



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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General

On average, farmers had 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short 16 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 33 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 52 degrees Fahrenheit at Fort Smith and Texarkana. Highs ranged from 76 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 88 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. After an unusually warm start to April, a cold front pushed through Arkansas on April 10. Scattered storms and some hail were reported in the Southwest corner of the state. A second front passed through Arkansas on the afternoon of April 15. Scattered storms and winds occurred throughout the state, and a tornado occurred in Van Buren County.

Crops

Producers had 94 percent of the corn crop planted, 20 percent ahead of last year and 30 percent ahead of the five-year average. Corn emergence was at 76 percent, 36 percent ahead of 2011 and 38 percent ahead of the five-year average. Farmers had 7 percent of the cotton crop planted, 6 percent ahead of 2011 and 5 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had 75 percent of the rice crop planted, 44 percent ahead of 2011 and 49 percent above the 5-year average. Rice emergence was at 30 percent, 23 percent ahead of 2011 and 24 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum planting was at 78 percent, 35 percent ahead of last year and 48 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum emergence was at 47 percent, 38 percent ahead of 2011 and the five-year average. Producers had planted 19 percent of the soybean crop by week's end, 9 percent ahead of 2011 and 12 percent ahead of the five-year average. Soybean emergence was at 7 percent, 5 percent ahead of 2011 and 6 percent ahead of the five-year average. The winter wheat crop was 93 percent headed, 53 percent ahead of last year and 66 percent ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat remained in mostly fair to good condition.

