



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending May 27, 2012

General

On average, farmers had 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 36 percent very short, 46 percent short and 18 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies were 26 percent very short, 48 percent short and 26 percent adequate. Low temperatures ranged from 41 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 61 degrees Fahrenheit at Hot Springs. Highs ranged from 88 degrees Fahrenheit at Mena to 96 degrees Fahrenheit at Greers Ferry and Texarkana. For the week, the weather was very dry and hot throughout the state.

Crops

Cotton planting, rice emergence and sorghum emergence all reached 100 percent. Corn was 17 percent silked. Cotton was at 98 percent emergence, 35 percent ahead of 2011 and 27 percent ahead of the five-year average. Cotton was at 8 percent squaring. Producers had 86 percent of the soybean crop planted, 41 percent ahead of 2011 and 31 percent ahead of the five-year average. Soybean emergence was at 77 percent, 43 percent ahead of 2011 and 37 percent ahead of the five-year average. Soybeans were 1 percent blooming. Producers harvested an additional 54 percent of the wheat crop last week, reaching 68 percent harvested. Due to the dry conditions, low yields were reported on hay harvests in several counties. Producers were irrigating all spring planted row crops.

Livestock

Livestock was in fair to good condition. Pasture and range conditions continued to decline due to the lack of rain.

Percent of Progress

| Crop | Stage | Current Week | Previous Week | 2011 | 5-Year Avg |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|------|------------|
| Corn | Silked | 17 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Cotton | Planted | 100 | 98 | 84 | 89 |
| | Emerged | 98 | 93 | 63 | 71 |
| | Squaring | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Rice | Emerged | 100 | 98 | 76 | 84 |
| Sorghum | Emerged | 100 | 99 | 84 | 87 |
| Soybeans | Planted | 86 | 80 | 45 | 55 |
| | Emerged | 77 | 64 | 34 | 40 |
| | Blooming | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Winter Wheat | Harvested | 68 | 14 | 6 | 4 |

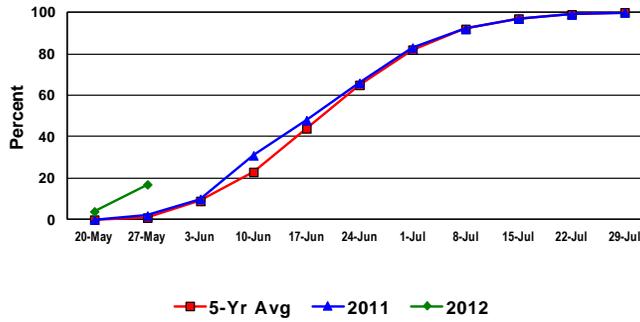
Condition in Percentages

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | 1 | 4 | 29 | 48 | 18 |
| Cotton | 0 | 8 | 33 | 41 | 18 |
| Rice | 0 | 4 | 26 | 56 | 14 |
| Sorghum | 1 | 5 | 43 | 45 | 6 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 4 | 38 | 45 | 13 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 5 | 40 | 41 | 14 |
| Hay-Alfalfa | 0 | 8 | 63 | 24 | 5 |
| Hay-Other | 8 | 27 | 38 | 25 | 2 |
| Pasture and Range | 11 | 28 | 38 | 21 | 2 |

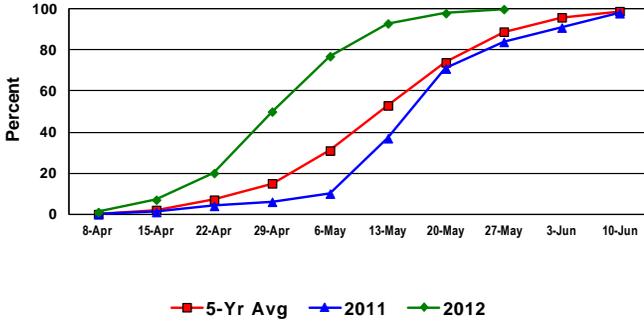
Special Note

Coming soon - NASS's annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 United States producers and will visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. One of USDA's largest survey efforts, the responses will provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year. With both data collection and data release taking place over a span of only four weeks, the results will be available beginning on June 29 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

