



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending September 28, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 28, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 53 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 43 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 46.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Mammoth Spring to 59.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 88.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was negligible, with the highest concentration in the northwest region of the state with an average of 0.08 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 28, 2014

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Corn, harvested | 90 | 74 | 91 | 89 |
| Cotton, open bolls | 86 | 75 | 84 | 86 |
| Cotton, harvested | 2 | 0 | 5 | 15 |
| Rice, mature | 94 | 86 | 93 | 93 |
| Rice, harvested | 62 | 44 | 55 | 64 |
| Sorghum, mature | 99 | 97 | 99 | 100 |
| Sorghum, harvested | 84 | 71 | 67 | 80 |
| Soybeans, turning color | 81 | 73 | 73 | 74 |
| Soybeans, dropping leaves | 67 | 57 | 50 | 53 |
| Soybeans, mature | 52 | 42 | 38 | 39 |
| Soybeans, harvested | 32 | 23 | 24 | 26 |
| Winter Wheat, planted | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 |

Crop condition for week ending September 28, 2014

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Cotton | 0 | 5 | 19 | 51 | 25 |
| Hay, alfalfa | 5 | 10 | 39 | 46 | 0 |
| Hay, other | 3 | 9 | 39 | 45 | 4 |
| Livestock | 1 | 2 | 22 | 64 | 11 |
| Pasture | 1 | 13 | 34 | 45 | 7 |
| Rice | 1 | 5 | 27 | 49 | 18 |
| Soybeans | 2 | 10 | 26 | 43 | 19 |

Comments from Extension Agents

“Producers are spraying armyworms across the county. Hay harvest is near the end. Fall calving season has begun. Some winter annuals are being planted.”

-Michael Paskewitz, IZARD County

“Harvest of rice and corn is winding down. Corn should be completed this week. Beginning to harvest soybeans. Farmers are harvesting grain sorghum, defoliating cotton, and harvesting the last of the hay crop.”

-Andy Vangilder, CLAY County

“Thanks to favorable weather conditions, combines have returned to the field. Many fields of peanuts have been dug and several have already been harvested. Much progress has been made in harvesting of corn and rice. Some fields of soybeans are just at maturity or soon will be; more grain sorghum has been harvested this past week.”

-Herb Ginn, LAWRENCE County

“Crop harvest continues. Rice yields will be average this year. The Clearfield and Mermentau varieties yield is down, hybrid yields and conventional Roy-J are most promising on yields. Getting grain sorghum to dry down on high moisture has been difficult this year. Much of cotton has been defoliated, so boll openers will be applied next. Few fields of late planted soybeans are still being irrigated.”

-Mitch Crow, SAINT FRANCIS County

“Overall, the grazing conditions are better than most can remember for this time of year. Bermuda Stem maggots are causing yield reduction in some hay meadows. High calf prices have stimulated sales of light weight calves that ordinarily have been kept on the cows for another month or two and have resulted in cows going into the fall in better than normal condition.”

-Mike McCarter, PIKE County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending September 28, 2014

