



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 30, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 22.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 43.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Pine Bluff. Highs ranged from 50.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 66.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for the week was spread out through the state, with the heaviest rainfall in the southeast region of Arkansas.

Crop progress for week ending March 30, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	18	9	20	30
Rice, planted	4	1	0	5
Sorghum, planted	1	0	0	7
Soybeans, planted	1	0	0	1
Winter Wheat, headed	1	1	0	6

Crop condition for week ending March 30, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	0	5	37	54	4
Pasture	4	29	40	24	3
Winter Wheat	0	6	38	46	10
Hay, other	7	19	46	26	2
Hay, alfalfa	5	8	40	47	0

Comments

“Dry conditions early in the week allowed the planting of rice and corn to begin and ground preparation to continue.”

- Branon Thiesse, Craighead

“Wheat in the county is starting to look better, but is late. Warm weather this week should help it progress.”

- Ray Benson, Mississippi

“Rain late in the week slowed planting progress. Cool temperatures led to slow growth of forages.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph

“Rice and corn planting started last Friday. Rain mid-afternoon Thursday brought all field work to a halt. Average of 1 inch across the county will stop work for a few days.”

- Russ Parker, Crittenden

“Corn, rice, and soybean planting have begun. Wet and cool weather has stopped our planting. Most wheat is growing and has a dark green color.”

- Mitch Crow, St. Francis

“Winter annual forage production continues to disappoint producers. Hopefully the warmer temperatures forecast for this week will cause them to grow.”

