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Reporting for the week ending October 5, 2008.

**General**

Last week, temperatures were slightly below normal across the state as low temperatures ranged from 39 degrees Fahrenheit in Fayetteville to 50 degrees Fahrenheit in North Little Rock. High temperatures ranged from 80 degrees Fahrenheit in Fayetteville to 90 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora. For the week, only two reporting stations recorded more than one inch of precipitation, with Texarkana at 1.15 inches and Hope at 1.05 inches. The lack of rain resulted in farmers having 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Little precipitation reduced topsoil moisture supplies to 1 percent very short, 26 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

**Crops**

Good weather aided crop progress and allowed producers to continue harvesting their crops. Corn farmers harvested an additional 15 percent of the corn crop to reach 90 percent. Cotton opening bolls increased 7 percent to reach 94 percent, and producers harvested an additional 12 percent of the crop but were 27 percent behind the previous year and 19 percent behind the 5-year average. The cotton crop was in mostly fair to good condition. Rice farmers had 65 percent of the crop harvested by the end of the week, which was 19 percent behind last year and 20 percent behind the 5-year average. Producers had 87 percent of the sorghum crop harvested by week's end, which was about three weeks behind 2007 and two weeks behind the 5-year average. Soybeans yellowing, at 73 percent, was 12 percent behind the previous year and 13 percent behind the 5-year average while shedding, at 52 percent, increased a significant 17 percent last week. Soybeans reaching maturity, at 33 percent, were 27 percent behind last year and 25 percent behind the 5-year average. Soybean farmers harvested an additional 9 percent of the crop last week but were 26 percent behind 2007 and 23 percent behind the 5-year average. Soybeans were in mostly fair to good condition. At the end of the week, farmers had 6 percent of the winter wheat crop planted, an increase of 4 percent from the previous week. Producers continued to harvest apples.

