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Reporting for the week ending August 24, 2008.

### General

Weather conditions last week continued to be wet and cooler than normal. Every weather station reported at least 0.75 inch of precipitation for the week. Significant rainfall amounts included 5.84 inches at Greers Ferry and 5.45 inches at Batesville. Every weather station except Blytheville has received above normal rainfall for the last four weeks. Eudora and Warren have received more than a foot above normal precipitation for that time period. Gilbert has received nearly 2.5 feet above normal precipitation for the year. Across the state, temperatures were cooler than normal as low temperatures ranged from 57 degrees Fahrenheit in three locations to 69 degrees Fahrenheit in El Dorado and Eudora. High temperatures ranged from 86 degrees Fahrenheit in Calico Rock and Greers Ferry to 95 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora. Rainfall helped improve topsoil moisture supplies to 5 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus by the end of last week. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Rainfall reduced the number of days suitable for fieldwork to 3.

### Crops

The corn crop in the dent stage increased 7 percent last week to reach 97 percent. Corn reaching maturity increased 25 percent but was 25 percent behind last year and 19 percent behind the 5-year average. Due to wet field conditions, farmers had only 4 percent of their corn crop harvested by the end of the week, which was 24 percent behind 2007 and the 5-year average. Cotton opening bolls, at 7 percent, was about two weeks behind the previous year and a week behind the 5-year average. Rice headed, at 81 percent, increased 14 percent, but was 15 percent behind last year and 14 percent behind the 5-year average. Sorghum coloring increased 10 percent last week to reach 87 percent. Sorghum mature, at 36 percent, was a noteworthy 47 percent behind 2007 and 30 percent behind the 5-year average. Due to excessive rain, producers were barely able to start harvesting sorghum last week, compared to 29 percent harvested last year at this time and 18 percent for the 5-year average. Soybeans blooming increased 5 percent last week to reach 98 percent, and setting pods, at 86 percent, was about 2 weeks behind 2007 and a week behind the 5-year average. The yellowing stage, at 8 percent, was 17 percent behind the previous year and the 5-year average while the shedding stage, at 3 percent, was 12 percent behind last year and the 5-year average. The field crops were in mostly fair to good condition.

