



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending October 5, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 5, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 28 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 35 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 65.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston and Winslow to 87.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Searcy. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central region of the state with an average of 1.08 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 5, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	96	90	NA	94
Cotton, open bolls	89	86	NA	92
Cotton, harvested	8	2	NA	27
Rice, mature	97	94	NA	96
Rice, harvested	76	62	NA	75
Sorghum, mature	100	99	NA	100
Sorghum, harvested	90	84	NA	88
Soybeans, turning color	88	81	NA	84
Soybeans, dropping leaves	76	67	NA	67
Soybeans, mature	65	52	NA	51
Soybeans, harvested	43	32	NA	35
Winter Wheat, planted	9	2	NA	9
Winter Wheat, emerged	1	0	NA	3

Crop condition for week ending October 5, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	0	5	20	50	25
Hay, alfalfa	5	10	39	46	0
Hay, other	3	10	38	45	4
Livestock	1	2	22	63	12
Pasture	1	9	32	50	8
Soybeans	2	10	26	41	21

Comments from Extension Agents

“Winding down rice harvest. Starting to apply boll openers and defoliating cotton. Corn harvest wrapping up. Beginning soybean harvest. Rain has brought harvest to a standstill.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Peanut harvest progressed during the week with above average yields being reported. Rain shut down harvest late in the week, but should resume within a day or so. Rice harvest continues with good yields being reported. Several 200 plus bushel per acre yields have been reported. Corn harvest is winding down with just a few fields remaining to harvest. Rain late in week will boost growth of cool season forages. A few producers continue to plant annual cool season forages. Armyworms have been spotty this week, with one find of 15 plus army worms per square foot in areas of a Bermuda grass field.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Late week rainfall slowed harvest. Rainfall totals of .25" to 1" were common. Corn harvest is all but complete. Recent storms lodged some rice acres still to be harvested. Soybean harvest picked up steam. Cotton is stringy from rainfall, picking will begin when dry. Fall seeded pasture benefitted from the rain.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Producers continue to sell spring calves. Some are planting winter annuals, but not as many as normal due to the large hay stocks.”

-Mike McCarter, Pike County

“Rain and cooler weather finally arrived. Winter forages may now begin to germinate and grow. Gardeners are transitioning to cool season vegetables.”

