



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending July 26, 2009.

General

Last week was a very cool and wet week across the state as all 36 weather stations recorded below normal temperatures accompanied by some rainfall. Lows ranged from 55 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 66 degrees Fahrenheit at Texarkana. High temperatures ranged from 88 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesboro and Newport to 96 degrees Fahrenheit at DeQueen and Eudora. The rain showers brought as much as 4.2 inches of rain to Mena, and 16 other stations received over 2 inches of rain last week. Over the past four weeks, 28 out of the 36 reporting stations were ahead of the normal rainfall totals, with the stations at Gilbert and North Little Rock being over 5 inches ahead. The rain decreased the number of days suitable for fieldwork as farmers had only 4.6 days in the field last week compared to 5.4 days the previous week. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 23 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 24 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Crops

Producers were limited in their field activities last week due to the rain, but some applications of herbicides, fungicides, and fertilizers were made to crops. Nearly all of the corn crop was in the silk stage by week's end as corn in the dough stage increased 25 percent to reach 75 percent, 4 percent ahead of 2008 but 5 percent behind the five-year average. The dent stage, at 35 percent, was 3 percent behind last year and 1 percent behind the five-year average. There were a few reports of producers treating for armyworms in corn fields. Cotton squaring reached 98 percent by the end of the week, 2 percent behind both last year and the five-year average. Cotton setting bolls, at 83 percent, was 1 week behind both last year and the five-year average. The rice crop, at 15 percent headed, was 5 percent ahead of 2008 but 10 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum headed jumped 16 percent to reach 86 percent, 9 percent ahead of 2008 but 2 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum coloring, at 23 percent, was 1 percent ahead of last year but 16 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans blooming increased 15 percent to reach 64 percent, 6 percent ahead of last year but 10 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans setting pods, at 38 percent, was 3 percent ahead of 2008 but 13 percent behind the five-year average. Stinkbugs were reported in soybean fields but not yet at treatment levels.

Livestock

Cooler temperatures helped livestock as they were reported in fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were in fair to good condition as producers continued to spray pastures and cut hay.

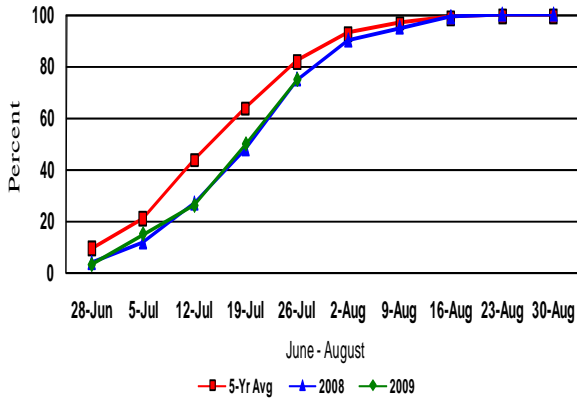
Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Silked	99	95	100	100
	Dough	75	50	71	80
	Dented	35	9	38	36
Cotton	Squaring	98	92	100	100
	Setting Bolls	83	46	89	90
Rice	Headed	15	10	10	25
Sorghum	Headed	86	70	77	88
	Coloring	23	1	22	39
Soybeans	Blooming	64	49	58	74
	Setting Pods	38	23	35	51

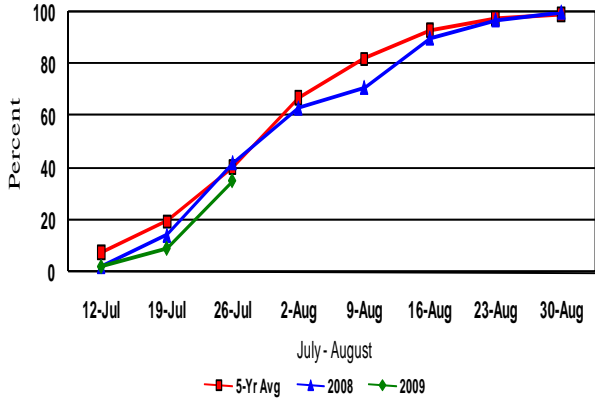
Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	6	13	34	33	14
Cotton	3	7	30	40	20
Rice	1	10	36	40	13
Sorghum	3	12	36	42	7
Soybeans	5	13	32	38	12
Hay-Alfalfa	1	8	36	54	1
Hay-Other	2	11	50	35	2
Pasture and Range	0	9	46	43	2