### Livestock

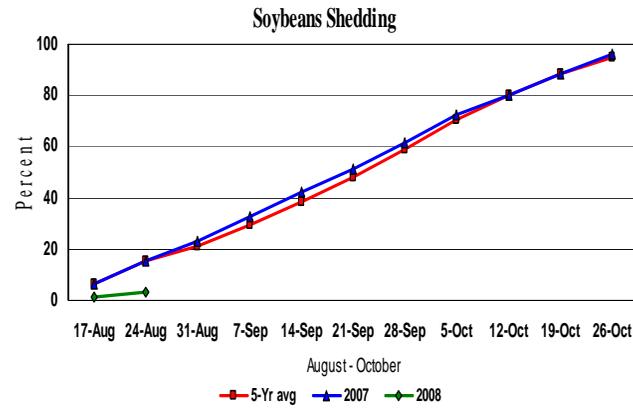
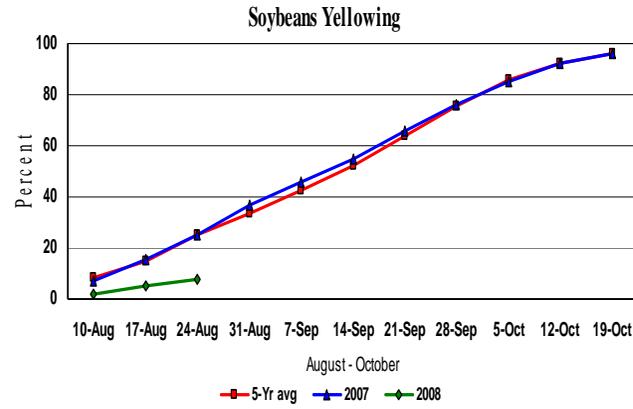
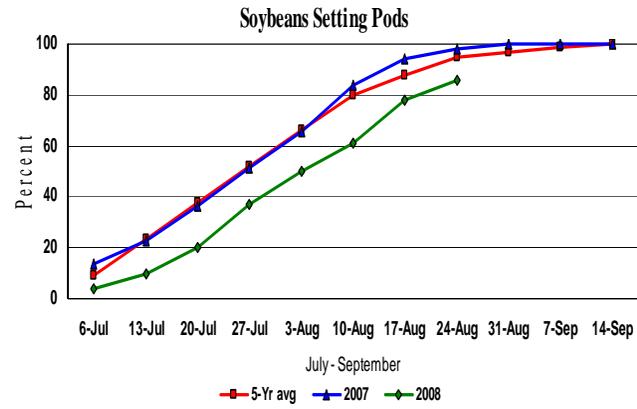
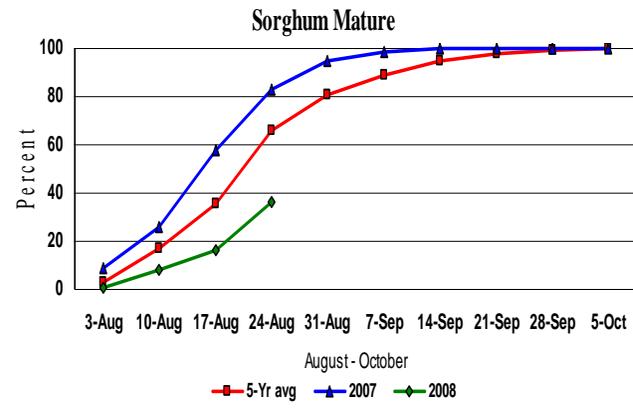
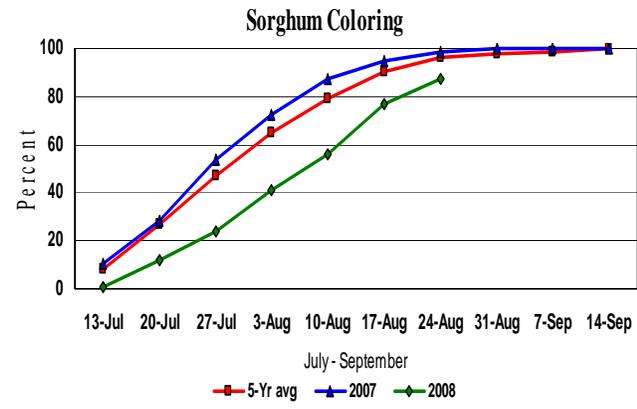
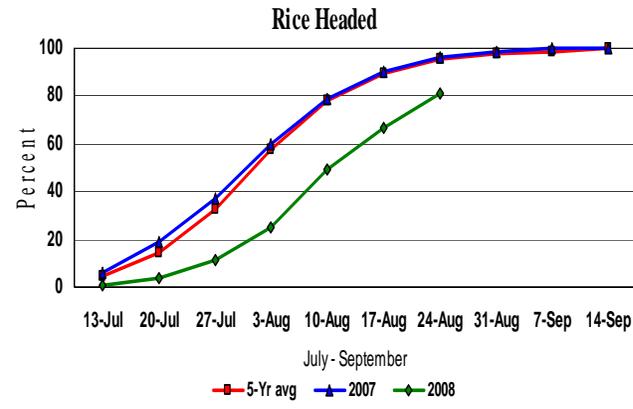
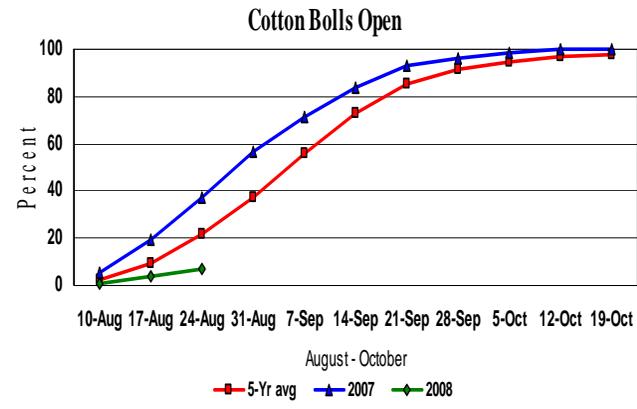
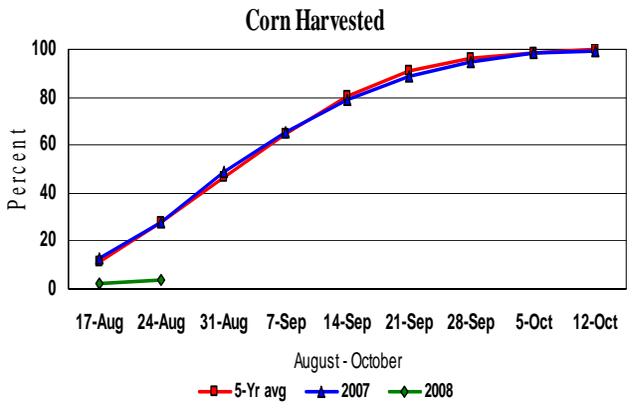
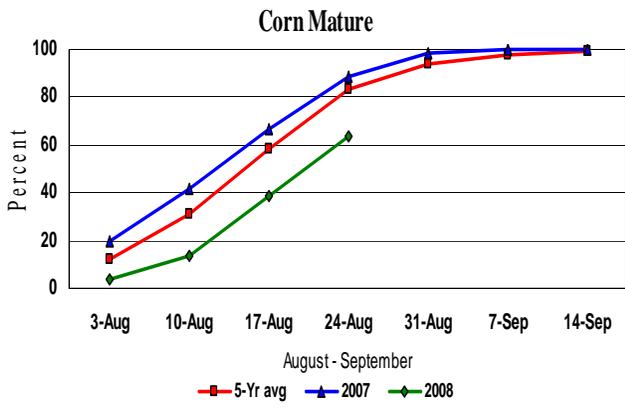
With continued precipitation and cooler temperatures, livestock remained in fair to good condition. Rains caused an increase in forage growth, but did not allow for producers to harvest hay. Last week's rainfall helped forage conditions improve as the amount of pasture and range rated in good to excellent condition increased 9 percent from the previous week.

#### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2007	5-Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>	Dent	97	90	100	98
	Mature	64	39	89	83
	Harvested	4	2	28	28
<b>Cotton</b>	Opening Bolls	7	4	37	21
<b>Rice</b>	Headed	81	67	96	95
<b>Sorghum</b>	Coloring	87	77	99	96
	Mature	36	16	83	66
	Harvested	1	0	29	18
<b>Soybeans</b>	Blooming	98	93	100	99
	Setting Pods	86	78	98	95
	Yellowing	8	5	25	25
	Shedding	3	1	15	15

#### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Corn</b>	0	5	27	46	22
<b>Cotton</b>	1	6	35	44	14
<b>Rice</b>	0	5	26	51	18
<b>Sorghum</b>	1	6	40	41	12
<b>Soybeans</b>	4	11	34	37	14
<b>Hay-Alfalfa</b>	1	6	31	61	1
<b>Hay-Other</b>	1	6	37	49	7
<b>Pasture and Range</b>	0	6	35	49	10



**Note:** Charts for crop progress stages are now on our Web site at [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arkansas/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arkansas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/index.asp)

**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending August 24, 2008**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Aug 24	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2008	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	87	58	-3	1.74	6.01	2.45	43.63	28.83
	Harrison	87	57	-4	1.26	6.63	2.86	48.57	28.40
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	86	57	-4	1.63	6.44	2.51	52.58	28.82
	Gilbert	88	59	-4	2.01	5.26	2.36	58.06	28.07
	Greers Ferry	86	61	-4	5.84	8.35	2.55	48.27	31.68
	Mtn. Home	88	61	-3	1.80	4.51	2.10	48.64	27.97
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	88	57	-4	5.45	7.60	2.74	41.12	29.96
	Blytheville	89	59	-2	0.75	0.90	2.66	26.08	33.65
	Jonesboro	88	64	-2	2.35	4.26	2.36	33.63	29.52
	Keiser	90	61	-1	1.85	4.02	2.40	32.29	32.71
	Newport	87	62	-5	2.21	3.23	2.59	38.42	30.92
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	92	63	-6	2.06	7.93	2.06	48.32	30.11
	Clarksville	90	63	-5	2.19	5.44	2.21	48.70	29.08
	Dardanelle	89	63	-4	4.45	7.15	2.45	52.72	30.75
	Ft. Smith	92	68	-4	0.96	7.62	2.26	44.39	27.67
	Mena	87	63	-4	2.66	9.11	2.37	50.82	36.36
	Ozark	90	64	-4	0.93	4.99	2.26	44.57	28.22
<b>Central</b>	Conway	88	64	-4	2.98	6.39	2.30	46.08	30.47
	Hot Springs	90	65	-5	2.10	7.46	2.81	47.08	36.51
	Little Rock	90	66	-3	3.81	5.85	2.59	39.35	32.06
	Morrilton	88	61	-3	4.72	8.62	2.12	46.32	30.16
	N. Little Rock	89	67	-4	3.99	6.02	2.64	36.05	31.11
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	87	65	-3	1.94	5.11	2.29	31.99	32.77
	Marianna	88	63	-3	0.82	5.50	2.52	38.41	34.89
	Stuttgart	90	64	-4	2.81	6.72	2.03	36.17	31.92
	West Memphis	91	62	-1	0.91	3.09	2.56	31.65	34.62
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	92	67	-2	2.07	6.34	2.08	35.10	34.11
	Hope	89	65	-4	4.08	10.48	3.11	45.02	34.39
	Texarkana	90	67	-5	2.46	5.75	2.15	35.88	29.62
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	89	66	-4	2.83	10.90	2.64	33.01	34.33
	El Dorado	91	69	-3	4.57	8.80	2.99	32.73	36.51
	Warren	87	66	-4	2.80	18.66	2.80	45.07	36.33
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	95	69	-2	1.78	14.89	2.68	47.77	38.59
	Monticello	89	67	-2	0.83	8.02	3.10	37.80	37.02
	Pine Bluff	89	66	-4	1.78	5.32	3.13	27.34	34.12
	Rohwer	89	65	-4	2.80	7.40	2.40	34.76	34.47

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

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