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Reporting for the week ending October 15, 2006.

General

Last week, high temperatures in Arkansas ranged from 75 to 88 degrees Fahrenheit. Low temperatures in Arkansas ranged from 20 to 38 degrees Fahrenheit. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 14 percent very short, 34 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Crops

In the majority of the state, harvest of cotton and soybeans continued and are well ahead of normal. Rice harvest was winding down last week and remained just ahead of the five-year average. All stages of soybean progress remained ahead of last year and the five year averages. Favorable weather conditions last week helped winter wheat producers remain well ahead of their normal planting pace. By week's end, 40 percent of the crop was planted compared to 29 percent last year and the five year average of 19 percent.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Producers continued selling fall calves, working cattle, baling hay, and seeding fall forage crops.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Cotton	Bolls Open	99	97	100	96
	Harvested	64	49	70	48
Rice	Harvested	95	92	93	94
Soybeans	Yellowed	97	96	96	92
	Shedding	91	86	89	82
	Matured	84	75	78	54
	Harvested	66	56	60	44
Winter Wheat	Planted	40	15	29	19
	Emerged	14	2	6	6

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Hay-Other	21	20	32	25	2
Hay-Alfalfa	15	15	56	14	0
Pasture & Range	17	23	36	20	4

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending October 15, 2006

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending Oct. 15	Oct.	Oct.	Jan - September	
						Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	75	32	-6	2.16	2.17	2.75	33.81	34.58
	Harrison	75	36	-6	1.49	1.49	2.33	39.38	33.46
N. Central	Calico Rock	78	29	-8	0.80	0.80	2.50	43.54	33.76
	Gilbert	78	28	-7	2.81	2.81	2.23	35.86	32.74
	Greers Ferry	78	35	-5	0.84	0.85	2.74	37.13	36.64
	Mtn. Home	76	36	-6	2.72	2.72	2.26	37.65	33.11
Northeast	Batesville	79	32	-7	1.10	1.10	2.52	37.77	34.54
	Jonesboro	79	36	-6	0.64	0.70	2.38	38.56	33.59
	Keiser	81	29	-4	0.37	0.49	2.27	44.76	37.30
	Newport	81	34	-7	0.75	0.95	2.31	37.02	35.33
W. Central	Booneville	80	30	-10	2.80	2.80	2.67	31.09	34.93
	Clarksville	79	34	-6	2.66	2.89	2.75	29.60	33.77
	Dardanelle	79	32	-5	0.94	1.11	2.64	31.28	35.16
	Ft. Smith	80	35	-5	2.84	3.03	2.55	34.22	32.11
	Mena	78	32	-6	2.60	2.60	3.88	30.48	42.11
	Ozark	78	34	-7	3.68	3.76	2.58	39.91	32.58
Central	Conway	80	35	-7	0.69	0.79	2.59	35.74	34.99
	Hot Springs	81	20	-9	0.65	0.50	3.24	35.27	41.29
	Little Rock	81	37	-3	0.46	0.59	2.68	34.41	36.62
	N. Little Rock	82	41	-6	0.57	0.70	2.35	32.56	32.22
E. Central	Brinkley	77	34	-5	0.25	0.50	2.26	39.17	36.77
	Marianna	78	35	-5	0.12	0.33	2.34	32.76	38.97
	Stuttgart	83	33	-6	0.27	0.27	2.34	35.32	35.62
Southwest	Hope	83	35	-4	0.79	0.79	2.88	27.26	39.31
	Texarkana	84	38	-3	0.77	0.77	2.46	23.92	32.82
	Camden	84	36	-4	0.58	0.58	2.80	25.09	38.59
S. Central	El Dorado	84	36	-4	0.29	0.29	2.70	33.35	40.58
	Warren	81	35	-5	0.40	0.40	2.88	32.12	40.70
Southeast	Eudora	88	38	-1	0.19	0.19	2.28	37.18	42.36
	Pine Bluff	82	38	-3	0.39	0.00	2.78	35.29	38.18
	Rohwer	83	36	1	0.12	0.12	2.06	35.29	38.14

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