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Week Ending April 19, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 19, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 59 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Camden to 62.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 65.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 78.6 degrees Fahrenheit at West Memphis. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the east central region of the state with an average of 2.59 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 19, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	66	51	50	73
Corn, emerged	43	10	16	47
Cotton, planted	3	1	1	6
Cotton, emerged	1	0	0	1
Rice, planted	28	21	27	44
Rice, emerged	10	3	7	18
Sorghum, planted	27	14	11	45
Sorghum, emerged	12	1	0	20
Soybeans, planted	11	8	7	12
Soybeans, emerged	4	0	0	5
Winter Wheat, headed	14	7	4	37

Crop condition for week ending April 19, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hay, alfalfa	1	5	60	29	5
Hay, other	2	25	42	27	4
Livestock	2	2	36	52	8
Pasture	1	13	40	38	8
Winter Wheat	3	13	28	45	11

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Fertilizing and spraying drier fields. Some melon producers have fieldwork done, but no plantings yet. Worming and vaccinating cattle. Some fieldwork done for seeding and sprigging Bermudagrass.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“A few row crop farmers planted some rice during the week. A few fields got dry enough to drill, and some flew seed onto their fields. There was a small amount of corn planted during the week, but rain has put a halt to row crop farming. Forages made moderate growth, and fertilizer was applied to several cool season grass hay fields.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“There was 10-20% wind and hail damage on some wheat fields. Some fields planted with winter annuals for silage were laid flat by the wind.”

-Kevin VanPelt, Conway County

“Planting progress was halted early in the week by rainfall. Corn, sorghum, and rice were emerging. Buffalo gnats were harassing animals and humans.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Wheat making good growth. Looks good and has a dark green color. Should see heads emerging in the next week or so. Rice, corn, and grain sorghum are emerging. We need dry weather to finish planting our crops. We have had 1.5-2.5” of rain in our county this week.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

“Spring rains have halted this week, allowing producers to catch up on forage weed management. Sunshine and warmer temperatures have gardens and orchards greening quickly.”

