



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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### General

On average, farmers had 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent short, 84 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 36 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock and Gilbert to 53 degrees Fahrenheit at Fort Smith. Highs ranged from 80 degrees Fahrenheit at Texarkana to 89 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert and Fort Smith. Heavy rains and winds occurred in the Southern part of Arkansas, but little precipitation occurred in the Eastern and Northern parts of the state.

### Crops

Producers had 84 percent of the corn crop planted, 25 percent ahead of last year and 34 percent ahead of the five-year average. Corn emergence was at 48 percent, 27 percent ahead of 2011 and 25 percent ahead of the five-year average. Farmers had 1 percent of the cotton crop planted. Producers had 49 percent of the rice crop planted, 32 percent ahead of 2011 and 36 percent above the 5-year average. Rice emergence was at 11 percent, 10 percent ahead of 2011 and the five-year average. Sorghum planting was at 58 percent, 26 percent ahead of last year and 42 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum emergence was at 15 percent, 14 percent ahead of 2011 and 13 percent ahead of the five-year average. Producers had planted 10 percent of the soybean crop last week, 5 percent ahead of 2011 and 8 percent ahead of the five-year average. Soybean emergence was at 2 percent. The winter wheat crop was 73 percent headed by week's end, 57 percent ahead of last year and 58 percent ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat remained in fair to good condition; however, there were several reports of armyworm infestations.

