



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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General

Sporadic rain showers occurred for some parts of the state last week as 13 of the 36 weather stations recorded an inch or more of rain. Fayetteville recorded the greatest rainfall amount of 3.46 inches, and four other stations recorded two or more inches. With the exception of El Dorado and Eudora, all of the weather stations were above the normal year to date rainfall totals. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Farmers had 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Temperatures returned back to normal levels after being noticeably cooler for the past few weeks. Highs ranged from 90 degrees Fahrenheit at Hot Springs to 97 degrees Fahrenheit at three different reporting stations. Low temperatures ranged from 61 degrees Fahrenheit at Newport and Brinkley to 73 degrees Fahrenheit at El Dorado.

Crops

Row crop conditions slightly deteriorated as fields continued to dry out from the recent rains. Corn in the dough stage, at 92 percent, was 2 percent behind 2008 and 5 percent behind the five-year average. Corn in the dent stage reached 78 percent by week's end, 8 percent ahead of last year but 3 percent behind the five-year average. The corn crop reaching maturity increased 8 percent to end the week at 13 percent, the same as last year but 13 percent behind the five-year average. Cotton setting bolls was 98 percent, while bolls just started to open last week. The rice crop was 48 percent headed, 2 percent ahead of 2008 but 21 percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum, at 97 percent headed, was 3 percent ahead of 2008 but the same as the five-year average. Sorghum coloring increased 15 percent to reach 54 percent last week, the same as 2008 but 19 percent behind the five-year average. The sorghum crop, at 2 percent mature, was 5 percent behind last year and 15 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans blooming, at 82 percent, was the same as last year but 10 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans setting pods progressed to 62 percent by week's end, 3 percent ahead of 2008 but 16 percent behind the five-year average. Soybeans in the yellowing stage, at 3 percent, were 1 percent ahead of last year but 5 percent behind the five-year average. Producers were spraying some soybean fields with insecticides to treat for stink bugs and armyworms.

