



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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General

On average, farmers had 7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 34 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 22 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 48 degrees Fahrenheit at Texarkana. Highs ranged from 82 degrees Fahrenheit at Mena to 92 degrees Fahrenheit at Blytheville.

Crops

Producers had 99 percent of the corn crop planted, 12 percent ahead of last year and 11 percent ahead of the five-year average. Corn emergence was at 95 percent, 23 percent ahead of 2011 and 25 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had 50 percent of the cotton crop planted, 44 percent ahead of 2011 and 35 percent ahead of the five-year average. The previous week cotton planted percentage was revised to 20 percent. Cotton emergence was at 9 percent, 7 percent ahead of 2011 and 6 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had 92 percent of the rice crop planted, 47 percent ahead of 2011 and 34 percent ahead of the 5-year average. Rice emergence was at 78 percent, 48 percent ahead of 2011 and 49 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum planting was at 93 percent, 35 percent ahead of 2011 and 36 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum emergence was at 81 percent, 40 percent ahead of 2011 and 46 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had 45 percent of the soybean crop planted, 31 percent ahead of 2011 and 28 percent ahead of the five-year average. Soybean emergence was at 26 percent, 18 percent ahead of 2011 and 19 percent ahead of the five-year average. Many crops were in need of rain.

Livestock

Livestock were in good condition. Pasture and range condition was mostly fair to good. Many producers were harvesting hay.