Livestock

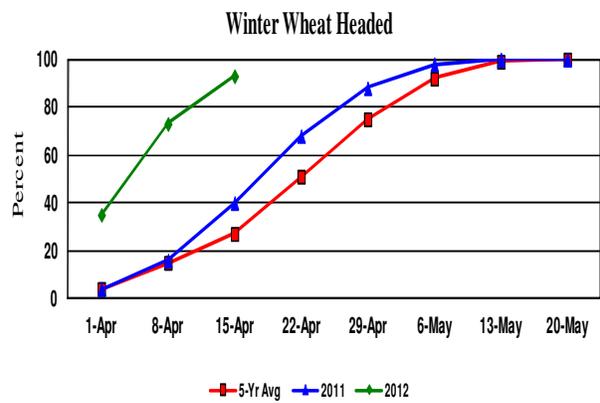
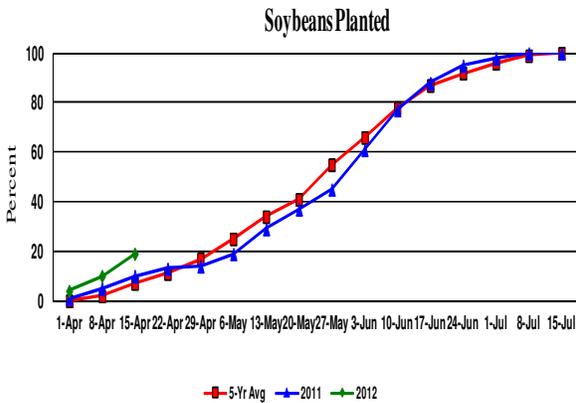
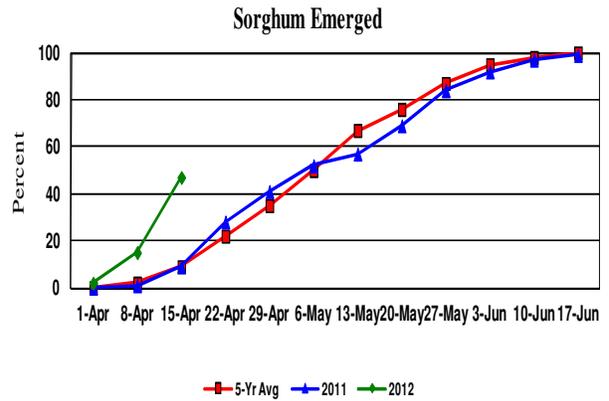
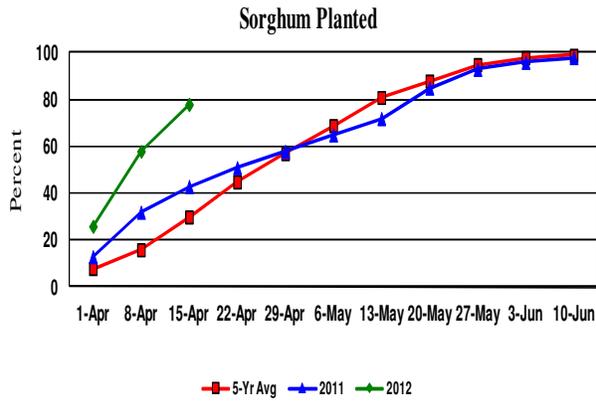
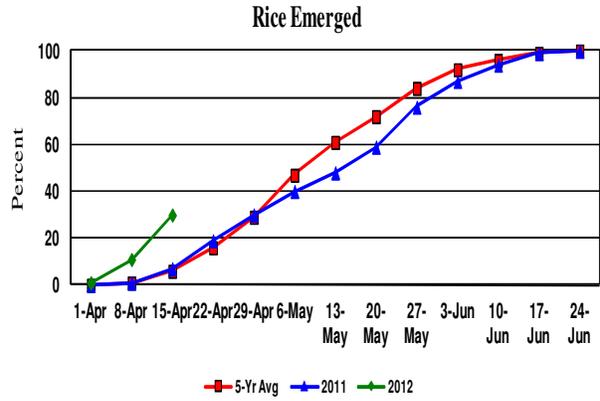
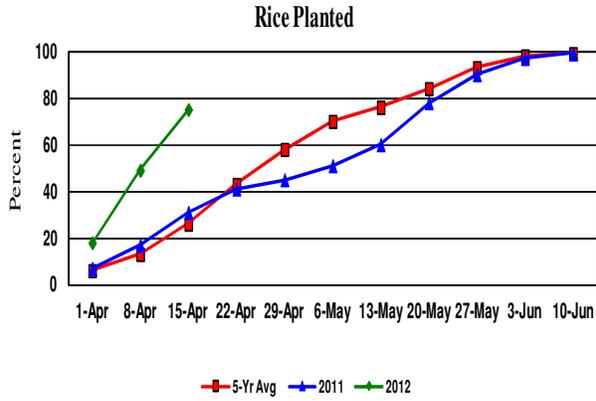
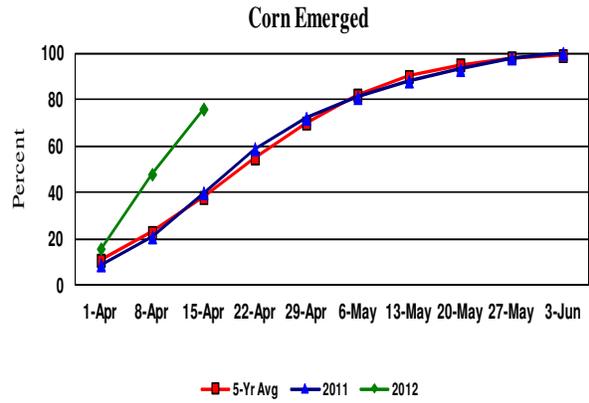
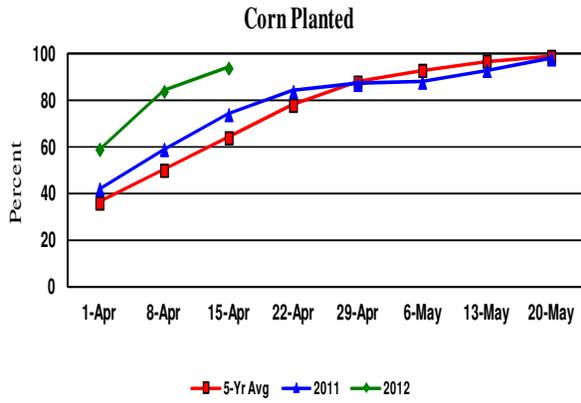
Livestock were in good condition last week. Pasture and range condition were reported in mostly fair to good condition.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	94	84	74	64
	Emerged	76	48	40	38
Cotton	Planted	7	1	1	2
	Emerged	2	0	0	0
Rice	Planted	75	49	31	26
	Emerged	30	11	7	6
Sorghum	Planted	78	58	43	30
	Emerged	47	15	9	9
Soybeans	Planted	19	10	10	7
	Emerged	7	2	2	1
Winter Wheat	Headed	93	73	40	27