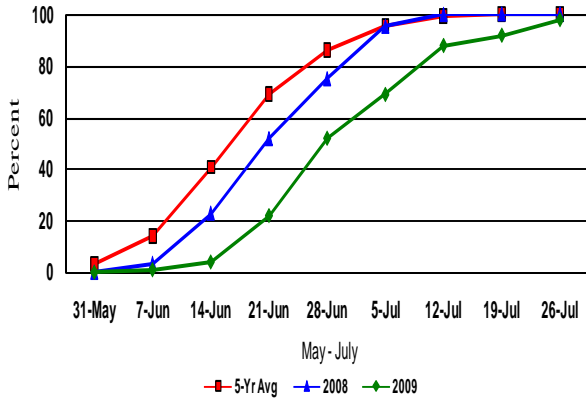
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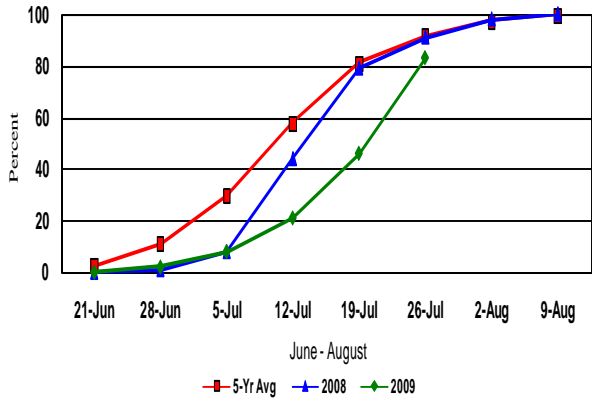
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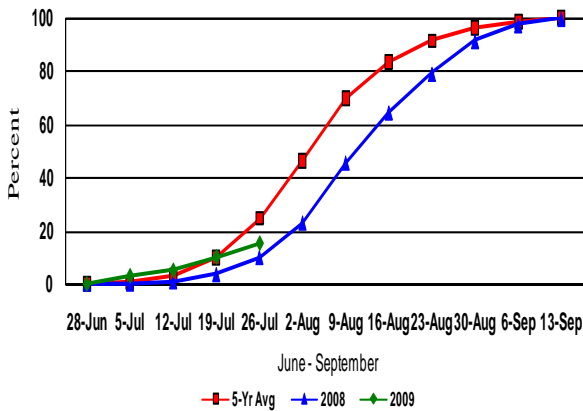
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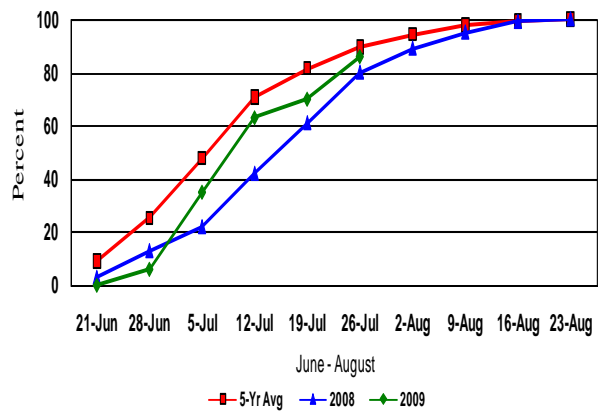
Cotton Setting Bolls