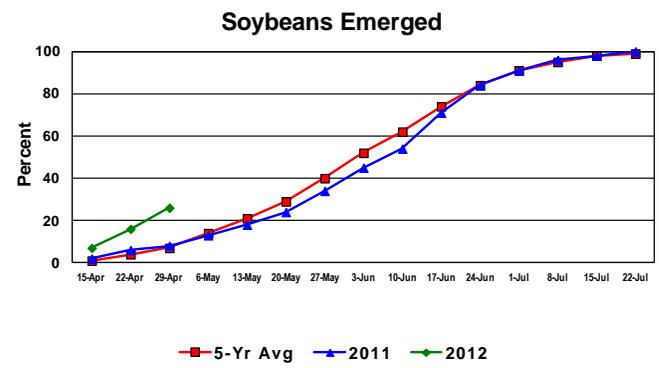
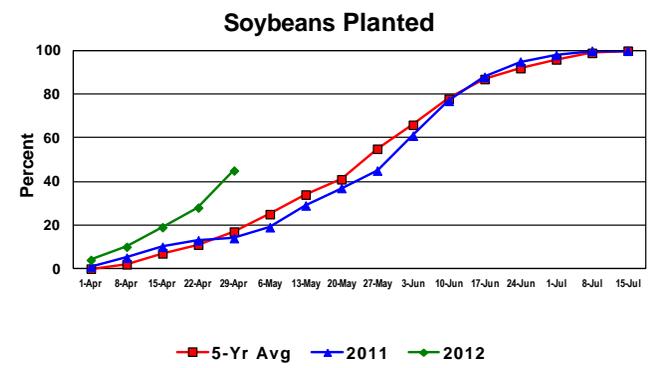
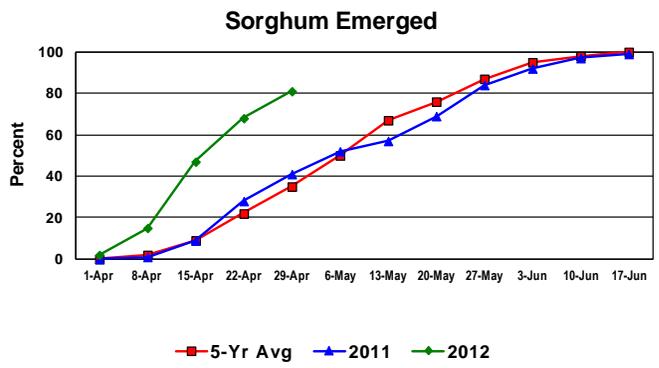
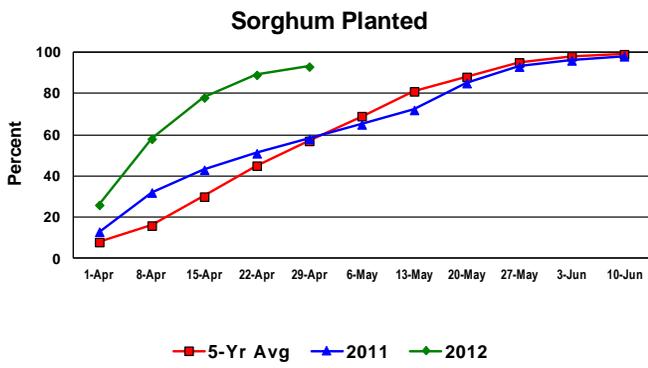
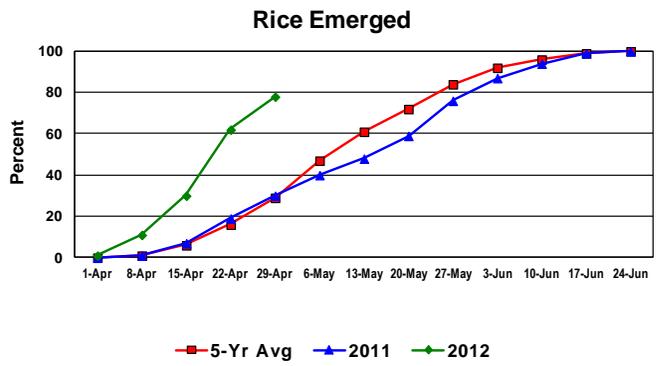
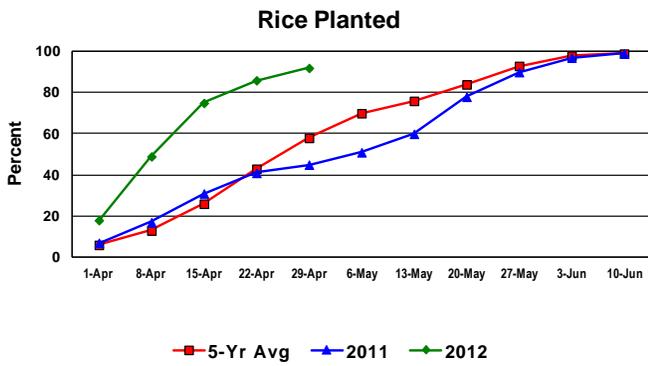
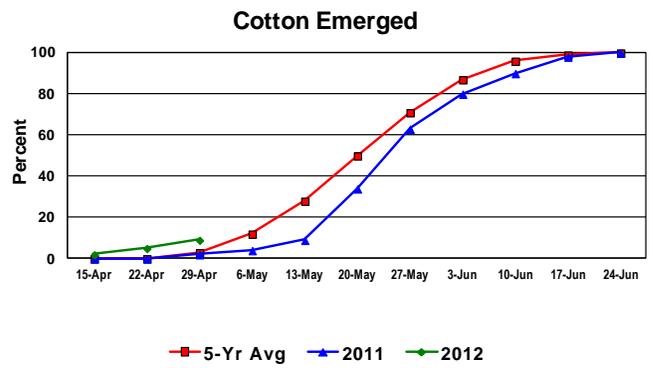
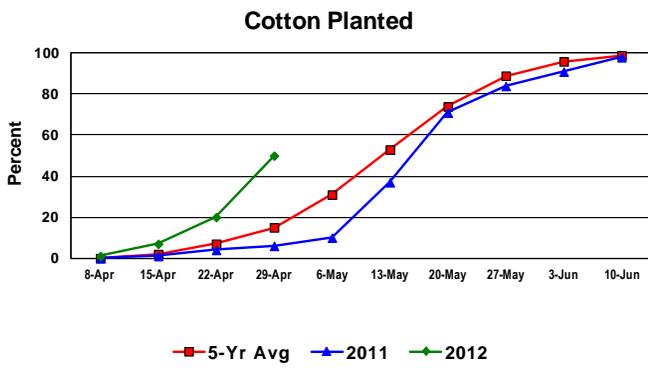
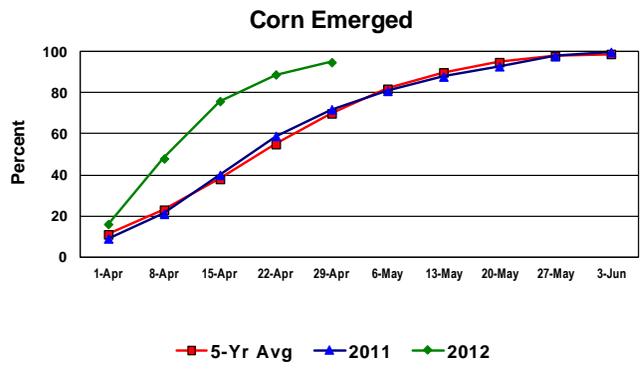
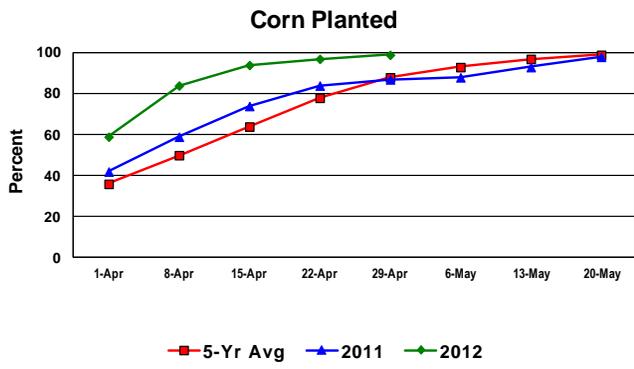
Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	99	97	87	88
	Emerged	95	89	72	70
Cotton	Planted	50	20*	6	15
	Emerged	9	5	2	3
Rice	Planted	92	86	45	58
	Emerged	78	62	30	29
Sorghum	Planted	93	89	58	57
	Emerged	81	68	41	35
Soybeans	Planted	45	28	14	17
	Emerged	26	16	8	7

