



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending July 12, 2009.

## General

Despite spotted rain showers occurring over the northern and central parts of Arkansas last week, the weather remained hot and dry for the majority of the state. High temperatures ranged from 92 degrees Fahrenheit at Newport to 102 degrees Fahrenheit at Fort Smith. Low temperatures ranged from 58 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 68 degrees Fahrenheit at seven different reporting stations. Of the 36 reporting stations, 19 recorded no measurable precipitation by the end of the week. When looking at the past four weeks, all but two of the stations were below the 4-week normal accumulation, with the stations at El Dorado, Eudora, and Warren being over 3 inches behind. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 51 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 42 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Farmers had 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

## Crops

Row crop irrigation continued as timely rains were still needed in some areas. Corn, at 92 percent silked, was 1 percent ahead of 2008 but 4 percent behind the five-year average. Corn in the dough stage reached 26 percent, 1 percent ahead of last year but 14 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton squaring increased 19 percent to reach 88 percent by week's end, nearly two weeks behind both last year and the five-year average. Cotton setting bolls, at 21 percent, was 18 percent behind last year and 33 percent behind the five-year average. The rice crop, at 5 percent headed, was 4 and 2 percent ahead of last year and the five-year average, respectively. The sorghum crop reached 63 percent headed last week, one week ahead of 2008 but slightly less than a week behind the five-year average. Soybean farmers completed planting their crop by the end of the week, and 97 percent of the crop had emerged. Soybeans, at 36 percent in the blooming stage, were 11 percent ahead of 2008 but 11 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans setting pods, at 11 percent, was 2 percent ahead of last year but 10 percent behind the five-year average.

## Livestock

Livestock remained in fair to good condition, but some producers were reporting problems with face flies in cattle. Pasture and range and hay crops were also in fair to good condition.

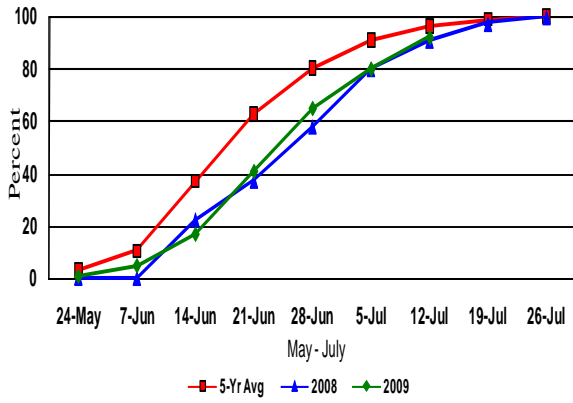
### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Silked	92	80	91	96
	Dough	26	15	25	40
	Dented	2	n/a	2	7
Cotton	Squaring	88	69	100	99
	Setting Bolls	21	8	39	54
Rice	Headed	5	3	1	3
Sorghum	Headed	63	35	39	68
Soybeans	Planted	100	97	98	99
	Emerged	97	93	93	97
	Blooming	36	26	25	47
	Setting Pods	11	3	9	21

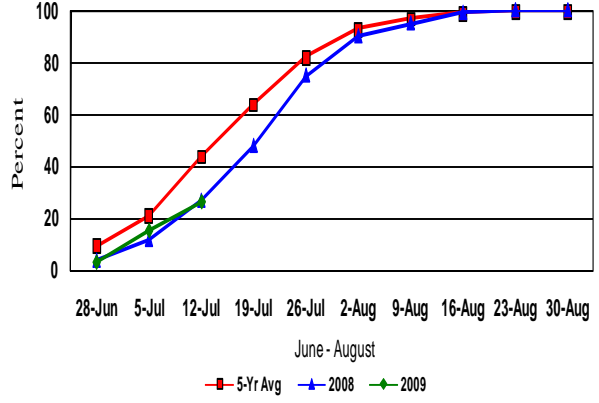
### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	11	34	38	16
Cotton	2	7	26	48	17
Rice	2	8	35	43	12
Sorghum	2	14	43	37	4
Soybeans	2	12	36	38	12
Hay-Alfalfa	1	8	38	51	2
Hay-Other	1	9	43	44	3
Pasture and Range	1	10	46	42	1