-Robin Bridges, Union County

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	74.1	55.9	65.0	63.0	2.0	0.69	1	NA	2.28	NA
Lead Hill	78.4	51.3	64.9	61.3	3.6	1.10	1	0.21	2.65	-0.85
Winslow	74.1	56.6	65.4	NA	NA	0.46	1	NA	2.86	NA
Extreme/Average	75.5	54.6	65.1	62.2	2.8	0.75	1	0.21	2.60	-0.85
North Central										
Calico Rock	80.0	50.0	65.0	62.7	2.3	1.15	1	0.17	2.15	-1.85
Evening Shade	81.7	49.1	65.4	64.4	1.0	0.86	1	-0.12	2.32	-1.39
Gilbert	80.9	48.9	64.9	63.9	0.9	0.92	1	0.00	3.02	-0.97
Mammoth Spring	78.9	50.3	64.6	62.1	2.5	1.10	1	0.20	5.14	1.43
Mtn Home	78.1	55.3	66.7	63.9	2.8	1.22	1	0.36	3.52	-0.36
Mtn View	82.9	54.6	68.7	64.3	4.4	1.25	1	0.28	2.11	-1.78
Extreme/Average	80.4	51.4	65.9	63.6	2.3	1.08	1	0.15	3.04	-0.82
Northeast										
Corning	81.7	53.9	67.8	65.0	2.8	1.14	1	0.21	3.83	0.33
Jonesboro	84.6	54.6	69.6	65.3	4.2	0.95	1	0.00	2.56	-0.73
Keiser	83.6	57.0	70.3	66.7	3.6	1.10	2	0.17	1.44	-1.75
Newport	81.4	56.0	68.7	65.8	2.9	1.02	2	0.23	1.57	-1.40
Pocahontas	80.7	53.2	66.9	64.0	2.8	0.00	0	-0.77	3.10	-0.19
Searcy	87.5	57.7	72.6	65.9	6.5	1.18	1	0.38	1.66	-1.51
Extreme/Average	83.3	55.4	69.3	65.5	3.8	0.90	2	0.04	2.36	-0.88
West Central										
Booneville	81.0	53.7	67.4	66.2	1.2	0.00	0	-0.84	4.46	0.65
Dardanelle	83.7	55.9	69.8	67.2	2.6	0.48	1	NA	2.83	NA
Mena	78.9	52.3	65.6	64.7	0.8	1.34	1	0.11	4.98	0.28
Subiaco	81.7	54.6	68.1	66.3	1.9	0.70	1	-0.19	3.22	-0.51
Waldron	78.6	53.0	65.8	64.8	1.0	0.70	1	-0.20	6.47	2.56
Extreme/Average	80.8	53.9	67.3	65.9	1.5	0.64	1	-0.28	4.39	0.74
Central										
Alum Fork	80.7	55.6	68.1	66.0	2.1	0.61	1	-0.45	2.56	-1.58
Cabot	86.6	55.4	71.0	66.8	4.0	0.76	1	0.16	1.44	-1.45
Conway	82.1	57.4	69.8	66.3	3.5	0.75	1	-0.05	2.01	-0.97
Hot Springs	81.9	59.6	70.7	67.3	3.4	1.17	2	0.13	2.75	-1.18
Morrilton	86.7	55.5	71.1	65.8	5.2	0.98	1	0.26	1.99	-1.12
Extreme/Average	83.6	56.7	70.1	66.5	3.6	0.85	2	0.01	2.15	-1.26
East Central										
Brinkley	85.2	60.2	72.7	66.6	5.8	0.80	1	0.23	1.05	-1.50
Des Arc	83.9	59.1	71.5	67.4	4.1	0.88	2	0.09	1.16	-1.68
Keo	82.6	57.4	70.0	67.7	2.3	0.62	1	-0.27	1.60	-1.51
Stuttgart	85.8	65.2	75.5	67.4	7.7	0.34	1	-0.23	1.26	-1.22
West Memphis	81.8	54.8	68.3	67.5	1.1	1.24	2	0.53	3.62	0.71
Extreme/Average	83.9	59.3	71.6	67.3	4.2	0.78	2	0.07	1.74	-1.04
Southwest										
Ashdown	84.0	58.9	71.4	NA	NA	1.06	1	0.04	3.87	0.13
Dequeen	83.0	58.2	70.6	67.4	3.0	0.32	1	-0.56	6.62	2.93
Hope	83.3	57.4	70.4	67.5	2.8	1.46	2	0.46	3.59	-0.06
Murfreesboro	81.9	54.4	68.1	65.9	2.3	1.12	2	0.09	6.18	2.46
Nashville	84.7	57.9	71.3	69.0	2.3	0.70	1	-0.32	1.96	-1.65
Extreme/Average	83.4	57.4	70.4	67.4	2.6	0.93	2	-0.06	4.44	0.76
South Central										
Camden	83.9	56.9	70.4	67.5	2.9	0.70	1	-0.27	1.18	-2.26
Fordyce	82.6	56.9	69.7	66.1	3.6	0.59	1	-0.40	1.89	-1.48
Magnolia	87.2	63.4	75.3	68.1	7.1	2.00	1	1.24	2.20	1.12
Prescott	82.0	53.7	67.8	66.9	0.9	0.81	2	-0.14	1.91	-1.44
Sparkman	79.7	55.0	67.3	66.1	1.3	1.26	2	0.47	2.90	-0.06
Extreme/Average	83.1	57.2	70.1	66.9	3.2	1.07	2	0.18	2.02	-0.82
Southeast										
Crossett	83.0	56.6	69.8	67.6	2.1	1.35	1	0.44	1.45	-1.73
Eudora	86.5	61.5	74.0	70.7	3.2	0.00	0	-0.81	0.60	-2.75
Pine Bluff	84.8	62.0	73.4	68.4	4.8	0.85	2	-0.04	2.39	-1.03
Portland	84.3	59.1	71.7	68.7	3.0	0.68	1	-0.23	1.02	-2.12
Rohwer	82.6	59.9	71.2	68.2	3.0	1.32	2	0.53	1.99	-0.62
Extreme/Average	84.2	59.8	72.0	68.7	3.2	0.84	2	0.02	1.49	-1.65
State	82.1	56.2	69.1	66.0	3.1	0.87	1	0.03	2.69	-0.63

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.