



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending May 31, 2009.

## General

The last week in May was a relatively dry one throughout Arkansas, but spotted rain showers occurred in parts of the state. Rainfall totals over 1 inch were reported in Greers Ferry, Brinkley, and DeQueen last week, while 26 of the 36 stations reported less than half an inch. The stations at Newport and North Little Rock received no rain at all by week's end, which marks the first time since the week ending April 26 that any reporting station has recorded no precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 33 percent surplus. High temperatures ranged from 86 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 93 degrees Fahrenheit at three different reporting stations. Low temperatures ranged from 50 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 64 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser. Farmers had 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

## Crops

As fields continued to dry out last week, producers resumed row crop plantings and other field activities when conditions allowed. Corn, which is normally fully emerged by this time, had reached 96 percent emerged by the end of the week while the crop was just beginning to silk in the southernmost counties. Corn condition was 2 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Both cotton and rice farmers were able to make significant progress in planting their crops last week. Cotton farmers planted an additional 13 percent of the crop to reach 82 percent planted, 16 percent behind 2008 and 17 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton emerged increased 26 percent to reach 64 percent, 20 percent behind last year and 26 percent behind the five-year average. Rice farmers planted 12 percent of the crop to reach 93 percent by the end of the week, a respective 2 percent and 6 percent behind last year and the five-year average. Rice emerged, at 80 percent, was 6 percent behind 2008 and 15 percent behind the five-year average. The rice crop was in mostly fair to good condition. Sorghum growers planted an additional 7 percent of the crop last week to reach 95 percent planted, 1 percent behind last year and 2 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum emerged had reached 85 percent by week's end, 3 percent behind 2008 and 8 percent behind the five-year average. Compared to the previous week, the condition of the sorghum crop improved slightly as the percent of sorghum reported in good to excellent condition increased 7 percent. Soybean producers planted 8 percent of the crop last week to reach 45 percent planted, 6 percent behind 2008 and 29 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans emerged, at 34 percent, was just 3 percent behind last year but 24 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat producers harvested an additional 5 percent of the crop last week, 1 percent ahead of last year's progress but 3 percent behind the five-year average.

## Livestock

The condition of livestock remained fair to good. Pasture and range and hay crops were also in fair to good condition as producers took advantage of the good weather to catch up on harvesting hay.

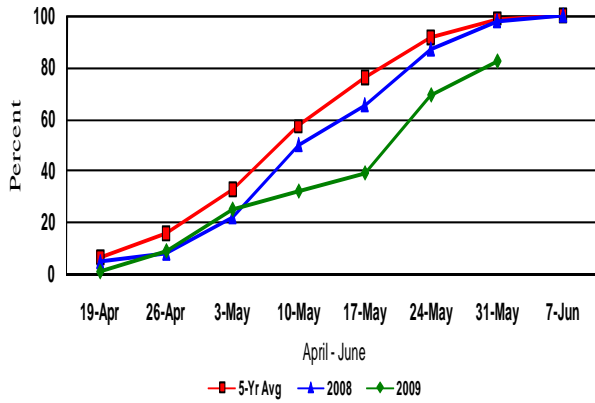
### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Emerged	96	95	99	100
	Silked	1	n/a	0	3
Cotton	Planted	82	69	98	99
	Emerged	64	38	84	90
Rice	Planted	93	81	95	99
	Emerged	80	67	86	95
Sorghum	Planted	95	88	96	97
	Emerged	85	73	88	93
Soybeans	Planted	45	37	51	74
	Emerged	34	25	37	58
Winter Wheat	Harvested	6	1	5	9

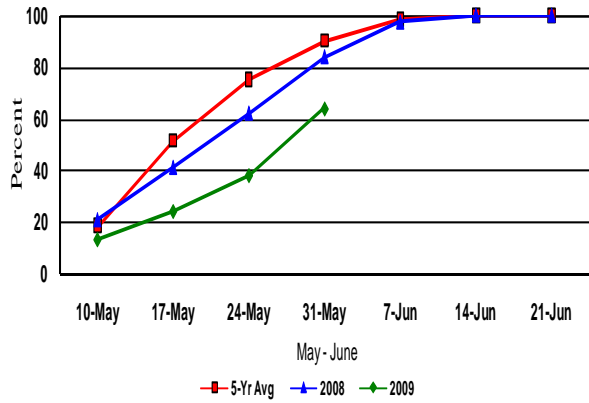
### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	15	46	31	6
Rice	2	16	40	34	8
Sorghum	1	10	52	32	5
Winter Wheat	7	15	37	37	4
Hay-Alfalfa	0	2	24	66	8
Hay-Other	0	3	33	54	10
Pasture and Range	0	1	27	54	18

