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Week Ending March 29, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 1.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 29, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 72 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 56 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 35.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Spring to 47.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc. Highs ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 71.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashdown. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northwest region of the state with an average of 1.90 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 29, 2015

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn, planted | 2 | 0 | 17 | 28 |
| Rice, planted | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Sorghum, planted | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Soybeans, planted | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Winter Wheat, headed | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |

Crop condition for week ending March 29, 2015

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Hay, alfalfa | 1 | 5 | 72 | 21 | 1 |
| Hay, other | 2 | 30 | 50 | 16 | 2 |
| Livestock | 2 | 4 | 43 | 48 | 3 |
| Pasture | 2 | 26 | 44 | 26 | 2 |
| Winter Wheat | 4 | 15 | 33 | 42 | 6 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“We have experienced a good, late winter and early spring with plenty of rain. These conditions have slowed field preparation, but who is complaining? Conditions make it hard for early spraying, but the grass looks great!”

-Mike McClintock, Boone County

“A few acres of corn were planted this past week, and more planting would have taken place had we missed the rain Wednesday evening and Thursday.”

-Herb Ginn, Lawrence County

“Rain again this week has delayed any fieldwork for at least 5-7 days longer. Forages made moderate growth during the week. Winter wheat received fertilizer early in the week just prior to rain moving in.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Fieldwork has been extremely limited all year. Wheat fertilization is complete. Producers are still making decisions about which crop to plant and Farm Bill sign-ups. We are expecting a large increase in grain sorghum acreage.”

-Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“Producers continue to prepare equipment for upcoming spring planting. Burndown applications of herbicide continue. Supplemental feeding continues for livestock, as winter pastures green.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Producers are behind planting corn, but are starting to plant this week. They are flying fertilizer applications on wheat.”

-Joe Stuart, Little River County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 29, 2015

