



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending May 17, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 2.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 17, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 49 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 69.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 86.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northwest and northeast regions of the state with an average of 2.40 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 17, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	98	96	98	98
Corn, emerged	95	88	94	95
Cotton, planted	83	69	74	69
Cotton, emerged	52	20	52	44
Peanuts, planted	18	NA	NA	NA
Rice, planted	89	86	87	85
Rice, emerged	73	53	72	73
Sorghum, planted	85	80	78	86
Sorghum, emerged	70	55	58	73
Soybeans, planted	53	46	48	48
Soybeans, emerged	39	29	32	34
Winter Wheat, headed	98	95	95	98
Winter Wheat, coloring	36	10	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending May 17, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	5	3	22	53	17
Hay, alfalfa	1	5	60	29	5
Hay, other	2	17	39	36	6
Livestock	2	1	30	57	10
Pasture	1	10	33	44	12
Rice	3	7	27	51	12
Sorghum	2	2	26	58	12
Winter Wheat	4	7	31	47	11

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Rain is delaying melon work and hay harvesting. Applying fly control to cattle. Poultry expansion occurring.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Persistent rain for the second straight weekend has kept farmers out of the field. Weed control may be an issue where pre-emergence herbicides were not applied. The rain has help keep the soil soft for rice to emerge. The bottom part of some fields where water stood for 3+ days may need to be replanted.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Rain has slowed planting progress again. A few row crop fields received herbicide applications and fertilizer during the week. Rain delayed hay harvest, as the ground is saturated. Wheat is at milk to soft dough stage this week. A few peanuts were planted just before the rain.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Flooding from the Arkansas River and its contributors has taken its toll on crops and pastures. Several acres of wheat may be lost. Emerged corn and milo fields were also under water. Will have to wait and see how much damage has occurred.”

-Hank Chaney, Faulkner County

“Wide-spread rainfall limited all fieldwork through the week. Where weather allowed, herbicides and fertilizer were being applied to corn, sorghum, and rice.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Crop conditions have worsened due to excessive water. Some crops have been under water 5+ days.”

