

Arkansas

Crop Progress and Condition



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General

Last week was dry across the state, with no reports of precipitation from any of the Arkansas weather stations. Temperatures were mostly normal, as highs ranged from 82 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit and lows ranged from 44 to 29 degrees Fahrenheit. The state's first reported below-freezing temperatures for this fall came from Calico Rock with a low of 29 degrees. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. On average, there were 6.5 days suitable for field work last week.

Crop

Dry conditions were optimal for fall harvesting and winter wheat plantings last week. Cotton harvest continued to progress ahead of normal as farmers reached 93 percent complete by the end of the week, 13 percentage points ahead of last year and 15 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Rice harvest was 99 percent complete and equal to the 5-year average. By week's end, only 2 percent of the state's soybeans were yet to mature and 20 percent were left to be harvested. At the end of the week, 60 percent of the state's winter wheat crop had been planted, an advance of 14 percentage points from the previous week, and 40 percent of the crop had emerged.

Livestock

Last week, livestock conditions were reported as mostly good, as producers were selling fall calves, weaning replacement heifers, working cattle, and brush hogging pastures. Last week marked the end of hay harvest as cool temperatures killed the remaining warm season forages and slowed the growth of cool season forages.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2006	5-Year Avg
Cotton	Harvested	93	85	80	78
Rice	Harvested	99	98	100	99
Soybeans	Shedding	100	98	100	98
	Matured	98	93	99	96
Winter Wheat	Harvested	80	70	85	78
	Planted	60	46	68	61
	Emerged	40	30	54	44

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	0	33	53	14

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending November 4, 2007

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Nov. 4	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2007	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	72	33	1	0.00	3.13	3.40	31.91	39.77
	Harrison	75	35	2	0.00	2.06	3.31	27.82	38.20
N. Central	Calico Rock	78	29	0	0.00	2.16	3.38	30.15	38.50
	Gilbert	78	39	5	0.00	3.89	3.27	37.71	37.35
	Greers Ferry	73	38	1	0.00	4.16	4.01	41.35	42.02
	Mtn. Home	75	36	0	0.00	2.81	2.99	33.40	36.43
Northeast	Batesville	76	34	0	0.00	4.25	3.82	46.85	39.49
	Jonesboro	73	40	1	0.00	7.65	3.75	38.33	38.32
	Keiser	75	35	0	0.00	6.72	3.17	33.19	41.63
	Newport	73	37	-3	0.00	4.41	3.55	36.33	39.98
W. Central	Booneville	77	36	-2	0.00	2.09	3.63	34.38	40.09
	Clarksville	74	39	1	0.00	1.87	3.85	35.64	39.14
	Dardanelle	76	37	1	0.00	2.21	4.02	37.43	40.66
	Ft. Smith	78	40	2	0.00	2.01	3.71	42.01	37.32
	Mena	74	35	0	0.00	3.93	5.14	50.48	49.44
	Ozark	74	40	0	0.00	2.01	3.69	42.16	37.80
Central	Conway	75	38	-1	0.00	4.61	3.82	38.23	40.18
	Hot Springs	77	36	-1	0.00	4.89	4.95	45.40	48.19
	Little Rock	76	41	1	0.00	4.75	4.09	37.51	42.04
	N. Little Rock	74	44	0	0.00	5.34	3.72	39.26	40.48
E. Central	Brinkley	73	38	0	0.00	7.30	3.44	36.12	41.24
	Marianna	76	38	1	0.00	4.04	3.64	31.13	43.72
	Stuttgart	78	40	0	0.00	6.66	3.67	37.68	40.32
Southwest	Hope	77	37	0	0.00	3.11	4.34	45.90	45.22
	Texarkana	77	41	0	0.00	2.88	3.69	42.73	38.75
S. Central	Camden	77	39	-1	0.00	6.29	4.16	48.50	44.35
	El Dorado	78	41	0	0.00	4.31	4.08	45.83	46.25
	Warren	76	41	0	0.00	2.49	4.22	41.64	46.43
Southeast	Eudora	82	43	1	0.00	5.27	3.82	43.43	47.00
	Pine Bluff	76	42	0	0.00	6.00	4.19	41.24	43.62
	Rohwer	77	41	1	0.00	3.49	3.34	35.43	42.40

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

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