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Week Ending April 12, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 12, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 62.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser. Highs ranged from 68.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 79.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. Cold front arrived towards the end of the week, bringing scattered showers throughout much of the state.

Crop progress for week ending April 12, 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	51	27	35	58
Corn, emerged	10	NA	14	30
Cotton, planted	1	0	0	1
Rice, planted	21	6	16	27
Rice, emerged	3	0	2	6
Sorghum, planted	14	6	5	29
Sorghum, emerged	1	NA	0	8
Soybeans, planted	8	2	4	7
Winter Wheat, headed	7	2	1	24

Crop condition for week ending April 12, 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	62	28	4
Hay, other	2	25	43	27	3
Livestock	2	3	40	48	7
Pasture	1	13	44	36	6
Winter Wheat	3	13	31	42	11

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Abundant moisture and better weather conditions have contributed to better field conditions, pasture and livestock conditions.”

-Bruce Lee, Carroll County

“Working cattle and getting sprayers ready for weed control. Wet conditions have slowed fertilizer applications. Some producers are still treating for scours in newborn calves.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Consistent rains are keeping farmers from planting and spraying. The forecast is for another wet week. We need good weather soon to keep from pushing our crop late.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Farmers were seeding corn and getting fields ready for planting. Hay fields were sprayed for weed control. Scattered thunderstorms produced hail and various amounts of rainfall. Long-range forecast could further delay planting and fieldwork next week.”

-Hank Chaney, Faulkner County

“Producers made good progress on planting corn and rice. We should see corn emergence by the weekend.”