- Mike McCarter, Pike

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 30, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Harrison Boone	58.3	32.6	45.4	52.3	-6.8	0.73	2	0.20	3.41	-0.04
Kingston	50.3	31.6	40.9	50.2	-9.3	1.40	2	NA	4.09	NA
Lead Hill	53.3	27.0	40.2	49.5	-9.4	0.41	2	0.63	3.90	0.05
Winslow	52.6	32.7	42.6	NA	NA	1.67	3	NA	6.19	NA
Extreme/Average	53.6	31.0	42.3	50.7	-8.5	1.05	3	0.42	4.40	0.01
North Central										
Calico Rock	57.0	29.3	43.1	51.1	-8.0	0.76	3	0.32	5.37	1.29
Evening Shade	53.4	22.4	37.9	52.9	14.8	0.08	1	0.69	3.96	0.10
Gilbert	60.5	35.3	47.9	52.2	-4.1	0.84	3	0.05	5.80	1.97
Mammoth Spring	54.6	28.9	41.7	51.0	-9.3	0.65	3	0.42	3.84	-0.10
Mtn Home	55.4	32.1	43.8	52.3	-8.6	0.69	3	0.44	4.52	0.45
Mtn View	57.1	33.6	45.4	53.4	-8.0	0.60	2	0.46	5.41	1.35
Extreme/Average	56.3	30.3	43.3	52.1	-8.8	0.60	3	0.40	4.82	0.84
Northeast										
Corning	58.0	36.0	47.0	53.7	-7.1	0.72	2	0.03	3.87	0.24
Jonesboro	57.0	33.7	45.4	53.2	-7.8	1.61	2	0.58	5.69	1.80
Keiser	57.9	36.4	47.1	54.9	-7.8	1.46	2	0.34	4.16	0.05
Newport	55.7	36.1	45.9	54.3	-8.3	1.35	2	0.28	5.01	0.89
Pocahontas	56.9	33.0	44.9	52.3	-7.3	1.02	3	NA	2.38	-1.59
Searcy	58.3	35.6	46.9	54.7	-7.8	0.95	2	0.12	4.55	0.23
Extreme/Average	57.3	35.1	46.2	53.9	-7.7	1.19	3	0.17	4.28	0.27
West Central										
Booneville	60.0	36.3	48.1	54.1	-6.0	0.24	3	0.75	4.49	0.73
Dardanelle	61.4	37.4	49.4	56.7	-7.3	0.40	1	NA	3.04	NA
Mena	59.4	34.6	47.0	53.2	-6.2	0.17	3	1.00	4.29	-0.26
Subiaco	59.0	37.7	48.4	55.2	-6.8	0.15	2	0.79	2.90	-0.83
Waldron	59.7	31.4	45.6	53.8	-8.2	0.12	1	0.82	6.31	2.46
Extreme/Average	59.9	35.5	47.7	54.6	-6.9	0.22	3	0.84	4.21	0.53
Central										
Alum Fork	58.6	35.0	46.8	54.2	-7.5	1.75	2	0.60	5.40	0.67
Cabot	60.0	35.9	47.9	55.2	-7.2	1.34	5	0.30	6.12	1.80
Conway	58.7	37.4	48.1	55.0	-7.0	0.49	2	0.72	3.54	-0.90
Hot Springs	60.4	40.7	50.6	56.4	-5.8	1.09	2	0.11	5.92	1.27
Morrilton	62.3	36.0	49.1	54.2	-5.1	0.67	3	0.40	3.88	-0.30
Extreme/Average	60.0	37.0	48.5	55.0	-6.5	1.07	5	0.07	4.97	0.51
East Central										
Brinkley	54.8	36.0	45.4	55.1	-9.4	0.90	1	0.16	2.30	-0.99
Des Arc	58.1	40.7	49.4	56.3	-6.9	1.81	2	0.68	4.48	0.16
Keo	57.5	37.3	47.4	57.4	-9.9	0.36	2	0.39	4.30	0.52
Stuttgart	63.6	41.0	52.3	55.7	-3.5	NA		1.11	2.85	-1.15
West Memphis	58.3	35.8	47.1	55.1	-8.2	2.92	3	1.81	7.74	3.31
Extreme/Average	58.5	38.2	48.3	55.9	-7.6	1.20	3	0.23	4.33	0.37
Southwest										
Ashdown	62.6	40.3	51.4	NA	NA	1.86	3	0.78	3.96	-0.72
Hope	64.6	38.1	51.4	56.6	-5.2	1.17	2	0.11	3.90	-0.53
Murfreesboro	63.3	34.9	49.1	54.6	-5.6	0.92	3	0.32	4.94	0.58
Nashville	66.3	39.4	52.9	57.4	-4.5	0.51	3	0.62	3.42	-1.14
Extreme/Average	64.2	38.2	51.2	56.2	-5.1	1.11	3	0.01	4.05	-0.45
South Central										
Camden	65.3	37.1	51.2	57.7	-6.5	1.07	3	0.01	3.22	-1.15
Fordyce	62.7	36.9	49.8	55.4	-5.6	0.80	2	0.37	4.31	-0.46
Magnolia	63.4	36.4	49.9	57.5	-7.3	NA		0.83	1.75	-1.26
Prescott	64.0	37.6	50.8	55.9	-5.2	2.13	3	1.01	4.94	0.89
Sparkman	61.0	34.4	47.7	56.1	-8.3	0.12	1	0.70	3.30	-0.40
Extreme/Average	63.3	36.5	49.9	56.5	-6.6	0.82	3	0.18	3.50	-0.48
Southeast										
Crossett	64.6	39.0	51.8	57.1	-5.3	3.12	2	2.04	5.43	0.92
Eudora	66.4	42.0	54.2	59.6	-5.4	4.93	2	3.84	7.84	3.53
Pine Bluff	62.0	43.6	52.8	57.2	-4.4	0.75	2	0.35	4.98	0.65
Portland	64.1	40.9	52.5	57.4	-4.9	3.90	2	2.89	5.90	1.69
Rohwer	60.0	37.8	48.9	57.2	-8.1	2.00	1	1.31	4.09	0.43
Extreme/Average	63.4	40.7	52.0	57.7	-5.6	2.94	2	1.95	5.65	1.44
State	59.6	35.8	47.7	54.8	-7.1	1.08	3	0.01	4.41	0.32

DFN = Departure from Normal.

NA = Not Available.