**Livestock**

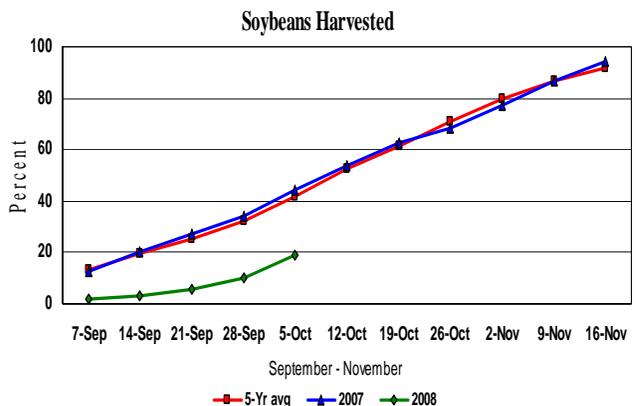
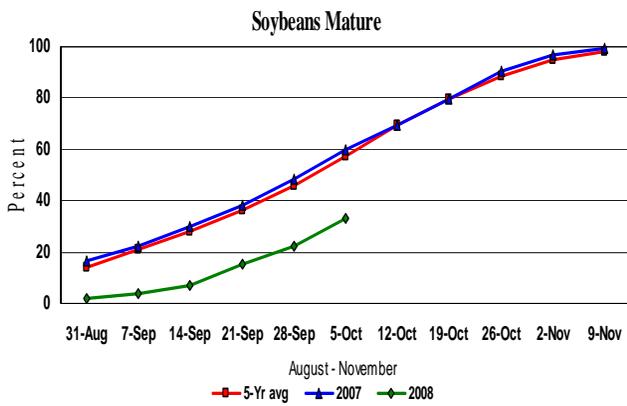
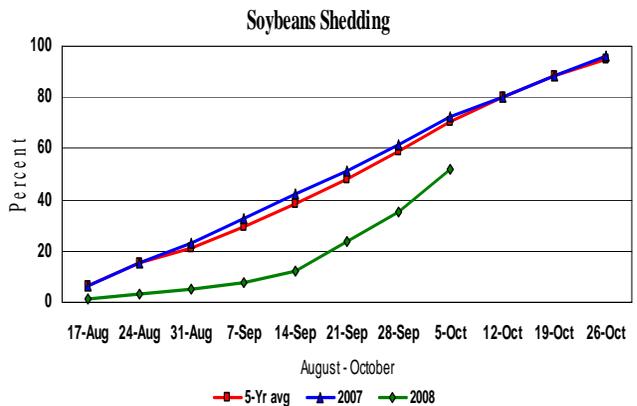
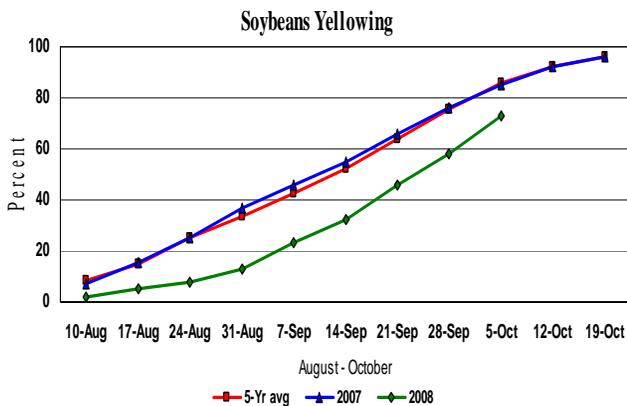
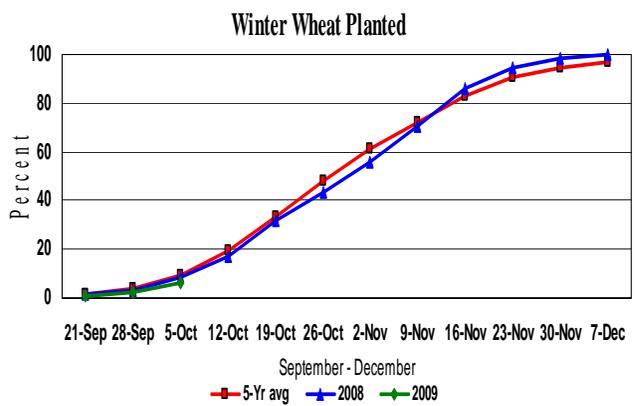
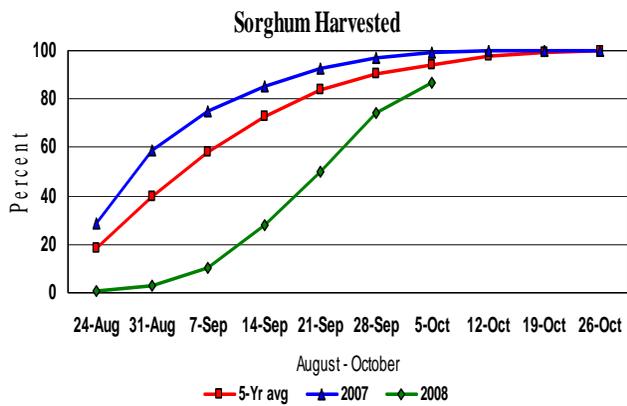
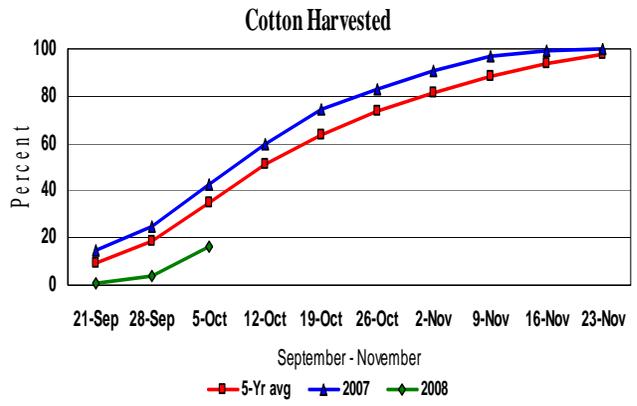
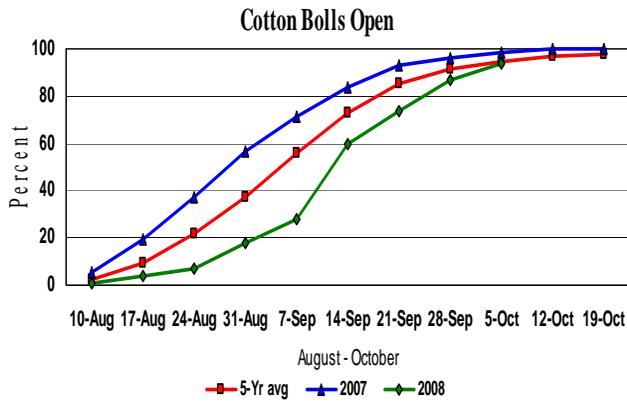
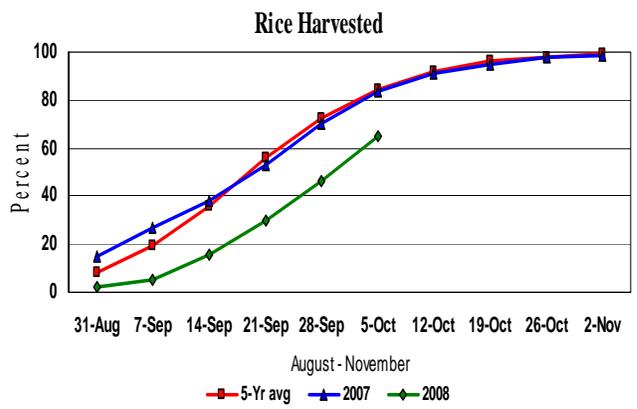
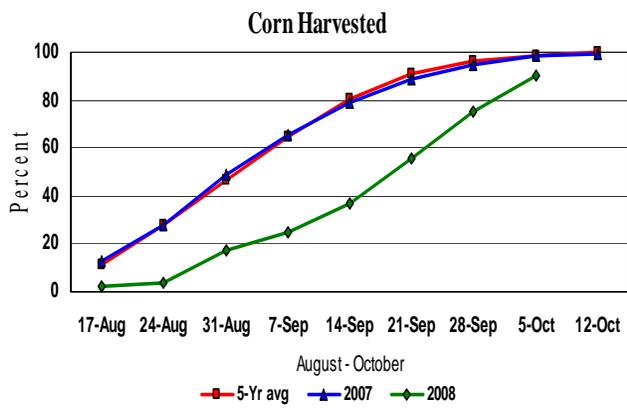
Livestock were rated in fair to good condition. Armyworms were still plaguing forage crops and required the attention of farmers. Producers continued to harvest hay. Pasture and range and hay crops were in at least 80 percent fair to good condition.