-Rick Wimberley, Cross County

“Many acres have been planted with dryer condition. Several have finished planting corn. We had rainfall, 0.7 across most of county. We needed rainfall to activated pre-emerge herbicides and help with emergence of our crops. Wheat is jointing and seed head should soon emerge.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 12, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	68.4	45.6	57.0	54.4	2.6	0.37	2	NA	2.66	NA
Lead Hill	70.1	47.9	59.0	53.1	5.9	0.29	3	-0.57	4.14	0.28
Winslow	68.7	49.6	59.1	NA	NA	0.28	3	NA	2.97	NA
Extreme/Average	69.1	47.7	58.4	53.8	4.2	0.31	3	-0.57	3.26	0.28
North Central										
Calico Rock	72.3	46.0	59.1	55.0	4.1	0.28	3	-0.81	3.16	-1.17
Evening Shade	71.6	47.3	59.4	56.8	2.6	0.56	5	-0.47	2.99	-1.24
Gilbert	73.4	46.9	60.1	55.9	4.2	0.60	5	-0.42	4.00	-0.10
Mammoth Spring	73.6	49.1	61.4	54.9	6.5	0.24	5	-0.89	5.16	0.98
Mtn Home	72.9	50.1	61.5	56.4	5.1	0.33	4	-0.75	5.38	0.99
Mtn View	72.3	51.6	61.9	57.3	4.6	1.04	3	-0.08	3.08	-1.14
Extreme/Average	72.7	48.5	60.6	56.1	4.5	0.51	5	-0.57	3.96	-0.28
Northeast										
Corning	72.9	52.3	62.6	58.1	4.5	1.12	5	0.09	5.07	0.92
Jonesboro	75.1	51.0	63.1	57.5	5.5	1.68	5	0.60	4.06	-0.06
Keiser	78.0	62.4	70.2	59.1	11.4	1.74	3	0.98	3.10	-0.88
Newport	72.2	52.2	62.2	58.4	3.6	3.37	4	2.43	5.58	1.59
Pocahontas	72.9	51.0	61.9	56.3	5.6	0.95	4	-0.07	4.13	0.05
Searcy	75.3	52.1	63.7	58.4	5.3	0.71	3	-0.38	3.14	-1.22
Extreme/Average	74.4	53.5	63.9	58.0	6.0	1.59	5	0.61	4.18	0.07
West Central										
Booneville	76.3	50.6	63.4	58.0	5.4	0.24	1	-0.53	2.48	-1.15
Dardanelle	76.9	53.3	65.1	60.4	4.7	0.10	2	NA	1.52	NA
Mena	72.0	50.7	61.4	56.6	4.7	0.31	2	-0.83	2.40	-2.18
Subiaco	74.4	51.7	63.1	58.8	4.2	0.15	1	-0.78	2.06	-1.66
Waldron	73.6	49.4	61.5	57.4	4.1	0.17	1	-0.75	2.25	-1.45
Extreme/Average	74.6	51.1	62.9	58.2	4.6	0.19	2	-0.72	2.14	-1.61
Central										
Alum Fork	72.1	51.0	61.6	57.8	3.8	1.65	5	0.48	3.34	-1.31
Cabot	75.7	53.5	64.6	58.5	6.3	0.41	6	-0.46	3.22	-0.66
Conway	75.6	50.4	63.0	58.6	4.4	0.43	4	-0.69	1.87	-2.76
Hot Springs	74.9	54.9	64.9	60.0	4.9	1.00	3	-0.20	4.34	-0.28
Morrilton	75.0	51.0	63.0	57.9	5.1	0.43	5	-0.58	1.91	-2.27
Extreme/Average	74.7	52.2	63.4	58.6	4.9	0.78	6	-0.29	2.94	-1.46
East Central										
Brinkley	72.6	52.7	62.6	59.0	3.6	0.70	2	-0.40	2.50	-1.65
Des Arc	76.6	58.1	67.4	60.3	7.1	0.25	4	-0.93	2.02	-2.57
Keo	72.9	55.0	63.9	61.3	2.6	1.00	3	-0.18	5.68	1.28
Stuttgart	79.4	58.3	68.9	59.6	9.3	1.05	2	-0.16	4.02	-0.46
West Memphis	78.9	54.1	66.5	59.0	7.5	0.73	3	-0.40	2.44	-2.00
Extreme/Average	76.1	55.6	65.9	59.8	6.0	0.75	4	-0.41	3.33	-1.08
Southwest										
Ashdown	77.0	54.7	65.9	NA	NA	0.91	3	0.13	4.00	NA
Hope	75.9	53.9	64.9	59.9	5.0	0.90	3	-0.10	3.11	-1.06
Murfreeboro	75.3	51.0	63.1	57.8	5.3	1.71	3	0.58	3.19	-1.52
Nashville	76.7	54.3	65.5	60.7	4.8	1.77	3	0.74	3.14	-1.23
Extreme/Average	76.2	53.5	64.8	59.5	5.0	1.32	3	0.34	3.36	-0.95
South Central										
Camden	75.0	48.4	61.7	61.0	0.7	1.50	2	0.49	4.75	0.54
Fordyce	74.7	53.7	64.2	58.8	5.4	0.93	2	-0.16	4.63	0.04
Sparkman	74.6	50.9	62.7	59.4	3.3	0.76	3	-0.34	4.87	0.49
Extreme/Average	74.8	51.0	62.9	59.7	3.2	1.06	3	NA	4.75	0.36
Southeast										
Crossett	72.4	53.6	63.0	60.1	2.9	0.87	2	-0.23	4.52	0.14
Eudora	74.8	55.7	65.3	62.9	2.3	0.92	2	-0.19	5.03	0.77
Pine Bluff	75.0	53.4	64.2	60.9	3.4	2.03	2	1.11	5.28	1.10
Portland	71.9	55.0	63.4	61.1	2.4	1.32	3	0.25	4.18	0.29
Rohwer	73.4	57.3	65.4	60.9	4.5	2.07	3	0.99	5.51	1.60
Extreme/Average	73.5	55.0	64.3	61.2	3.1	1.44	3	-0.39	4.90	0.78
State	74.2	52.1	63.1	58.4	4.7	0.89	3	-0.14	3.64	-0.46

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.