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	8	33	46	13
Winter Wheat	2	8	40	40	10
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	32	53	15
Hay-Other	0	0	19	70	11
Pasture and Range	0	1	23	67	9



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 15, 2012

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
					Apr 15	Accum	Normal	2012	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	76	47	7	0.90	4.91	3.93	10.20	11.75
	Harrison	78	44	5	0.96	5.31	3.64	12.44	10.85
N. Central	Calico Rock	80	33	3	0.64	6.86	4.32	15.60	13.23
	Gilbert	80	37	4	0.87	6.09	4.09	14.73	13.13
	Greers Ferry	81	38	4	0.81	7.31	4.18	16.26	14.01
	Mtn. Home	79	41	3	0.90	8.72	4.38	17.86	13.23
Northeast	Batesville	81	37	3	0.80	3.02	3.92	11.94	12.99
	Blytheville	84	36	2	0.46	0.85	4.28	7.72	14.58
	Jonesboro	84	36	3	1.10	2.00	4.31	10.26	13.87
	Keiser	87	39	4	0.79	1.25	4.32	8.42	14.84
	Newport	81	40	3	1.00	2.77	4.31	13.53	13.99
W. Central	Booneville	81	48	5	0.86	5.18	3.74	17.31	13.07
	Clarksville	80	49	4	1.63	7.47	4.18	16.99	13.24
	Dardanelle	81	49	5	1.39	5.62	4.35	16.10	13.73
	Ft. Smith	81	52	7	1.14	5.93	3.70	16.67	11.33
	Mena	79	46	6	1.71	7.58	4.62	21.69	15.02
	Ozark	79	48	5	1.40	2.52	3.48	11.82	12.76
Central	Conway	81	44	4	1.32	7.44	4.65	16.30	14.57
	Hot Springs	79	49	2	0.57	5.03	4.80	15.96	15.57
	Little Rock	83	47	5	1.25	7.22	4.48	16.32	14.21
	Morrilton	81	44	4	1.65	8.18	4.16	19.18	13.94
	N. Little Rock	81	46	4	1.04	6.84	4.29	15.66	14.00
E. Central	Brinkley	83	38	2	1.40	3.30	4.23	13.17	14.34
	Marianna	86	41	4	0.53	2.86	4.65	12.69	15.41
	Stuttgart	86	48	4	1.26	2.58	4.58	10.46	15.12
	West Memphis	85	39	4	0.66	2.37	4.23	13.33	15.63
Southwest	DeQueen	82	49	6	0.26	4.32	4.08	12.40	13.22
	Hope	83	49	4	0.23	6.67	4.13	17.20	15.56
	Texarkana	84	52	5	1.49	5.76	3.57	14.42	13.32
S. Central	Camden	85	42	3	1.70	8.34	4.19	17.87	15.66
	El Dorado	84	47	4	1.69	8.44	3.89	17.55	15.71
	Fordyce**	82	45	4	1.79	9.87	4.54	13.26	8.17
Southeast	Eudora	88	50	4	1.33	6.56	4.75	16.56	18.27
	Monticello	86	45	5	1.40	5.21	4.43	13.01	17.02
	Pine Bluff	83	47	4	1.63	4.37	4.64	12.45	15.54
	Rohwer	84	47	4	1.33	3.54	4.12	11.88	16.26

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

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** Fordyce station added in March of 2012. Year-to-date rainfall totals will cover the period March 2012 – November 2012.