-Joe Stuart, Little River County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending May 17, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	69.1	53.0	61.1	64.0	-3.0	2.61	2	NA	7.64	NA
Lead Hill	72.2	50.8	61.5	63.5	-1.9	1.57	5	0.75	7.18	3.09
Winslow	70.9	56.1	63.5	NA	NA	3.01	4	NA	9.58	NA
Extreme/Average	70.7	53.3	62.0	63.8	-2.4	2.40	5	0.75	8.13	3.09
North Central										
Calico Rock	73.6	54.6	64.1	65.4	-1.3	1.55	4	0.42	8.00	3.48
Evening Shade	74.7	52.7	63.7	66.9	-3.1	2.25	5	1.12	6.33	1.72
Gilbert	74.1	51.4	62.8	66.2	-3.5	2.17	6	1.03	7.16	2.71
Mammoth Spring	76.1	55.0	65.6	64.9	0.6	3.62	4	2.71	7.87	3.71
Mountain Home	75.0	55.1	65.1	66.0	-0.9	1.67	5	0.55	6.92	2.25
Mountain View	76.4	55.1	65.8	66.7	-0.9	2.25	5	1.08	8.54	3.68
Extreme/Average	75.0	54.0	64.5	66.0	-1.5	2.25	6	1.15	7.47	2.93
Northeast										
Jonesboro	78.7	58.4	68.6	68.2	0.4	2.41	6	1.25	6.62	2.06
Newport	75.6	61.6	68.6	69.1	-0.6	1.94	5	0.80	6.57	1.86
Pocahontas	78.1	56.6	67.4	67.1	0.2	2.91	5	1.79	7.70	3.14
Searcy	77.5	59.3	68.4	69.4	-0.9	2.33	4	1.19	6.50	1.75
Extreme/Average	77.5	59.0	68.2	68.5	-0.2	2.40	6	1.26	6.85	2.20
West Central										
Booneville	76.3	58.9	67.6	68.1	-0.6	1.89	3	0.94	11.26	6.52
Dardanelle	76.5	58.5	67.5	69.6	-1.9	1.74	3	NA	9.44	NA
Mena	73.7	56.8	65.3	66.6	-1.2	1.01	5	-0.34	12.48	6.84
Subiaco	75.7	58.1	66.9	68.7	-1.8	1.27	4	0.14	9.28	4.76
Waldron	75.9	57.6	66.7	67.7	-0.9	1.47	3	0.05	11.76	6.28
Extreme/Average	75.6	58.0	66.8	68.1	-1.3	1.48	5	0.20	10.84	6.10
Central										
Alum Fork	74.4	59.6	67.0	67.5	-0.5	2.06	6	0.87	9.76	4.81
Cabot	79.2	62.8	71.0	69.0	1.9	1.29	5	0.16	6.29	1.65
Conway	78.1	58.3	68.2	68.6	-0.4	1.24	4	0.46	8.62	4.36
Hot Springs	75.8	62.0	68.9	69.5	-0.4	0.46	4	-0.56	7.23	2.72
Extreme/Average	76.9	60.7	68.8	68.6	0.1	1.26	6	0.23	7.98	3.39
East Central										
Brinkley	78.1	61.9	70.0	69.6	0.4	2.20	2	0.88	7.25	2.04
Des Arc	79.9	64.4	72.1	70.7	1.5	1.27	5	0.11	5.08	0.09
Keo	77.4	63.1	70.3	71.1	-0.8	0.50	4	-0.54	5.29	0.97
Stuttgart	79.6	65.9	72.7	70.5	2.2	0.49	2	-0.70	4.79	-0.29
West Memphis	78.7	63.4	71.1	70.2	0.9	3.94	3	2.69	6.57	1.62
Extreme/Average	78.7	63.7	71.2	70.4	0.8	1.68	5	0.49	5.80	0.89
Southwest										
Ashdown	78.4	61.7	70.1	NA	NA	1.48	6	0.22	14.83	9.92
Hope	79.3	62.6	70.9	69.7	1.3	0.50	4	-0.74	12.82	7.81
Murfreesboro	76.6	59.6	68.1	67.2	0.9	1.58	5	0.18	12.73	7.45
Nashville	78.9	58.3	68.6	70.7	-2.1	2.03	5	0.64	12.51	7.12
Extreme/Average	78.3	60.5	69.4	69.2	0.0	1.40	6	0.07	13.22	8.07
South Central										
Camden	79.0	55.5	66.4	70.2	-3.5	0.03	1	-0.92	5.87	1.66
Fordyce	78.7	64.0	71.4	68.5	2.9	0.00	0	-1.31	5.54	0.63
Prescott	78.1	63.3	70.7	69.2	1.5	1.23	4	-0.11	11.30	6.19
Sparkman	78.3	62.4	70.4	68.7	1.7	0.64	6	-0.68	8.39	3.76
Extreme/Average	78.5	61.3	69.7	69.1	0.7	0.47	6	-0.76	7.78	3.06
Southeast										
Crossett	80.6	63.9	72.2	69.9	2.3	1.20	3	0.05	2.70	-1.26
Eudora	86.0	68.0	77.0	73.3	3.6	2.34	4	1.38	4.43	-0.09
Pine Bluff	79.4	65.3	72.4	71.0	1.4	0.36	3	-0.75	6.33	1.49
Portland	82.1	64.4	73.3	71.4	1.9	1.86	4	0.75	3.72	-0.77
Rohwer	79.7	65.3	72.5	71.7	0.8	2.10	4	0.90	6.95	2.37
Extreme/Average	81.6	65.4	73.5	71.5	2.0	1.57	4	0.47	4.83	0.35
State	77.1	59.6	68.3	68.4	-0.2	1.65	5	0.43	8.05	3.30

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.