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kingston | 57.0 | 39.2 | 48.1 | 49.9 | -1.9 | 1.70 | 3 | NA | 5.95 | NA |
| Lead Hill | 61.1 | 36.1 | 48.6 | 49.2 | -0.6 | 2.02 | 4 | 0.98 | 7.32 | 3.50 |
| Winslow | 61.1 | 42.9 | 52.0 | NA | NA | 1.97 | 5 | NA | 7.00 | NA |
| Extreme/Average | 59.7 | 39.4 | 49.6 | 49.6 | -1.2 | 1.90 | 5 | 0.98 | 6.76 | 3.50 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calico Rock | 62.9 | 35.4 | 49.1 | 50.8 | -1.7 | 1.65 | 3 | 0.58 | 7.11 | 3.21 |
| Evening Shade | 61.7 | 35.1 | 48.4 | 52.6 | -4.2 | 1.17 | 3 | 0.08 | 8.87 | 4.72 |
| Gilbert | 65.1 | 35.3 | 50.2 | 51.9 | -1.7 | 1.73 | 3 | 0.70 | 7.13 | 3.17 |
| Mammoth Spring | 62.3 | 36.3 | 49.3 | 50.7 | -1.4 | 2.37 | 3 | 1.30 | 8.39 | 4.79 |
| Mtn Home | 62.3 | 39.6 | 50.9 | 52.0 | -1.1 | 2.82 | 5 | 1.70 | 7.42 | 3.27 |
| Mtn View | 65.0 | 40.1 | 52.6 | 53.0 | -0.5 | 1.09 | 3 | 0.05 | 8.38 | 4.34 |
| Extreme/Average | 63.2 | 37.0 | 50.1 | 51.8 | -1.7 | 1.80 | 5 | 0.73 | 7.88 | 3.92 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corning | 60.9 | 40.0 | 50.4 | 53.4 | -3.0 | 1.66 | 1 | 0.59 | 6.73 | 2.96 |
| Jonesboro | 61.7 | 39.4 | 50.6 | 52.9 | -2.3 | 0.43 | 5 | -0.58 | 8.23 | 4.37 |
| Newport | 59.0 | 42.8 | 50.9 | 54.0 | -3.2 | 0.65 | 4 | -0.26 | 8.53 | 4.58 |
| Pocahontas | 63.9 | 39.3 | 51.6 | 52.0 | -0.4 | 1.54 | 4 | 0.51 | 8.20 | 4.26 |
| Searcy | 65.5 | 42.5 | 54.0 | 54.4 | -0.3 | 0.36 | 3 | -0.55 | 8.43 | 4.28 |
| Extreme/Average | 62.2 | 40.8 | 51.5 | 53.3 | -1.8 | 0.93 | 5 | -0.06 | 8.02 | 4.09 |
| West Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dardanelle | 68.9 | 42.9 | 55.9 | 56.4 | -0.5 | 0.93 | 2 | NA | 7.63 | NA |
| Mena | 65.7 | 41.1 | 53.4 | 52.9 | 0.5 | 0.84 | 3 | -0.33 | 7.89 | 3.50 |
| Subiaco | 65.4 | 42.6 | 54.0 | 54.9 | -0.9 | 0.93 | 4 | 0.00 | 6.80 | 3.09 |
| Waldron | 67.1 | 44.3 | 55.7 | 53.5 | 2.2 | 0.86 | 4 | -0.07 | 6.62 | 2.80 |
| Extreme/Average | 66.8 | 42.7 | 54.8 | 54.4 | 0.3 | 0.89 | 4 | -0.13 | 7.24 | 3.13 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alum Fork | 63.0 | 41.7 | 52.4 | 54.0 | -1.6 | 0.49 | 3 | -0.67 | 8.34 | 3.60 |
| Cabot | 64.7 | 39.6 | 52.1 | 54.9 | -2.8 | 0.32 | 5 | -0.72 | 7.57 | 3.56 |
| Conway | 65.0 | 41.4 | 53.2 | 54.7 | -1.5 | 0.55 | 4 | -0.67 | 6.81 | 2.41 |
| Hot Springs | 66.3 | 45.6 | 55.9 | 56.1 | -0.2 | 0.37 | 2 | -0.84 | 12.38 | 7.90 |
| Morrilton | 66.7 | 41.4 | 54.1 | 53.9 | 0.2 | 0.77 | 5 | -0.29 | 7.17 | 3.18 |
| Extreme/Average | 65.1 | 41.9 | 53.5 | 54.7 | -1.2 | 0.50 | 5 | -0.64 | 8.45 | 4.13 |
| East Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brinkley | 60.0 | 42.6 | 51.3 | 54.8 | -3.5 | 0.50 | 2 | -0.54 | 7.80 | 3.76 |
| Des Arc | 64.7 | 47.9 | 56.3 | 56.0 | 0.3 | 0.18 | 4 | -0.94 | 7.40 | 3.10 |
| Keo | 67.0 | 44.6 | 55.8 | 57.1 | -1.3 | 0.40 | 2 | -0.67 | 8.65 | 4.57 |
| Extreme/Average | 63.9 | 45.0 | 54.5 | 56.0 | -1.5 | 0.36 | 4 | -0.72 | 7.95 | 3.81 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashdown | 71.1 | 46.1 | 58.6 | NA | NA | 0.15 | 3 | -0.95 | 10.57 | 5.87 |
| Murfreesboro | 67.6 | 37.9 | 52.7 | 54.4 | -1.7 | 0.31 | 3 | -0.92 | 5.90 | 1.41 |
| Nashville | 69.9 | 41.9 | 55.9 | 57.1 | -1.3 | 0.13 | 2 | -1.01 | 7.71 | 3.15 |
| Extreme/Average | 69.5 | 42.0 | 55.7 | 55.8 | -1.5 | 0.20 | 3 | -0.96 | 8.06 | 3.48 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camden | 68.1 | 39.0 | 53.6 | 57.4 | -3.8 | 0.32 | 2 | -0.77 | 12.56 | 8.17 |
| Fordyce | 66.1 | 42.7 | 54.4 | 55.1 | -0.7 | 0.51 | 3 | -0.66 | 9.95 | 5.18 |
| Prescott | 70.0 | 44.8 | 57.4 | 55.7 | 2.0 | 0.14 | 3 | -0.67 | 11.50 | 7.29 |
| Sparkman | 66.6 | 41.4 | 54.0 | 55.8 | -1.8 | 0.78 | 3 | -0.33 | 12.66 | 8.54 |
| Extreme/Average | 67.7 | 42.0 | 54.9 | 56.0 | -1.1 | 0.44 | 3 | -0.61 | 11.67 | 7.29 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crossett | 67.0 | 43.1 | 55.1 | 56.9 | -1.8 | 0.16 | 2 | -0.92 | 6.86 | 2.32 |
| Eudora | 71.0 | 47.3 | 59.1 | 59.3 | -0.2 | 0.61 | 1 | -0.47 | 7.19 | 3.20 |
| Pine Bluff | 64.1 | 45.0 | 54.6 | 56.9 | -2.3 | 0.32 | 3 | -0.78 | 10.44 | 6.27 |
| Portland | 63.8 | 45.4 | 54.6 | 57.2 | -2.5 | 0.34 | 1 | -0.38 | 5.29 | 1.51 |
| Rohwer | 64.7 | 47.5 | 56.1 | 57.0 | -0.8 | 0.24 | 2 | -0.58 | 7.06 | 3.27 |
| Extreme/Average | 66.1 | 45.7 | 55.9 | 57.4 | -1.5 | 0.33 | 3 | -0.63 | 7.37 | 3.31 |
| State | 64.9 | 41.9 | 53.4 | 54.4 | -1.2 | 0.80 | 4 | -0.24 | 8.23 | 4.14 |

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.