



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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General

On average, farmers had 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent very short, 43 percent short, 44 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 38 percent short, 56 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 59 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 69 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. Highs ranged from 85 degrees Fahrenheit at Mena to 95 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser. Although some rain occurred throughout Arkansas, much of the farmland in the eastern part of the state was still in need of moisture.

Crops

Producers had 100 percent of the corn crop planted, 12 percent ahead of last year and 7 percent ahead of the five-year average. Corn emergence was at 99 percent, 18 percent ahead of 2011 and 17 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had 77 percent of the cotton crop planted, 67 percent ahead of 2011 and 46 percent ahead of the five-year average. Cotton emergence was at 47 percent, 43 percent ahead of 2011 and 35 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had 97 percent of the rice crop planted, 46 percent ahead of 2011 and 27 percent ahead of the 5-year average. Rice emergence was at 86 percent, 46 percent ahead of 2011 and 39 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum planting was at 97 percent, 32 percent ahead of 2011 and 28 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum emergence was at 93 percent, 41 percent ahead of 2011 and 43 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had 57 percent of the soybean crop planted, 38 percent ahead of 2011 and 32 percent ahead of the five-year average. Soybean emergence was at 41 percent, 28 percent ahead of 2011 and 27 percent ahead of the five-year average.

Livestock

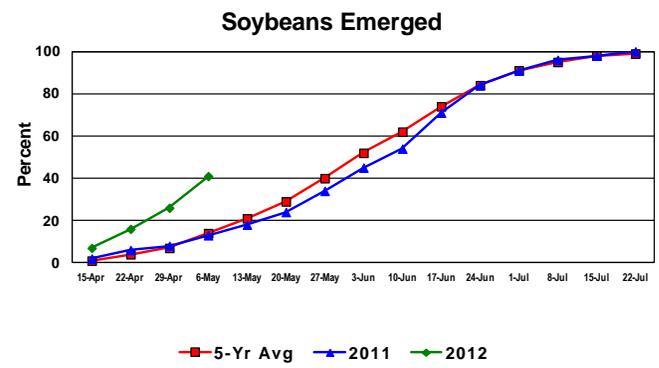
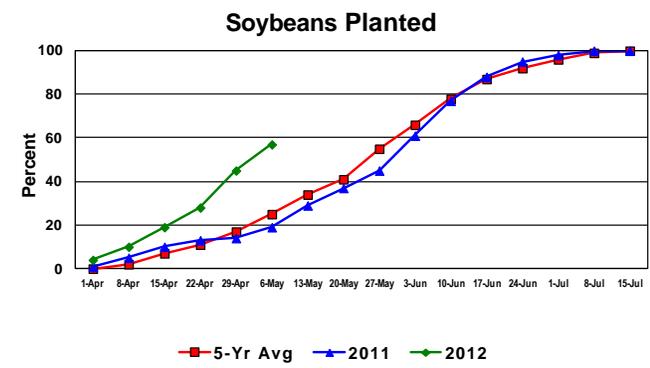
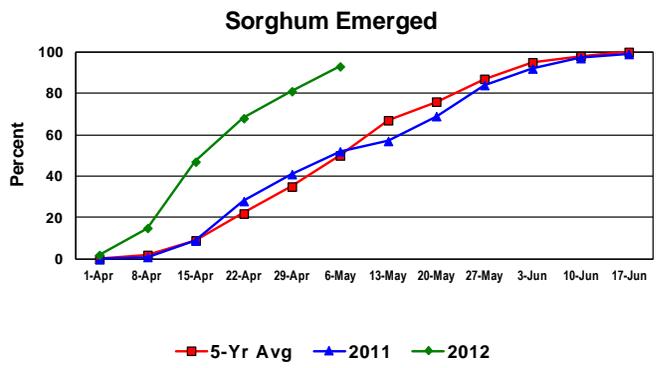
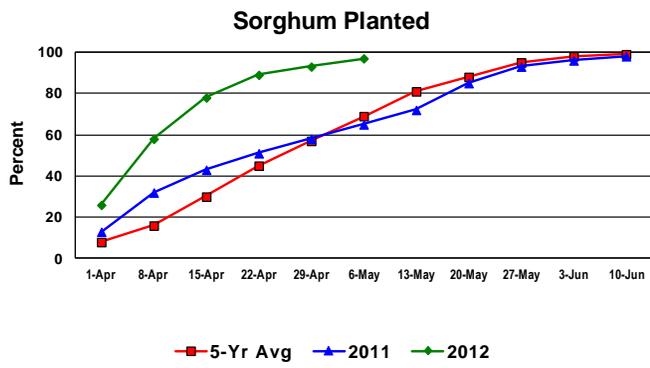
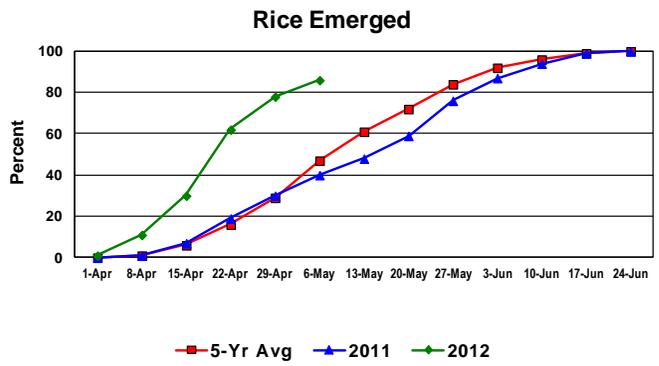
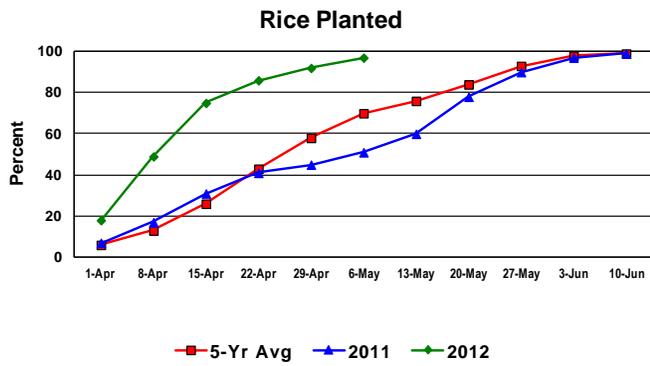
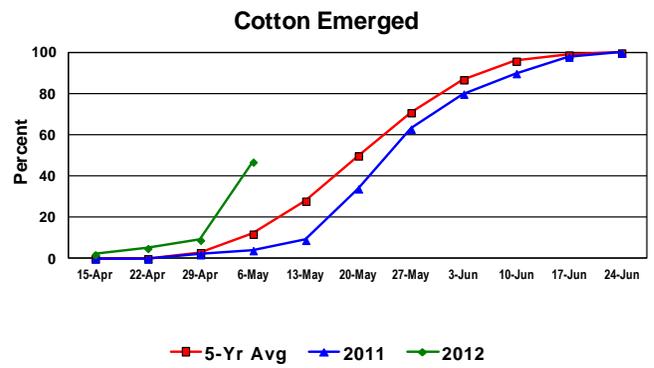
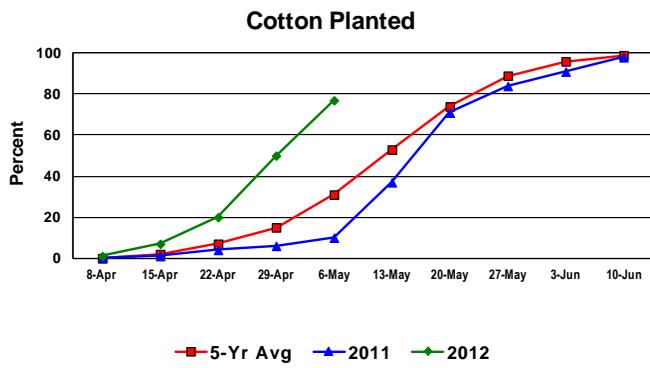
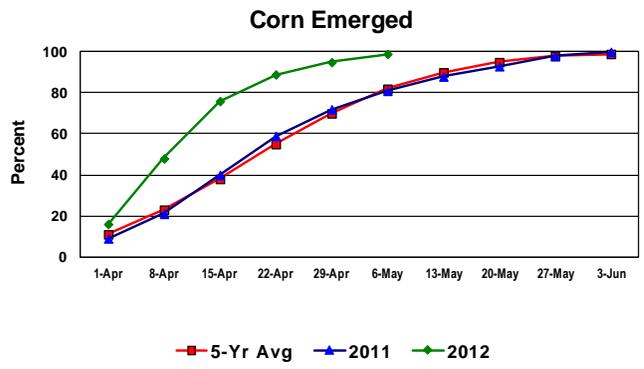
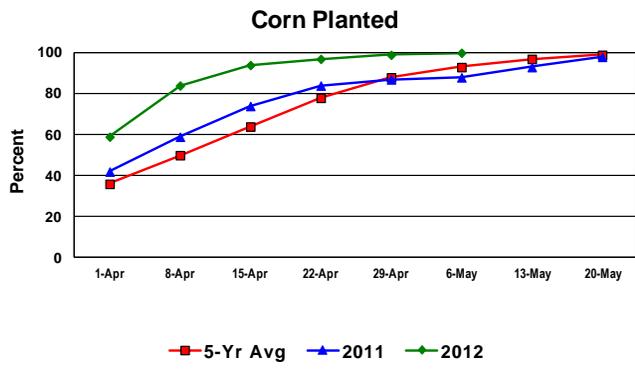
Livestock were in good condition. Pasture and range condition was mostly good.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	100	99	88	93
	Emerged	99	95	81	82
Cotton	Planted	77	50	10	31
	Emerged	47	9	4	12
Rice	Planted	97	92	51	70
	Emerged	86	78	40	47
Sorghum	Planted	97	93	65	69
	Emerged	93	81	52	50
Soybeans	Planted	57	45	19	25
	Emerged	41	26	13	14
Winter Wheat	Harvested	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	7	29	46	18
Rice	2	10	27	49	12
Sorghum	0	2	41	52	5
Winter Wheat	1	8	34	44	13
Hay-Alfalfa	0	2	12	70	16
Hay-Other	1	8	27	58	6
Pasture and Range	1	12	25	56	6