### Livestock

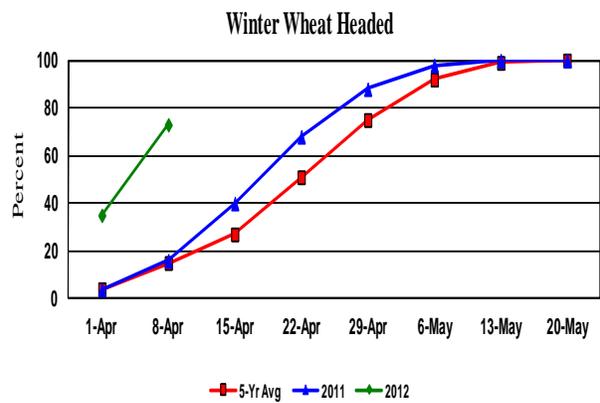
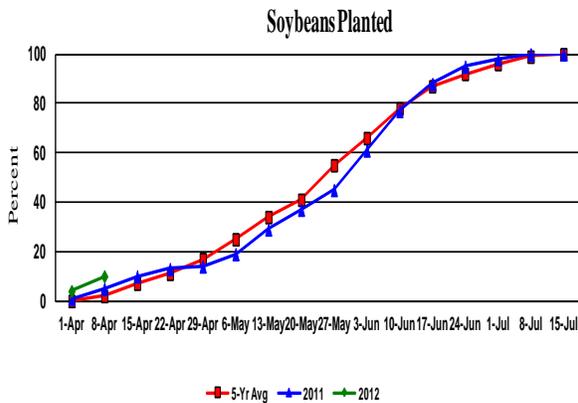
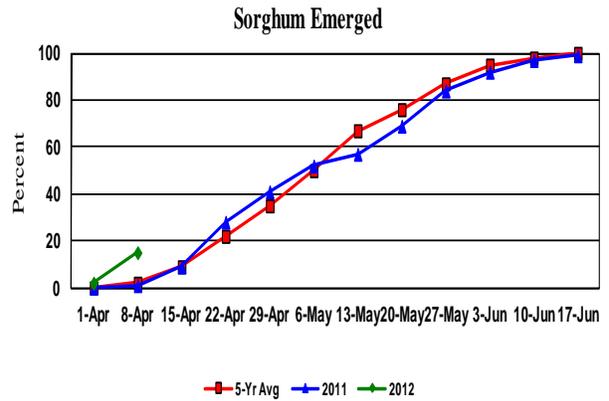
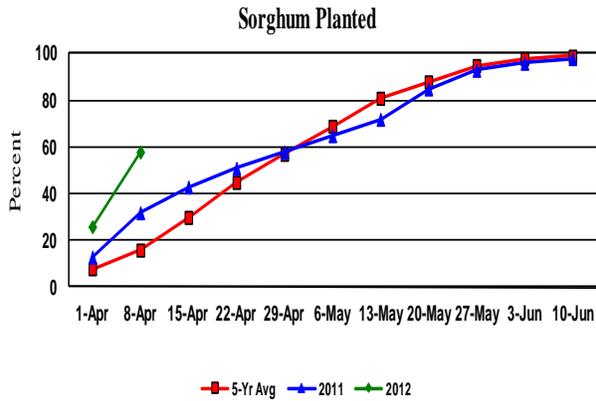
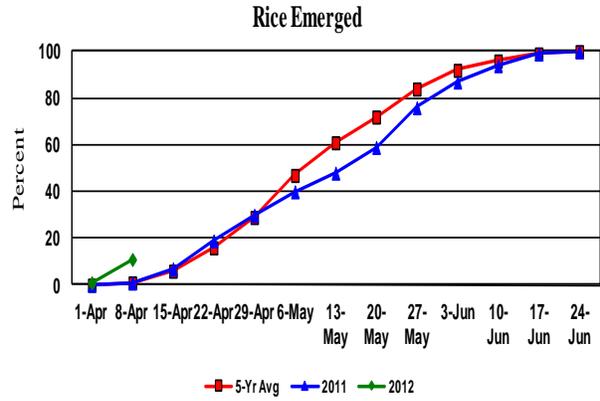
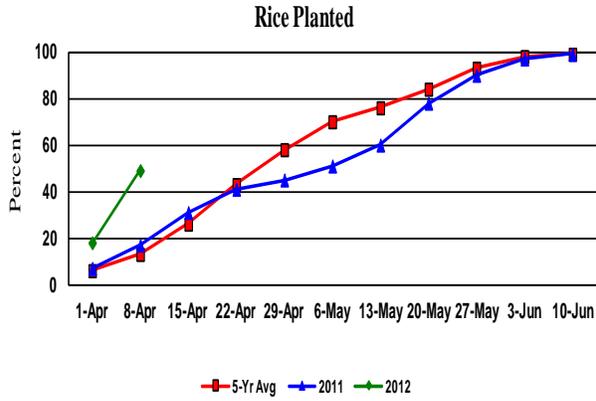
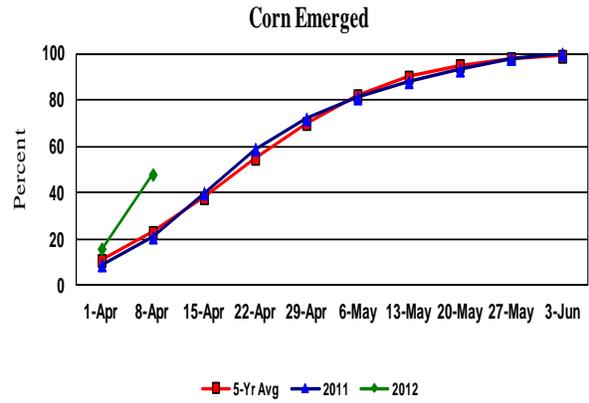
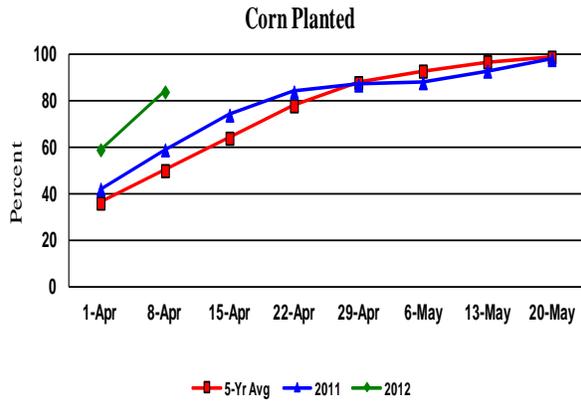
Livestock were in good condition last week. Pasture and range condition were reported in mostly good condition.

### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	84	59	59	50
	Emerged	48	16	21	23
Cotton	Planted	1	0	0	0
Rice	Planted	49	18	17	13
	Emerged	11	1	1	1
Sorghum	Planted	58	26	32	16
	Emerged	15	2	1	2
Soybeans	Planted	10	4	5	2
	Emerged	2	0	1	0
Winter Wheat	Headed	73	35	16	15

### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	2	6	33	47	12
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	24	62	14
Hay-Other	0	0	14	77	9
Pasture and Range	0	3	18	71	8



**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 8, 2012**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Apr 8	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
						Accum	Normal	2012	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	84	46	9	0.30	4.01	3.80	9.30	10.71
	Harrison	86	43	8	0.22	4.35	3.54	11.48	9.89
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	87	36	7	0.26	6.25	4.26	14.96	12.14
	Gilbert	89	36	8	0.26	5.22	4.04	13.86	12.09
	Greers Ferry	84	42	8	0.04	6.50	4.15	15.45	12.94
	Mtn. Home	88	43	8	0.48	7.83	4.32	16.96	12.12
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	83	40	7	0.07	2.28	3.84	11.14	11.94
	Blytheville	86	40	8	0.08	1.18	4.17	7.26	13.46
	Jonesboro	87	46	9	0.00	1.54	4.23	9.16	12.71
	Keiser	87	43	8	0.02	0.86	4.24	7.63	13.75
	Newport	83	45	7	0.44	1.91	4.24	12.53	12.88
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	87	47	8	0.68	4.32	3.81	16.45	12.15
	Clarksville	84	48	7	1.79	5.84	4.15	15.36	12.20
	Dardanelle	86	44	8	0.86	4.23	4.13	14.71	12.53
	Ft. Smith	89	53	9	0.85	4.79	3.60	15.53	10.36
	Mena	81	45	7	0.78	5.87	4.56	19.98	13.83
	Ozark	84	47	9	1.12	1.12	3.66	10.42	11.95
<b>Central</b>	Conway	82	44	7	0.27	6.12	4.59	14.98	13.43
	Hot Springs	82	49	5	0.85	4.47	4.74	15.39	14.36
	Little Rock	85	47	7	0.44	5.97	4.36	15.07	13.03
	Morrilton	83	41	7	0.72	6.53	4.18	17.53	12.91
	N. Little Rock	85	49	7	0.15	6.02	4.31	14.62	12.92
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	84	44	7	0.30	1.90	4.07	11.77	13.21
	Marianna	84	47	7	0.05	2.38	4.53	12.16	14.24
	Stuttgart	83	48	8	0.27	1.32	4.33	9.20	13.89
	West Memphis	84	45	7	0.94	3.91	4.01	12.67	14.30
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	82	47	6	1.31	4.06	4.38	12.14	12.44
	Hope	81	46	6	2.16	6.44	4.20	16.97	14.55
	Texarkana	80	48	6	1.78	4.28	3.62	12.93	12.44
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	82	45	4	1.54	6.64	4.25	16.17	14.65
	El Dorado	82	45	5	1.85	6.75	4.02	15.86	14.78
	Fordyce**	86	42	6	2.32	8.08	4.65	11.47	7.10
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	82	50	6	3.45	5.23	4.46	15.23	16.94
	Monticello	85	45	7	1.66	3.81	4.44	11.61	15.90
	Pine Bluff	83	45	6	0.39	2.74	4.74	10.82	14.41
	Rohwer	85	48	6	1.11	2.21	4.01	10.55	15.16

\* Departure from normal =  $\frac{\text{high} - \text{low}}{2} - 30$  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.