**Percent of Progress**

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2007	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	90	75	98	99
Cotton	Opening Bolls	94	87	98	95
	Harvested	16	4	43	35
Rice	Harvested	65	46	84	85
Sorghum	Harvested	87	74	99	94
Soybeans	Yellowing	73	58	85	86
	Shedding	52	35	72	71
	Mature	33	22	60	58
	Harvested	19	10	45	42
Winter Wheat	Planted	6	2	9	9
	Emerged	1	1	1	2

**Condition in Percentages**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	1	8	28	50	13
Soybeans	3	10	33	39	15
Hay-Alfalfa	1	12	22	58	7
Hay-Other	0	5	34	55	6
Pasture and Range	0	2	27	60	11



**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending October 6, 2008**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Oct 6	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2008	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	80	39	-3	0.12	4.64	4.43	53.06	35.20
	Harrison	82	42	-1	0.02	2.46	3.64	55.31	33.88
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	83	42	-1	0.07	1.42	3.78	60.72	34.28
	Gilbert	84	41	-4	0.00	2.33	3.42	66.11	33.08
	Greers Ferry	83	46	-3	0.00	1.65	3.87	56.15	37.17
	Mtn. Home	82	44	-2	0.00	2.44	3.92	56.31	33.62
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	82	41	-3	0.00	0.90	3.36	47.17	34.88
	Blytheville	88	44	-3	0.00	1.07	3.04	29.25	38.02
	Jonesboro	88	43	-2	0.04	0.73	2.99	36.81	33.82
	Keiser	89	44	-1	0.00	1.53	3.41	35.90	37.58
	Newport	84	47	-3	0.00	0.53	3.27	41.60	35.67
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	82	42	-5	0.58	2.61	3.86	55.73	35.42
	Clarksville	82	47	-2	0.11	2.18	3.72	56.72	34.30
	Dardanelle	84	46	-3	0.11	1.54	3.41	58.90	35.58
	Ft. Smith	84	49	-1	0.60	2.98	3.46	53.09	32.53
	Mena	82	44	-5	0.22	4.74	5.08	60.79	43.03
	Ozark	82	47	-3	0.29	2.69	3.54	52.66	33.16
<b>Central</b>	Conway	83	47	-4	0.08	3.13	3.53	57.21	35.48
	Hot Springs	82	44	-5	0.28	2.41	3.98	56.98	42.04
	Little Rock	85	48	-2	0.02	1.13	3.54	46.98	37.12
	Morrilton	84	44	-4	0.00	1.92	3.18	56.11	34.64
	N. Little Rock	84	50	-3	0.08	1.19	3.29	44.86	35.92
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	86	44	-2	0.00	0.40	2.88	35.94	36.88
	Marianna	87	45	-3	0.00	0.45	3.03	41.61	39.23
	Stuttgart	88	45	-4	0.00	2.38	2.83	43.39	35.83
	West Memphis	87	44	-3	0.01	1.13	3.00	35.08	39.08
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	85	46	-2	0.58	2.71	4.48	39.33	40.05
	Hope	84	44	-3	1.05	3.82	3.83	56.35	39.96
	Texarkana	84	48	-4	1.15	4.04	3.30	45.01	34.19
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	86	44	-4	0.00	1.80	3.50	41.58	39.28
	El Dorado	86	45	-3	0.00	2.42	3.22	39.71	41.13
	Warren	84	47	-4	0.00	1.61	3.62	58.21	41.43
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	90	48	-2	0.00	5.14	2.65	65.16	42.46
	Monticello	86	47	-1	0.00	0.82	3.12	45.74	41.54
	Pine Bluff	85	45	-4	0.01	0.93	3.15	33.68	38.67
	Rohwer	86	44	-2	0.00	1.27	2.76	45.16	38.42

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

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