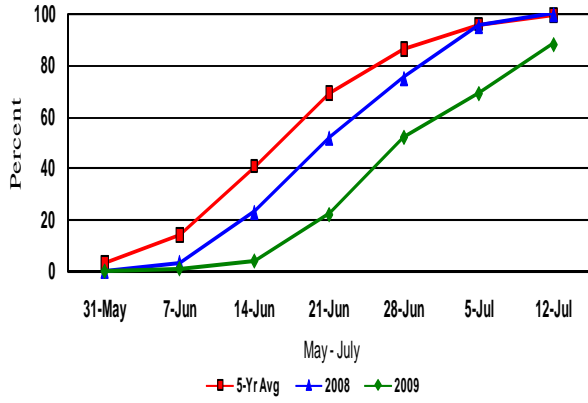
### Corn Silked



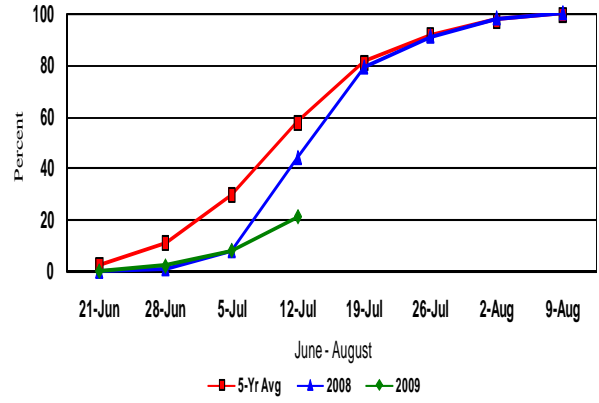
### Corn Dough



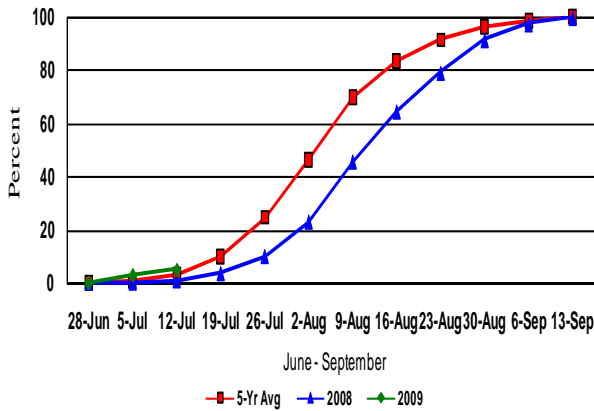
### Cotton Squaring



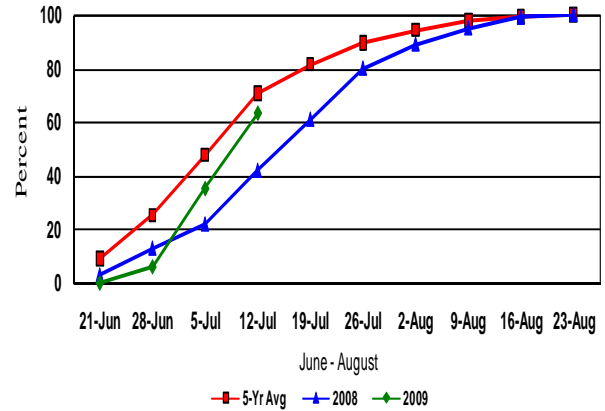
### Cotton Setting Bolls



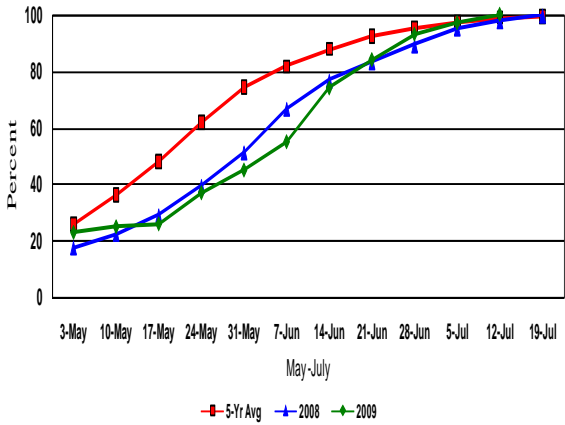
### Rice Headed



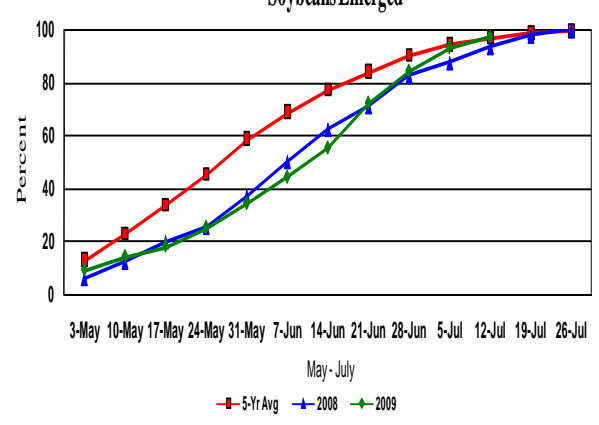
### Sorghum Headed



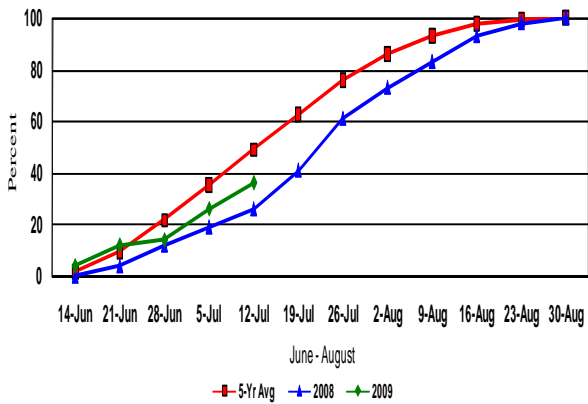
### Soybeans Planted



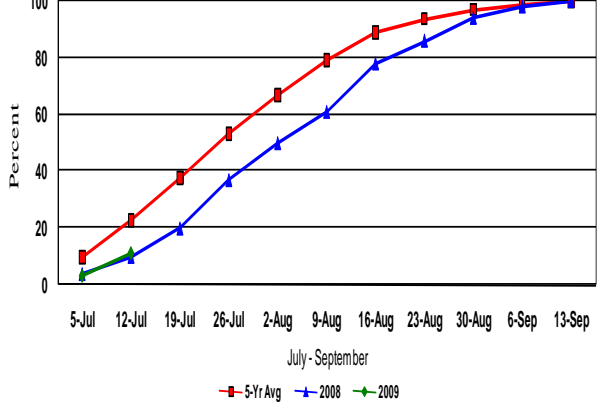
### Soybeans Emerged



### Soybeans Blooming



### Soybeans Setting Pods



**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending July 12**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Jul 12	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	96	59	1	0.02	1.17	4.13	24.60	23.90
	Harrison	95	60	-1	0.53	2.28	3.29	25.79	23.21
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	94	58	-2	0.57	0.70	3.13	25.44	23.84
	Gilbert	95	61	-2	0.89	2.58	3.17	23.86	23.43
	Greers Ferry	98	63	0	0.48	1.15	3.39	28.60	26.50
	Mtn. Home	94	64	1	0.50	1.89	3.17	24.13	23.58
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	95	62	-2	0.42	0.51	2.97	26.65	24.74
	Blytheville	93	64	-1	0.55	1.98	3.99	26.23	28.07
	Jonesboro	94	63	-1	1.35	3.69	2.68	33.23	24.85
	Keiser	93	65	1	0.29	3.23	3.47	29.86	27.45
	Newport	92	66	-2	1.05	1.32	3.27	36.82	25.84
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	100	63	1	0.00	1.50	3.61	28.81	25.19