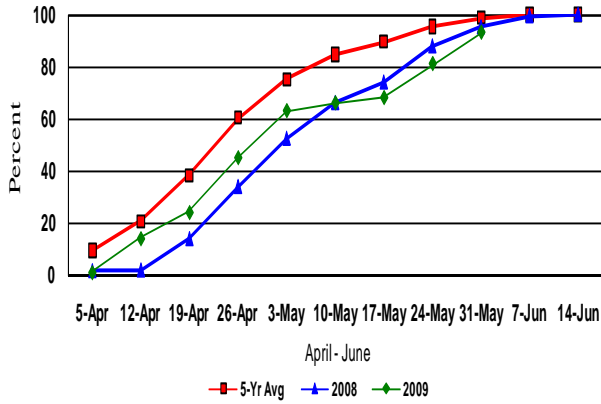
### Cotton Planted



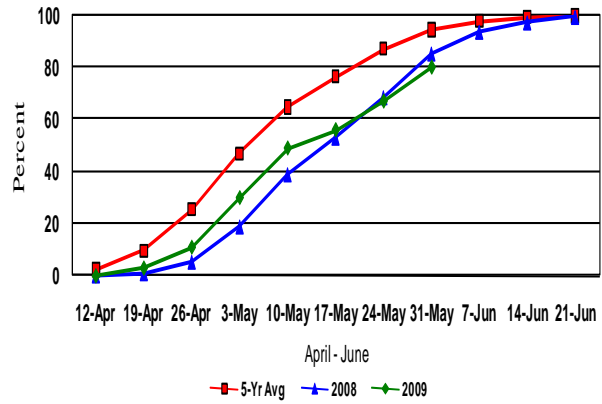
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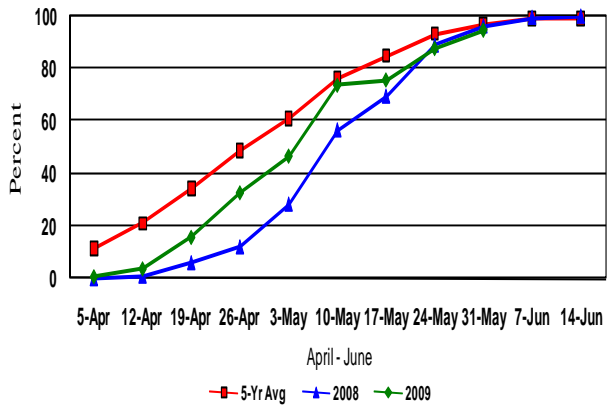
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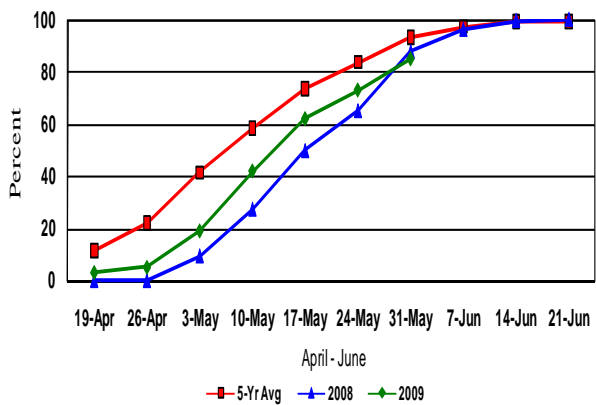
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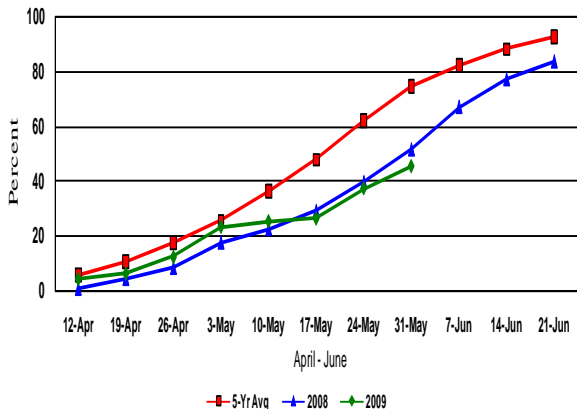
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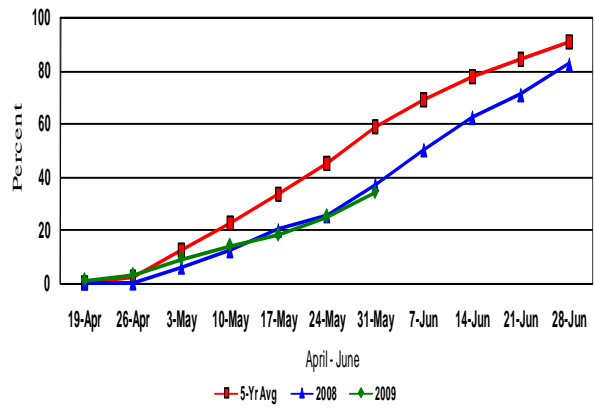
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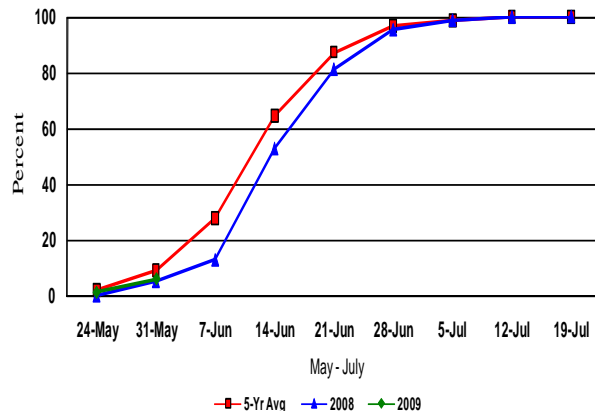
### Soybeans Planted