* Revised

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	6	30	49	15
Rice	2	9	31	49	9
Sorghum	1	2	44	49	4
Winter Wheat	2	5	38	42	13
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	15	61	23
Hay-Other	1	5	38	53	3
Pasture and Range	1	7	34	52	6



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 29, 2012

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Apr 29	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
						Accum	Normal	2012	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	83	34	7	0.37	1.68	4.28	10.68	14.03
	Harrison	86	40	7	0.00	1.28	4.02	12.54	13.06
N. Central	Calico Rock	89	35	3	0.00	1.00	4.34	15.70	15.43
	Gilbert	88	36	4	0.00	1.29	4.14	14.89	15.26
	Greers Ferry	83	41	5	0.00	0.97	4.43	16.38	16.35
	Mtn. Home	89	39	4	0.02	1.64	4.38	18.12	15.49
Northeast	Batesville	89	40	6	0.00	0.99	4.37	12.06	15.36
	Blytheville	92	40	6	0.00	0.64	4.58	7.82	16.98
	Jonesboro	91	43	7	0.01	1.22	4.64	10.38	16.35
	Keiser	90	44	5	0.00	1.31	4.42	8.92	17.13
	Newport	86	44	3	0.00	1.78	4.53	13.87	16.35
W. Central	Booneville	87	42	5	0.02	1.66	4.02	17.43	15.32
	Clarksville	88	42	6	0.00	3.63	4.29	17.20	15.52
	Dardanelle	87	41	4	0.00	2.30	4.56	16.15	16.07
	Ft. Smith	89	46	7	0.04	2.34	4.00	17.02	13.46
	Mena	82	40	5	0.00	2.81	5.05	22.01	17.79
	Ozark	87	36	6	0.00	2.70	3.49	12.00	14.64
Central	Conway	84	43	5	0.00	1.95	4.52	16.66	16.85
	Hot Springs	83	45	4	0.00	2.12	4.81	16.66	18.00
	Little Rock	86	45	6	0.00	2.76	4.80	17.39	16.72
	Morrilton	86	40	4	0.03	2.58	4.27	19.39	16.21
	N. Little Rock	85	45	5	0.00	1.87	4.46	16.34	16.35
E. Central	Brinkley	84	45	4	0.00	1.70	4.60	13.17	16.77
	Marianna	87	42	5	0.00	1.12	4.66	13.23	17.75
	Stuttgart	85	46	3	0.00	2.14	4.91	11.07	17.65
	West Memphis	86	42	4	0.00	1.84	5.00	13.57	18.55
Southwest	DeQueen	85	39	4	0.00	2.22	3.60	13.05	15.27
	Hope	86	43	4	0.00	3.09	4.24	17.90	17.83
	Texarkana	87	48	4	0.00	3.90	3.66	15.05	15.26
S. Central	Camden	87	42	3	0.00	3.68	4.03	18.31	17.68
	El Dorado	84	41	2	0.00	4.38	3.81	18.39	17.66
	Fordyce**	84	41	3	0.00	4.52	4.31	13.67	10.31
Southeast	Eudora	87	45	1	0.00	5.31	5.18	17.09	20.89
	Monticello	86	46	4	0.00	3.68	4.47	13.63	19.29
	Pine Bluff	85	42	3	0.00	3.59	4.59	14.02	17.87
	Rohwer	85	45	3	0.00	2.97	4.46	12.41	18.56

* 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.