Livestock

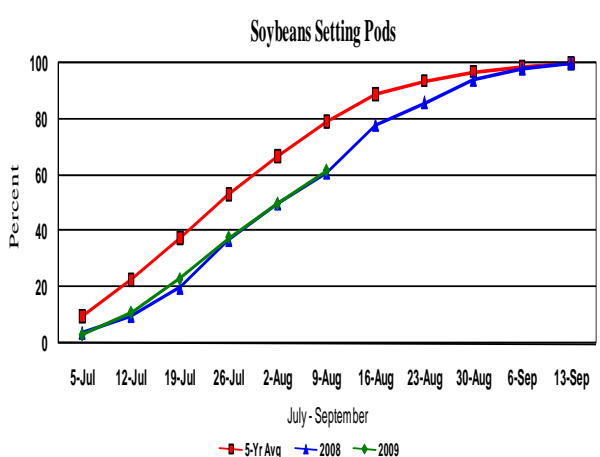
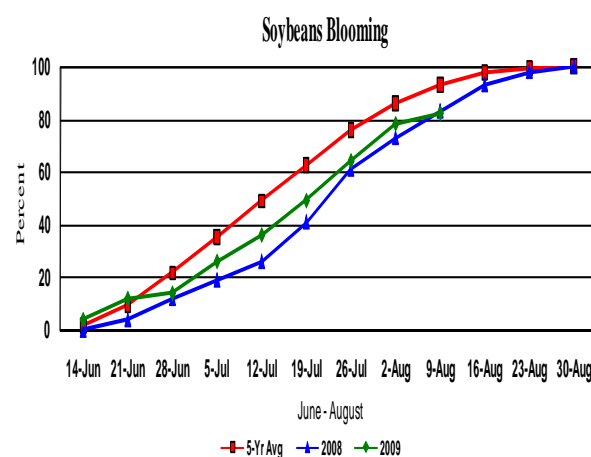
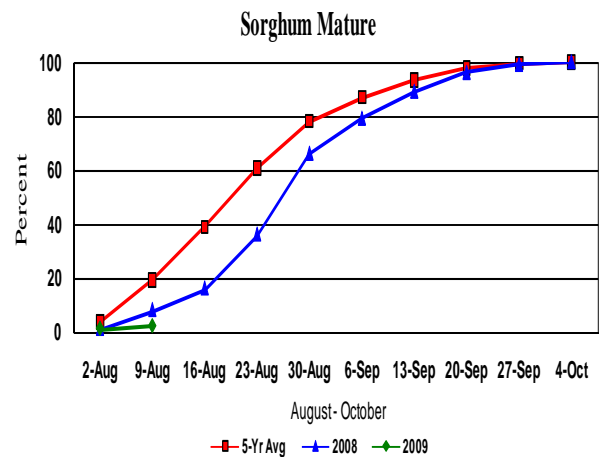
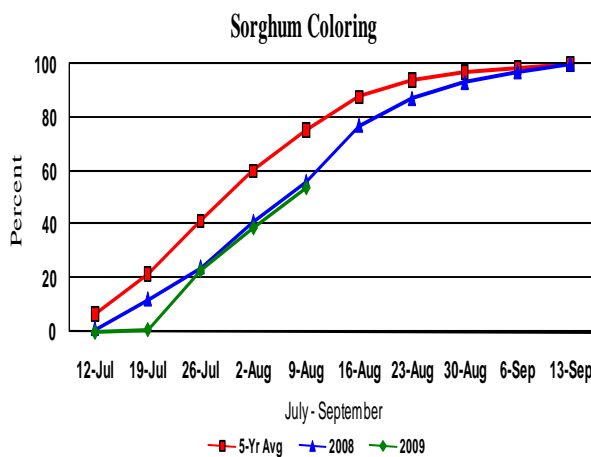
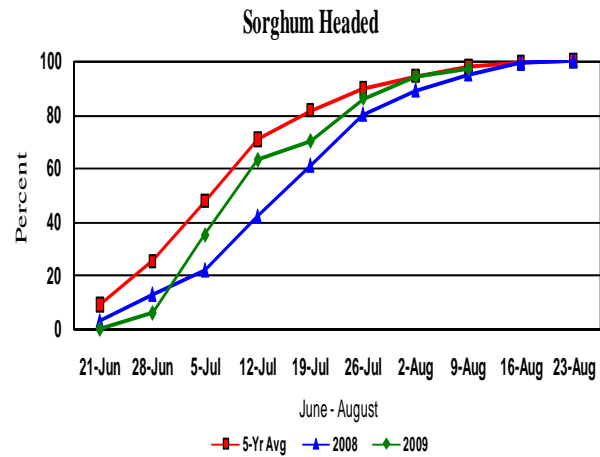
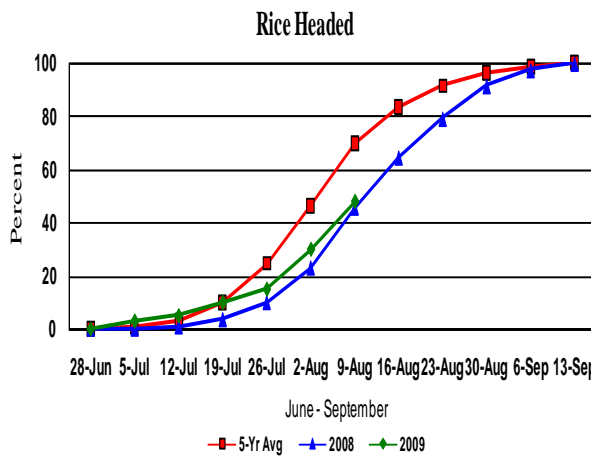
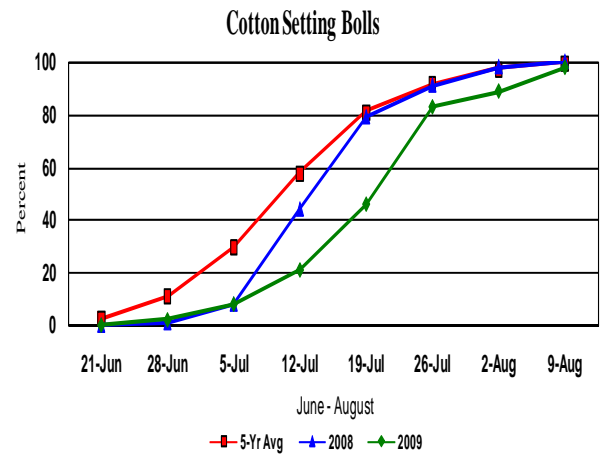
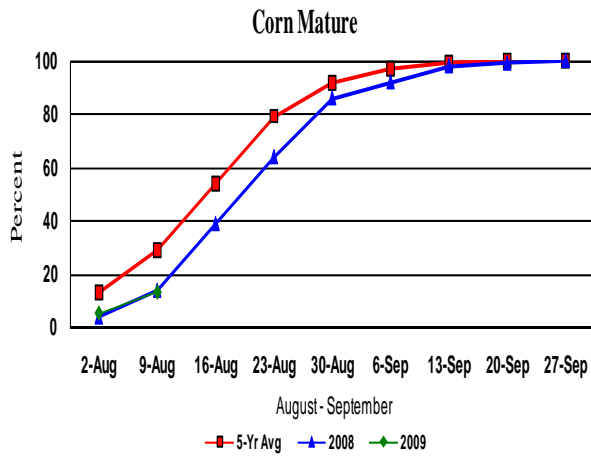
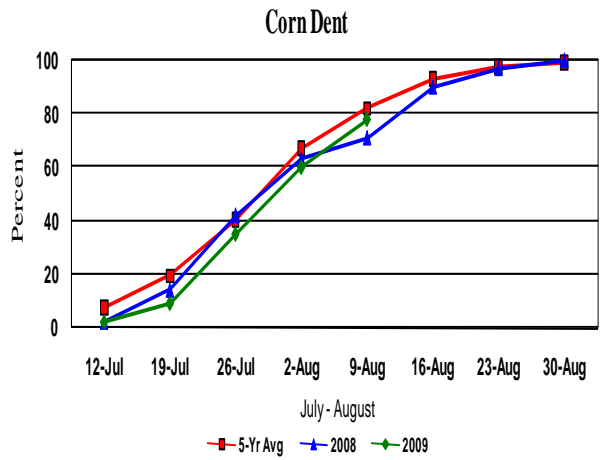
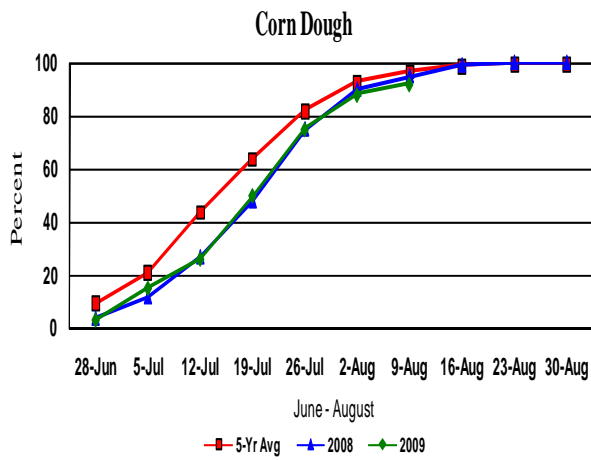
Livestock remained in fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops benefited from the rain as the percent rated in the good to excellent category increased from the previous week.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Dough	92	88	94	97
	Dented	78	60	70	81
	Mature	13	5	13	26
Cotton	Setting Bolls	98	89	100	100
	Opening Bolls	1	0	1	2
Rice	Headed	48	30	46	69
Sorghum	Headed	97	94	94	97
	Coloring	54	39	54	73
	Mature	2	1	7	17
Soybeans	Blooming	82	78	82	92
	Setting Pods	62	50	59	78
	Yellowing	3	0	2	8