	Clarksville	101	66	0	0.23	1.84	3.31	28.86	24.46
	Dardanelle	100	64	1	0.00	2.04	3.47	26.68	25.51
	Ft. Smith	102	68	2	0.00	0.71	3.48	26.82	22.76
	Mena	100	60	1	0.00	3.88	4.82	35.29	30.15
	Ozark	100	64	1	0.00	1.91	3.36	26.14	23.20
<b>Central</b>	Conway	96	67	-2	0.00	1.00	3.60	37.32	25.98
	Hot Springs	99	65	-2	0.05	2.50	4.27	33.91	30.39
	Little Rock	96	68	-1	0.02	4.84	3.37	31.06	26.94
	Morrilton	97	64	-1	0.00	2.21	3.48	33.03	25.70
	N. Little Rock	95	68	-2	0.00	2.93	2.94	31.38	25.85
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	95	68	-1	0.33	1.58	3.32	32.40	27.85
	Marianna	93	68	-1	0.00	2.18	3.86	33.01	29.52
	Stuttgart	97	67	-1	1.36	2.27	3.40	32.16	27.40
	West Memphis	93	66	-1	0.86	2.28	3.68	26.09	29.53
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	97	66	2	0.00	2.23	4.11	25.09	28.84
	Hope	98	66	1	0.00	1.21	4.08	33.13	28.55
	Texarkana	97	67	1	0.00	1.93	4.12	25.76	24.89
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	100	67	1	0.00	1.47	4.18	29.03	28.99
	El Dorado	99	66	1	0.00	1.25	4.41	24.09	30.51
	Warren	98	66	0	0.00	0.86	3.92	35.17	30.73
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	100	68	1	0.00	0.30	3.52	27.78	33.20
	Monticello	98	65	0	0.00	1.38	4.08	26.42	31.13
	Pine Bluff	96	67	-1	0.00	1.27	3.51	28.30	28.11
	Rohwer	98	68	0	0.00	0.81	3.63	26.43	29.39

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

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