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kingston | 75.0 | 55.2 | 65.1 | 65.4 | -0.5 | 0.01 | 1 | NA | 2.53 | NA |
| Lead Hill | 78.2 | 47.8 | 63.0 | 63.9 | -0.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.66 | 2.23 | -1.23 |
| Winslow | 75.3 | 57.3 | 66.3 | NA | NA | 0.24 | 1 | NA | 5.49 | NA |
| Extreme/Average | 76.2 | 53.4 | 64.8 | 64.6 | -0.6 | 0.08 | 1 | -0.66 | 3.42 | -1.23 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calico Rock | 79.1 | 47.0 | 63.1 | 65.2 | -2.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.03 | 0.49 | -3.31 |
| Evening Shade | 81.5 | 46.7 | 64.1 | 67.1 | -3.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.84 | 1.65 | -1.73 |
| Gilbert | 82.0 | 49.4 | 65.7 | 66.5 | -0.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.02 | 2.40 | -1.51 |
| Mammoth Spring | 77.9 | 46.1 | 62.0 | 64.7 | -2.7 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.93 | 4.31 | 0.67 |
| Mtn Home | 78.7 | 55.3 | 67.0 | 66.6 | 0.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.94 | 3.52 | -0.47 |
| Extreme/Average | 79.8 | 48.9 | 64.4 | 66.0 | -1.7 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.95 | 2.47 | -1.27 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corning | 82.1 | 53.6 | 67.9 | 67.6 | 0.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.90 | 2.74 | -0.50 |
| Jonesboro | 85.0 | 54.3 | 69.6 | 67.9 | 1.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.86 | 2.01 | -0.93 |
| Keiser | 84.4 | 55.7 | 70.1 | 69.4 | 0.7 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.86 | 0.37 | -2.48 |
| Newport | 81.9 | 55.0 | 68.4 | 68.6 | -0.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.73 | 0.86 | -1.98 |
| Pocahontas | 80.5 | 52.3 | 66.4 | 66.7 | -0.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.71 | 3.30 | 0.13 |
| Searcy | 83.0 | 54.7 | 68.9 | 68.8 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.83 | 0.94 | -2.15 |
| Extreme/Average | 82.8 | 54.3 | 68.5 | 68.2 | 0.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.82 | 1.70 | -1.32 |
| West Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 80.1 | 52.6 | 66.4 | 68.7 | -2.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.05 | 5.86 | 2.04 |
| Dardanelle | 82.6 | 53.9 | 68.2 | 69.8 | -1.6 | 0.06 | 1 | NA | 2.79 | NA |
| Mena | 79.3 | 51.9 | 65.6 | 67.3 | -1.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.24 | 3.78 | -0.34 |
| Subiaco | 79.9 | 53.7 | 66.8 | 68.9 | -2.1 | 0.06 | 1 | -0.91 | 3.53 | -0.18 |
| Waldron | 78.4 | 51.4 | 64.9 | 67.3 | -2.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.01 | 6.36 | 2.42 |
| Extreme/Average | 80.1 | 52.7 | 66.4 | 68.4 | -2.0 | 0.02 | 1 | -1.05 | 4.46 | 0.98 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alum Fork | 79.9 | 54.1 | 67.0 | 68.5 | -1.5 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.08 | 2.08 | -1.93 |
| Cabot | 85.3 | 55.1 | 70.2 | 69.6 | 0.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.78 | 0.82 | -2.23 |
| Conway | 81.6 | 55.6 | 68.6 | 69.0 | -0.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.75 | 1.61 | -1.24 |
| Hot Springs | 81.6 | 59.7 | 70.6 | 70.1 | 0.5 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.00 | 2.78 | -1.02 |
| Morrilton | 82.0 | 51.3 | 66.6 | 68.6 | -2.0 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.81 | 1.67 | -1.44 |
| Extreme/Average | 82.1 | 55.2 | 68.6 | 69.2 | -0.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.88 | 1.79 | -1.57 |
| East Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brinkley | 82.1 | 55.9 | 69.0 | 69.3 | -0.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.71 | 1.55 | -1.00 |
| Des Arc | 83.1 | 57.6 | 70.4 | 70.0 | 0.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.70 | 0.72 | -1.97 |
| Keo | 80.7 | 54.9 | 67.8 | 70.2 | -2.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.82 | 1.10 | -1.74 |
| Stuttgart | 82.4 | 58.0 | 70.2 | 70.1 | -0.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.49 | 1.20 | -1.00 |
| West Memphis | 85.9 | 57.3 | 71.6 | 70.2 | 1.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.78 | 2.56 | -0.30 |
| Extreme/Average | 82.8 | 56.7 | 69.8 | 70.0 | -0.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.70 | 1.43 | -1.20 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashdown | 83.0 | 59.0 | 71.0 | NA | NA | 0.00 | 0 | -0.98 | 3.01 | -0.54 |
| Hope | 82.7 | 54.6 | 68.6 | 70.2 | -1.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.91 | 2.17 | -1.36 |
| Nashville | 83.7 | 55.4 | 69.6 | 71.8 | -2.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.93 | 1.29 | -2.10 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.1 | 56.3 | 69.7 | 71.0 | -1.9 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.94 | 2.16 | -1.33 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camden | 84.3 | 53.9 | 69.1 | 70.2 | -1.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.85 | 1.22 | -1.89 |
| Fordyce | 83.6 | 54.7 | 69.1 | 68.8 | 0.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.87 | 1.92 | -1.13 |
| Prescott | 82.3 | 55.7 | 69.0 | 69.6 | -0.4 | 0.04 | 1 | -0.80 | 1.96 | -1.27 |
| Sparkman | 82.4 | 56.0 | 69.2 | 69.1 | 0.1 | 0.10 | 1 | -0.68 | 2.25 | -0.46 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.2 | 55.1 | 69.1 | 69.4 | -0.3 | 0.04 | 1 | -0.80 | 1.84 | -1.19 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crossett | 84.7 | 57.1 | 70.9 | 70.3 | 0.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.75 | 1.04 | -2.07 |
| Eudora | 88.9 | 59.9 | 74.4 | 73.3 | 1.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.86 | 1.13 | -1.98 |
| Pine Bluff | 83.7 | 58.1 | 70.9 | 71.2 | -0.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.94 | 1.68 | -1.54 |
| Portland | 86.0 | 59.6 | 72.8 | 71.3 | 1.5 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.80 | 2.96 | 0.07 |
| Rohwer | 83.1 | 58.9 | 71.0 | 70.9 | 0.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.68 | 1.63 | -0.74 |
| Extreme/Average | 85.3 | 58.7 | 72.0 | 71.4 | 0.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.81 | 1.69 | -1.25 |
| State | 81.8 | 54.5 | 68.2 | 68.7 | -0.7 | 0.01 | 0 | -0.85 | 2.32 | -1.00 |

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.