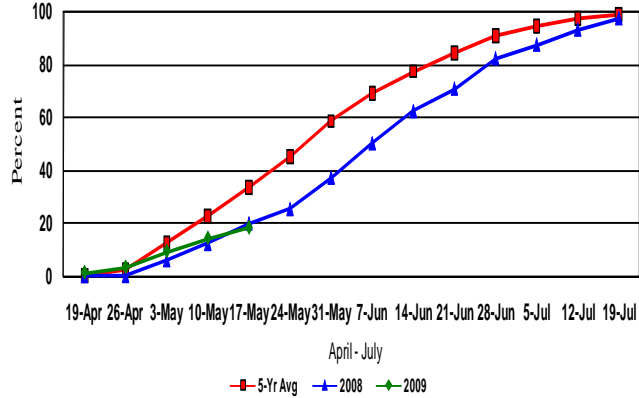
Sorghum Emerged



Soybeans Planted



Soybeans Emerged



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 17, 2009

District	Station	Temperatures			Wk Ending May 17	Rainfall			
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *		4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year to Date	
								2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	83	44	0	1.61	6.66	4.29	20.64	15.93
	Harrison	84	41	-2	1.02	5.65	4.22	19.09	16.53
N. Central	Calico Rock	84	41	0	1.67	6.80	4.32	21.40	17.78
	Gilbert	85	40	-3	1.21	4.51	4.39	18.21	16.93
	Greers Ferry	85	49	0	1.40	10.85	4.68	23.17	20.15
	Mtn. Home	86	44	0	1.83	5.25	4.19	19.33	17.29
Northeast	Batesville	84	47	-3	1.85	9.42	4.53	22.90	18.99
	Blytheville	87	53	-1	0.33	9.43	4.89	22.58	20.80
	Jonesboro	86	51	0	0.94	9.84	4.71	25.00	19.48
	Keiser	87	54	0	0.34	6.99	5.00	22.87	20.77
	Newport	85	54	-1	1.52	9.60	4.47	26.45	19.72
W. Central	Booneville	87	49	-2	2.01	11.16	4.90	23.96	18.22
	Clarksville	86	51	0	1.80	11.41	4.55	24.65	17.88
	Dardanelle	87	51	-1	1.17	10.53	4.74	23.00	18.61
	Ft. Smith	86	48	-1	2.73	9.43	4.39	23.97	15.92
	Mena	86	52	-1	3.82	15.45	5.71	31.00	21.39
	Ozark	87	49	-1	1.47	8.26	4.20	21.25	16.77
Central	Conway	86	51	-2	1.98	13.32	4.36	32.86	19.13
	Hot Springs	82	52	-4	2.11	13.21	5.58	30.30	22.20
	Little Rock	88	54	-1	1.16	11.59	4.87	25.22	20.57
	Morrilton	86	51	-1	1.45	12.89	4.52	29.33	18.73
	N. Little Rock	86	51	-2	1.04	12.54	4.97	27.07	19.98
E. Central	Brinkley	87	54	-1	0.46	11.26	5.22	26.52	21.26
	Marianna	84	55	-2	0.43	10.79	4.92	27.47	22.38
	Stuttgart	86	53	-1	0.76	8.65	4.89	26.70	20.94
	West Memphis	85	54	0	0.29	6.81	4.78	21.78	22.54
Southwest	DeQueen	87	51	1	1.99	13.01	5.27	20.98	21.08
	Hope	87	54	-2	3.12	15.27	4.42	30.80	21.09
	Texarkana	87	54	-3	2.79	9.88	3.71	22.49	17.59
S. Central	Camden	88	54	-2	1.57	12.48	4.20	26.76	21.46
	El Dorado	88	51	-1	2.51	8.32	4.64	20.78	22.30
	Warren	85	52	-1	2.91	16.75	4.35	33.30	23.70
Southeast	Eudora	89	54	0	1.93	11.12	5.34	25.57	26.55
	Monticello	88	52	-1	2.19	11.17	4.51	24.50	23.85
	Pine Bluff	88	56	-1	1.57	9.44	4.72	25.62	21.75
	Rohwer	87	52	-2	1.64	9.61	4.56	23.83	22.91

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

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