



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending April 1, 2012.

### General

On average, farmers had 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent short, 88 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 43 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 60 degrees Fahrenheit in North Little Rock. Highs ranged from 83 degrees Fahrenheit at Mena, Hot Springs, and Newport to 90 degrees Fahrenheit at Fort Smith, Harrison and Keiser.

### Crops

Producers had 59 percent of the corn crop planted, 17 percent ahead of last year and 23 percent ahead of the five-year average. Corn emergence was at 16 percent, 7 percent ahead of 2011 and 5 percent behind the five-year average. Farmers had 18 percent of the rice crop planted, 11 percent ahead of 2011 and 12 percent above the 5-year average. Sorghum planting was at 26 percent, 13 percent ahead of last year and 18 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers were able to get 4 percent of the soybean crop planted last week, 3 percent ahead of 2011. The winter wheat crop was 35 percent headed by week's end, 31 percent ahead of last year and the five-year average. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition. Weather was dry last week, but many wheat fields were still being treated for stripe rust.

### Livestock

Livestock were in good condition last week. Pasture and range condition were reported in mostly good condition last week. Producers continued spraying and fertilizing their pastures. Hay condition was mostly good to excellent due to favorable weather.

### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	59	n/a	42	36
	Emerged	16	n/a	9	11
Rice	Planted	18	n/a	7	6
	Emerged	1	n/a	0	0
Sorghum	Planted	26	n/a	13	8
	Emerged	2	n/a	0	0
Soybeans	Planted	4	n/a	1	0
Winter Wheat	Headed	35	n/a	4	4

### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	5	37	45	11
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	17	64	19
Hay-Other	0	0	10	77	13
Pasture and Range	0	3	25	64	8

**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 1, 2012**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
					Apr 1	Accum	Normal	2012	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	85	45	14	0.00	4.70	3.71	9.00	9.75
	Harrison	90	52	16	0.00	5.86	3.51	11.26	9.04
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	89	46	14	0.00	9.19	4.18	14.70	11.09
	Gilbert	88	43	13	0.00	7.60	4.06	13.60	11.12
	Greers Ferry	86	53	15	0.00	10.66	4.12	15.41	11.92
	Mtn. Home	88	53	16	0.00	9.98	4.28	16.48	11.11
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	86	51	14	0.00	6.21	3.85	11.07	10.99
	Blytheville	88	52	16	0.00	3.73	4.10	7.18	12.40
	Jonesboro	89	53	17	0.00	4.11	4.18	9.16	11.71
	Keiser	90	53	15	0.00	3.28	4.17	7.61	12.71
	Newport	84	56	14	0.00	5.01	4.18	12.09	11.82
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	86	46	14	0.00	7.36	3.93	15.77	11.30
	Clarksville	89	52	15	0.00	6.92	4.16	13.57	11.23
	Dardanelle	88	51	13	0.00	8.76	4.06	13.85	11.51
	Ft. Smith	90	54	16	0.00	8.06	3.54	14.68	9.46
	Mena	83	45	12	0.00	10.32	4.62	19.20	12.74
	Ozark	88	51	17	0.00	2.16	3.85	9.30	11.15
<b>Central</b>	Conway	84	49	12	0.00	8.78	4.51	14.71	12.33
	Hot Springs	84	57	13	0.00	6.69	4.71	14.54	13.19
	Little Rock	87	56	14	0.00	8.05	4.28	14.63	11.92
	Morrilton	88	52	13	0.00	11.32	4.24	16.81	11.94
	N. Little Rock	87	60	15	0.00	8.59	4.35	14.47	11.89
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	85	53	13	0.00	4.35	4.05	11.47	12.17
	Marianna	87	55	15	0.04	5.42	4.43	12.11	13.09
	Stuttgart	85	52	14	0.06	3.33	4.20	8.93	12.74
	West Memphis	86	53	15	0.00	5.19	4.39	11.73	13.55
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	85	48	11	0.00	5.20	4.46	10.83	11.67
	Hope	85	51	11	0.00	7.87	4.41	14.81	13.59
	Texarkana	85	55	12	0.00	5.52	3.77	11.15	11.60
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	88	51	12	0.02	9.14	4.38	14.63	13.65
	El Dorado	85	50	10	0.03	8.79	4.24	14.01	13.85
	Fordyce**	86	51	13	0.01	9.14	4.77	9.15	6.00
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	87	50	11	0.21	5.55	4.35	11.78	15.71
	Monticello	86	54	13	0.03	5.35	4.58	9.95	14.82
	Pine Bluff	85	54	13	0.05	5.21	4.85	10.43	13.28
	Rohwer	85	56	13	0.03	4.36	4.06	9.44	14.10

\* Departure from normal =  $(\text{high} - \text{low}) - 30$  year average

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\*\* Fordyce station added in March of 2012. Year-to-date rainfall totals will cover the period March 2012 – November 2012.