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Reporting for week ending August 20, 2006

General

The northern two-thirds of the state saw scattered thunderstorms towards the end of the week. Extreme heat was common throughout Arkansas. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 29% very short, 45% short, 25% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Crops

Corn in the mature stage, at 81%, was ahead of the five year average. The corn and cotton crop were in fair to mostly good condition. Cotton bolls open at 17% were 13% ahead of last week. Rice farmers began harvesting; rice was in good condition. Sorghum mature was 34% ahead of the five average. Sorghum harvest began last week; sorghum was in fair to good condition. Soybeans completed the bloomed stage last week. The soybean crop was in fair to good condition.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Pasture and hay crop conditions decline slightly. Poor quality pastures caused cattlemen to continue feeding hay.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Dented	99	93	92	93
	Mature	81	53	51	67
	Harvested	22	11	12	13
Cotton	Bolls Open	17	4	16	11
Rice	Headed	96	87	92	93
	Harvested	1	0	1	2
Sorghum	Coloring	96	86	92	91
	Mature	64	36	34	30
	Harvested	8	¹	3	9
Soybeans	Bloomed	100	99	99	97
	Pods Set	95	90	92	87
	Yellowed	26	18	22	13
	Shedding	15	11	13	6
	Matured	8	4	8	3
	Harvested	5	3	2	1

¹Question was not asked previous week.

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	4	12	27	41	15
Cotton	1	6	28	47	18
Rice	1	5	27	51	16
Sorghum	2	11	41	37	9
Soybeans	9	18	33	32	8
Hay-Other	25	36	23	16	0
Hay-Alfalfa	15	56	16	13	0
Pasture & Range	25	38	27	10	0

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending August 20, 2006

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending August 20	Aug	Aug	Jan - July	
						Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	101	67	6	0.69	1.01	1.78	19.42	27.58
	Harrison	101	68	5	0.81	1.31	2.13	33.07	26.67
N. Central	Calico Rock	95	62	2	1.70	4.63	1.84	28.40	27.46
	Gilbert	99	63	2	1.65	2.20	1.75	26.16	26.82
	Greers Ferry	102	63	4	1.88	1.99	1.87	29.67	30.39
	Mtn. Home	97	67	3	0.58	2.71	1.52	25.59	26.91
Northeast	Batesville	96	65	2	0.45	1.25	2.04	29.22	28.50
	Jonesboro	96	68	2	0.87	2.75	1.76	28.29	28.38
	Keiser	98	66	4	0.32	5.32	1.75	34.56	31.59
	Newport	99	68	3	0.40	2.16	1.91	31.88	29.52
W. Central	Booneville	103	69	4	3.05	3.56	1.49	20.15	29.30
	Clarksville	103	71	7	2.03	2.43	1.61	22.27	28.03
	Dardanelle	102	70	5	0.61	1.15	1.82	24.82	29.51
	Ft. Smith	104	73	6	1.33	1.72	1.67	27.34	26.61
	Mena	100	68	6	0.00	1.91	1.69	24.07	35.53
	Ozark	103	67	5	1.28	2.56	1.65	28.95	27.05
Central	Conway	101	66	5	0.00	0.49	1.70	29.02	29.30
	Hot Springs	108	69	7	0.13	0.50	2.06	26.71	34.95
	Little Rock	102	71	5	0.16	1.44	1.89	28.33	30.67
	N. Little Rock	101	70	3	0.56	0.98	1.94	28.16	26.32
E. Central	Brinkley	98	67	2	0.00	0.10	1.70	33.56	31.80
	Marianna	98	68	4	0.00	0.18	1.87	27.24	33.64
	Stuttgart	102	68	3	0.00	2.09	1.49	28.42	31.14
Southwest	Hope	104	69	7	0.00	0.09	2.31	21.46	32.46
	Texarkana	102	70	6	0.00	0.01	1.58	21.83	27.70
	Camden	104	68	6	0.00	0.35	1.96	19.83	32.75
S. Central	El Dorado	103	68	6	0.00	0.42	2.23	26.10	34.68
	Warren	99	69	4	0.00	1.87	2.07	25.24	34.62
Southeast	Eudora	104	71	6	0.00	0.77	1.99	32.24	37.26
	Pine Bluff	100	69	4	0.00	1.16	2.34	28.28	32.26
	Rohwer	98	70	5	0.00	0.80	1.76	30.94	33.19

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