### Soybeans Emerged



### Winter Wheat Harvested



**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 31**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending May 31	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year to Date	
								2009	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	86	50	-1	0.36	7.02	4.48	21.00	17.17
	Harrison	88	55	1	0.64	6.29	4.41	19.73	17.70
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	90	53	2	0.55	7.33	4.33	21.95	18.82
	Gilbert	90	52	0	0.26	4.77	4.60	18.47	18.12
	Greers Ferry	88	54	1	1.03	11.78	4.56	24.20	21.20
	Mtn. Home	89	56	2	0.59	5.82	4.30	19.92	18.38
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	89	57	1	0.05	9.45	4.43	22.95	20.01
	Blytheville	91	62	1	0.47	9.90	4.75	23.05	21.92
	Jonesboro	89	61	2	0.39	10.23	4.52	25.39	20.48
	Keiser	93	64	3	1.00	7.99	5.00	23.87	21.94
	Newport	89	62	1	0.00	9.57	4.33	26.45	20.72
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	90	53	-2	0.05	11.21	5.06	24.01	19.46
	Clarksville	88	55	1	0.09	11.47	4.66	24.74	19.04
	Dardanelle	90	55	-1	0.12	10.65	4.97	23.12	19.86
	Ft. Smith	89	55	-1	0.05	9.48	4.63	24.02	17.11
	Mena	88	51	-1	0.07	15.52	5.89	31.07	22.83
	Ozark	90	54	-1	0.32	8.55	4.49	21.57	17.92
<b>Central</b>	Conway	90	58	-1	0.15	13.09	4.24	33.01	20.18
	Hot Springs	91	56	-1	0.55	13.76	5.71	30.85	23.61
	Little Rock	91	60	1	0.04	11.63	4.66	25.26	21.62
	Morrilton	90	58	1	0.20	13.07	4.66	29.53	19.92
	N. Little Rock	89	60	-1	0.00	12.54	4.89	27.07	21.09
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	90	62	1	1.10	12.34	5.15	27.62	22.45
	Marianna	92	59	2	0.44	11.23	4.87	27.91	23.52
	Stuttgart	92	61	1	0.11	8.76	4.71	26.81	22.02
	West Memphis	93	61	2	0.73	7.54	4.64	22.51	23.66
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	89	53	-1	1.21	14.22	5.45	22.19	22.42
	Hope	89	55	0	0.19	15.46	4.42	30.99	22.21
	Texarkana	88	57	-2	0.63	10.51	3.83	23.12	18.62
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	90	57	-1	0.10	12.55	4.26	26.86	22.57
	El Dorado	90	56	-2	0.01	8.28	4.87	20.79	23.58
	Warren	89	58	-1	0.06	16.81	4.26	33.36	24.74
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	93	59	0	0.11	11.23	5.05	25.68	27.66
	Monticello	90	59	0	0.31	11.48	4.37	24.81	24.90
	Pine Bluff	90	60	0	0.01	9.45	4.54	25.63	22.77
	Rohwer	90	60	-1	0.36	9.96	4.38	24.19	23.92

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

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