-Robin Bridges, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 19, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	67.1	50.6	58.9	56.4	2.5	1.32	5	NA	3.47	NA
Lead Hill	65.8	49.6	57.7	55.1	2.9	1.07	3	0.35	4.29	0.71
Winslow	69.1	52.6	60.9	NA	NA	2.03	6	NA	4.46	NA
Extreme/Average	67.3	50.9	59.1	55.7	2.7	1.47	6	0.35	4.07	0.71
North Central										
Calico Rock	71.3	52.4	61.9	57.1	4.8	1.92	3	0.84	4.55	0.21
Evening Shade	74.3	49.1	61.7	58.8	2.9	2.19	3	1.13	4.39	0.18
Gilbert	72.0	52.0	62.0	57.9	4.1	3.07	5	2.04	6.18	2.07
Mammoth Spring	72.9	54.0	63.4	56.9	6.5	2.60	2	1.45	7.31	2.87
Mtn Home	71.7	54.3	63.0	58.4	4.6	1.55	3	0.45	6.31	1.94
Mtn View	71.3	54.6	62.9	59.4	3.6	2.56	4	1.39	5.17	0.79
Extreme/Average	72.3	52.7	62.5	58.1	4.4	2.31	5	1.22	5.65	1.34
Northeast										
Corning	73.4	56.0	64.7	60.4	4.3	1.59	5	0.52	6.22	2.00
Jonesboro	73.9	55.0	64.4	59.8	4.6	3.23	4	2.08	6.74	2.46
Newport	70.4	56.0	63.2	60.6	2.6	2.71	5	1.55	7.36	3.12
Pocahontas	73.4	54.0	63.7	58.4	5.3	1.72	3	0.66	5.29	1.17
Searcy	74.0	54.3	65.0	60.4	5.2	2.29	4	1.49	4.28	0.23
Extreme/Average	73.0	55.1	64.2	59.9	4.4	2.31	5	1.26	5.98	1.80
West Central										
Dardanelle	74.4	57.7	66.1	62.3	3.8	2.09	3	NA	3.30	NA
Mena	71.5	51.8	61.7	58.6	3.3	2.82	3	1.74	4.27	-0.26
Subiaco	72.1	54.4	63.3	60.8	2.5	2.15	4	1.13	3.27	-0.52
Waldron	71.8	50.0	60.9	59.6	1.6	2.84	3	2.11	4.04	0.56
Extreme/Average	72.5	53.5	63.0	60.3	2.8	2.48	4	1.66	3.72	-0.07
Central										
Alum Fork	71.3	52.4	61.9	59.7	2.2	2.89	5	1.66	5.76	1.08
Cabot	75.0	52.3	63.7	60.4	3.5	1.95	3	1.03	4.05	0.35
Conway	74.0	55.3	64.3	60.5	3.9	2.48	5	1.34	3.80	-0.82
Hot Springs	72.7	56.7	64.7	61.9	2.9	3.64	4	2.60	6.21	1.73
Morrilton	74.7	56.4	65.6	59.9	5.7	1.86	6	0.80	3.34	-0.82
Extreme/Average	73.5	54.6	64.0	60.5	3.6	2.56	6	1.49	4.63	0.30
East Central										
Brinkley	71.7	55.0	63.4	61.2	2.2	2.60	4	1.43	3.80	-0.55
Des Arc	74.3	58.4	66.4	62.4	4.0	3.05	5	1.88	3.80	-0.84
Keo	72.7	60.0	66.4	63.3	3.0	1.47	4	0.23	4.18	-0.43
Stuttgart	78.0	57.7	67.9	61.8	6.1	2.20	2	0.97	4.92	0.22
West Memphis	78.6	58.0	68.3	61.2	7.1	3.62	5	2.37	5.29	0.69
Extreme/Average	75.1	57.8	66.4	62.0	4.5	2.59	5	1.38	4.40	-0.18
Southwest										
Ashdown	74.4	55.4	64.9	NA	NA	1.36	6	0.37	2.52	-1.30
Murfreeboro	72.5	53.2	62.8	59.5	3.4	2.01	4	1.03	4.03	-0.49
Nashville	74.4	56.0	65.2	62.5	2.7	2.07	4	0.98	3.99	-0.32
Extreme/Average	73.8	54.9	64.3	61.0	3.0	1.81	6	0.79	3.51	-0.70
South Central										
Camden	73.6	48.7	61.1	62.7	-1.6	1.57	3	0.57	3.61	-0.53
Fordyce	73.7	55.4	64.6	60.8	3.8	2.14	4	1.10	4.49	0.05
Prescott	73.6	54.4	64.0	61.3	2.7	1.07	3	0.05	2.44	-1.74
Sparkman	73.3	53.7	63.5	61.1	2.4	2.26	5	1.14	4.36	-0.17
Extreme/Average	73.5	53.0	63.3	61.5	1.8	1.76	5	0.71	3.72	-0.60
Southeast										
Crossett	74.7	56.7	65.7	61.8	3.9	1.69	3	0.71	3.72	-0.58
Eudora	77.7	62.3	70.0	64.8	5.2	1.82	6	0.49	4.09	-0.46
Pine Bluff	74.9	58.4	66.6	62.8	3.8	2.43	4	1.31	4.78	0.54
Portland	74.7	59.0	66.9	63.1	3.8	2.09	5	1.03	4.22	0.28
Rohwer	73.9	60.9	67.4	63.0	4.4	1.25	5	0.14	3.76	-0.30
Extreme/Average	75.2	59.5	67.3	63.1	4.2	1.86	6	0.74	4.11	-0.10
State	73.0	54.7	63.9	60.3	3.5	2.16	5	1.10	4.46	0.30

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.