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 6, 2012

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
					May 6	Accum	Normal	2012	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	87	60	11	0.80	2.18	4.68	11.48	15.39
	Harrison	86	60	11	0.56	1.62	4.37	13.10	14.26
N. Central	Calico Rock	90	59	11	0.49	1.23	4.46	16.19	16.60
	Gilbert	89	60	11	0.20	1.23	4.32	15.09	16.41
	Greers Ferry	91	62	11	0.55	1.48	4.71	16.93	17.65
	Mtn. Home	88	60	11	0.35	1.51	4.63	18.47	16.75
Northeast	Batesville	91	62	12	0.37	1.29	4.64	12.43	16.58
	Blytheville	94	66	13	1.10	1.66	4.82	8.92	18.28
	Jonesboro	94	62	13	0.06	1.28	5.05	10.44	17.76
	Keiser	95	65	13	2.25	3.54	4.65	11.17	18.40
	Newport	94	64	10	2.37	3.71	4.67	16.24	17.55
W. Central	Booneville	91	64	11	0.42	1.40	4.52	17.85	16.67
	Clarksville	90	63	11	0.34	2.18	4.66	17.54	16.86
	Dardanelle	91	63	9	0.00	1.44	5.01	16.15	17.54
	Ft. Smith	91	63	12	0.94	2.43	4.33	17.96	14.69
	Mena	85	64	10	0.84	2.87	5.54	22.85	19.37
	Ozark	91	61	11	0.44	2.02	3.77	12.44	15.72
Central	Conway	88	64	11	0.10	1.78	4.61	16.76	18.04
	Hot Springs	88	66	10	0.22	1.49	4.95	16.88	19.31
	Little Rock	90	64	10	0.09	2.41	4.96	17.48	17.99
	Morrilton	92	63	11	0.02	1.88	4.57	19.41	17.48
	N. Little Rock	90	69	11	0.19	1.91	4.67	16.53	17.59
E. Central	Brinkley	92	65	11	2.84	4.24	4.93	16.01	18.14
	Marianna	94	65	11	0.55	1.62	4.79	13.78	19.03
	Stuttgart	92	68	10	0.64	2.51	5.10	11.71	18.99
	West Memphis	91	63	11	0.09	0.99	5.89	13.66	20.19
Southwest	DeQueen	88	62	9	0.36	1.27	4.40	13.41	16.84
	Hope	89	64	11	0.00	0.93	4.61	17.90	19.16
	Texarkana	91	67	11	0.00	2.12	4.03	15.05	16.47
S. Central	Camden	91	61	9	0.19	2.33	4.16	18.50	18.81
	El Dorado	89	61	8	0.00	2.53	4.01	18.39	18.79
	Fordyce**	88	62	11	0.00	2.20	4.47	13.67	11.57
Southeast	Eudora	93	64	9	0.00	1.86	5.18	17.09	22.12
	Monticello	91	67	11	0.02	2.04	4.57	13.65	20.47
	Pine Bluff	91	62	9	0.00	3.20	4.68	14.02	19.09
	Rohwer	91	67	10	0.00	1.86	4.60	12.41	19.76

* 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.