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	7	12	33	34	14
Cotton	5	8	35	38	14
Rice	1	9	37	40	13
Sorghum	3	11	38	37	11
Soybeans	6	15	29	37	13
Hay-Alfalfa	1	6	25	67	1
Hay-Other	3	8	37	47	5
Pasture and Range	1	6	36	49	8



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending August 9

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Aug 9	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	94	63	1	3.46	5.26	2.59	31.20	26.29
	Harrison	94	66	1	0.00	4.56	2.49	31.45	25.61
N. Central	Calico Rock	95	64	0	0.49	4.03	2.63	31.25	26.40
	Gilbert	95	65	0	0.00	6.23	2.29	32.51	25.62
	Greers Ferry	93	64	-1	0.45	5.19	2.90	35.91	29.30
	Mtn. Home	95	66	0	0.50	7.80	2.27	33.09	25.73
Northeast	Batesville	94	67	-1	1.12	4.95	2.75	32.98	27.49
	Blytheville	92	67	-1	1.00	5.38	3.29	31.50	31.23
	Jonesboro	93	65	-1	2.15	6.53	2.38	41.61	27.22
	Keiser	94	69	2	1.13	6.57	2.95	37.35	30.33
	Newport	92	61	-3	1.61	6.10	2.86	45.78	28.63
W. Central	Booneville	96	64	-1	0.67	2.29	2.79	33.38	27.85
	Clarksville	96	68	1	0.29	3.56	2.42	33.48	26.76
	Dardanelle	97	68	0	0.00	1.88	2.81	30.37	28.23
	Ft. Smith	96	68	1	1.65	2.99	2.65	32.42	25.30
	Mena	91	66	0	0.08	4.68	3.91	44.17	33.86
	Ozark	97	67	1	2.00	3.93	2.88	32.07	25.99
Central	Conway	95	65	-2	0.10	3.34	2.49	43.20	28.31
	Hot Springs	90	69	-2	0.78	10.80	3.48	46.61	33.74
	Little Rock	94	69	0	1.03	9.15	2.82	41.56	29.69
	Morrilton	97	69	1	0.00	1.56	2.33	36.80	27.89
	N. Little Rock	93	68	-1	0.45	5.45	2.77	40.09	28.58
E. Central	Brinkley	93	61	-1	1.40	5.60	2.65	39.44	30.40
	Marianna	93	66	0	0.80	6.29	3.17	40.99	32.59
	Stuttgart	94	64	-1	2.01	10.51	2.63	43.22	29.91
	West Memphis	92	68	-1	1.62	8.31	2.81	35.82	32.24
Southwest	DeQueen	93	70	0	0.07	6.17	3.18	34.84	31.84
	Hope	94	72	2	0.02	7.03	3.28	40.80	31.72
	Texarkana	92	72	0	0.03	7.46	3.02	34.48	27.72
S. Central	Camden	95	70	1	0.00	5.59	3.24	37.85	32.08
	El Dorado	95	73	2	0.00	2.06	3.51	28.95	33.88
	Warren	93	68	0	0.61	6.49	3.40	42.69	34.02
Southeast	Eudora	96	70	1	0.38	5.12	3.10	34.18	36.23
	Monticello	94	70	1	0.26	6.12	3.51	34.64	34.54
	Pine Bluff	93	68	-1	2.11	10.31	3.50	40.18	31.61
	Rohwer	93	68	0	0.52	5.11	3.12	33.03	32.42

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

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