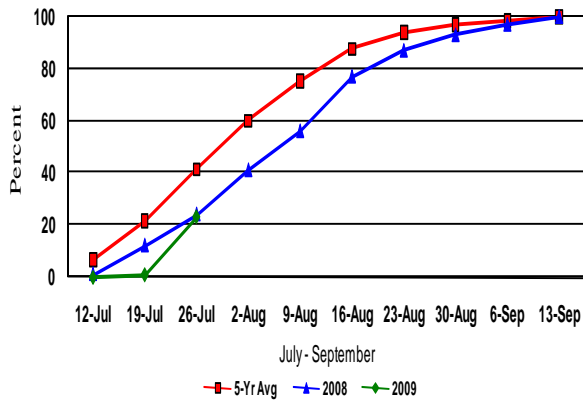
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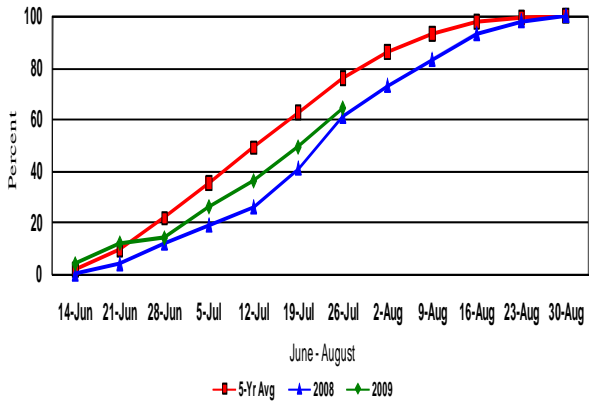
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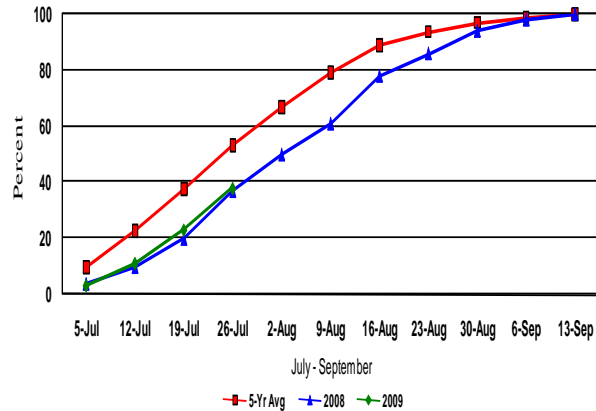
Sorghum Coloring



Soybeans Blooming



Soybeans Setting Pods



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending July 26

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Jul 26	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	89	56	-6	1.36	2.49	3.03	25.96	25.17
	Harrison	91	58	-6	1.63	4.67	2.53	29.39	24.34
N. Central	Calico Rock	90	55	-6	2.35	4.99	2.84	29.78	25.19
	Gilbert	91	58	-7	3.31	7.78	2.47	29.64	24.53
	Greers Ferry	89	61	-8	2.60	4.77	3.17	32.24	28.00
	Mtn. Home	89	60	-6	1.66	5.78	2.60	28.93	24.75
Northeast	Batesville	91	59	-7	1.80	4.55	2.83	30.75	26.14
	Blytheville	89	63	-7	0.44	3.61	3.68	28.52	29.81
	Jonesboro	88	63	-6	3.20	6.02	2.51	37.85	26.10
	Keiser	89	63	-5	1.21	5.01	3.30	33.58	29.06
	Newport	88	64	-8	3.91	6.55	3.05	42.05	27.31
W. Central	Booneville	94	61	-5	2.28	4.30	3.32	31.61	26.74
	Clarksville	92	64	-4	1.29	2.97	2.74	30.24	25.70
	Dardanelle	92	63	-5	1.81	3.97	3.09	28.61	26.97
	Ft. Smith	94	64	-3	2.61	3.58	2.99	29.69	24.14
	Mena	94	59	-3	4.20	9.62	4.76	41.67	32.42
	Ozark	93	62	-4	2.00	3.57	3.24	28.16	24.76
Central	Conway	90	63	-8	2.54	5.02	2.79	41.34	27.19
	Hot Springs	90	64	-6	1.95	5.77	3.90	38.45	32.23
	Little Rock	92	65	-6	1.37	6.39	3.06	33.94	28.39
	Morrilton	92	62	-6	2.21	4.67	2.69	35.69	26.88
	N. Little Rock	89	65	-7	3.26	8.45	2.85	36.93	27.25
E. Central	Brinkley	90	65	-6	1.77	4.30	2.94	35.12	29.22
	Marianna	91	63	-5	1.69	3.47	3.58	34.89	31.21
	Stuttgart	92	63	-7	1.91	6.31	3.05	36.20	28.82
	West Memphis	89	63	-7	2.28	6.36	3.12	31.05	30.97
Southwest	DeQueen	96	63	-3	3.58	5.48	3.87	28.77	30.64
	Hope	95	63	-3	0.64	2.81	3.52	34.73	30.18
	Texarkana	94	66	-3	1.26	3.36	3.60	27.19	26.52
S. Central	Camden	94	65	-4	3.23	3.90	3.67	32.46	30.68
	El Dorado	94	63	-3	2.80	3.49	3.86	26.94	32.30
	Warren	91	62	-7	1.03	3.72	3.75	38.26	32.52
Southeast	Eudora	96	65	-4	1.28	3.49	3.28	30.97	34.79
	Monticello	93	64	-5	2.10	5.11	3.77	31.19	32.92
	Pine Bluff	91	65	-7	1.57	4.22	3.64	31.34	29.93
	Rohwer	94	64	-6	1.49	3.03	3.52	29.16	31.09

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

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