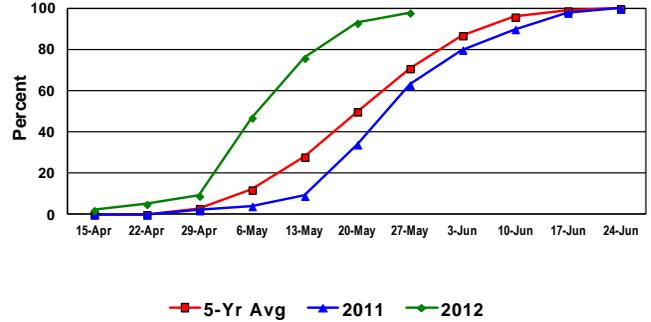
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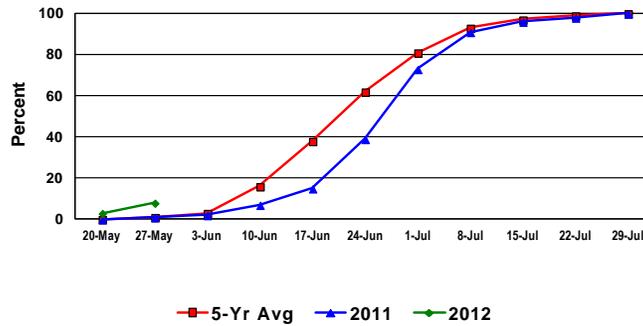
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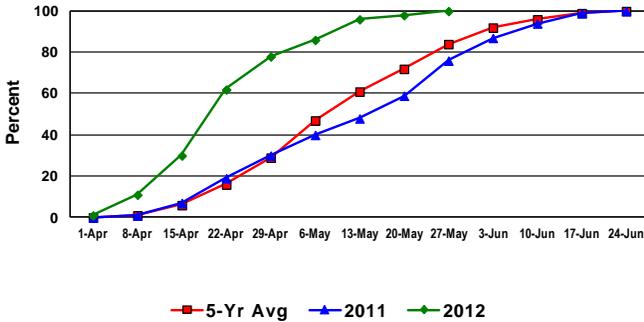
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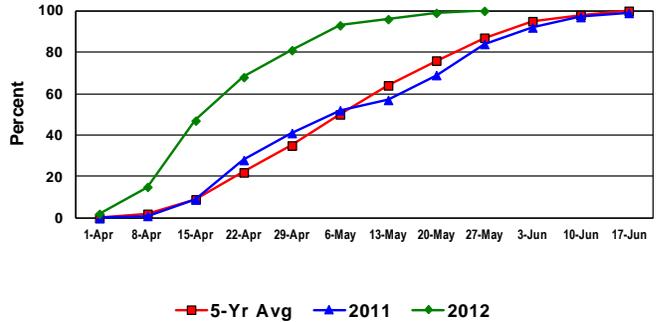
Cotton Squaring



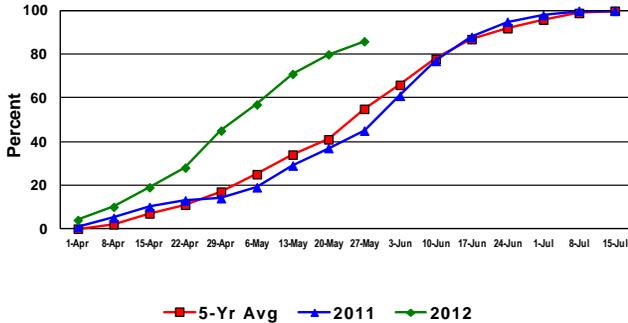
Rice Emerged



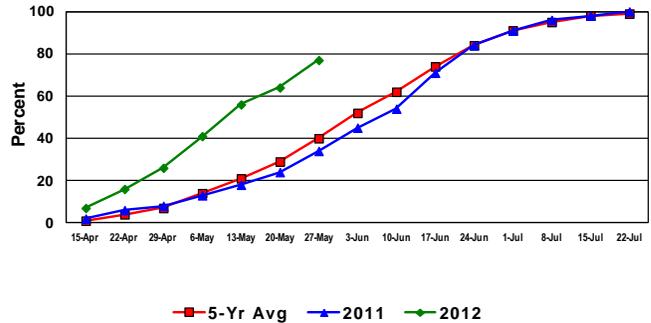
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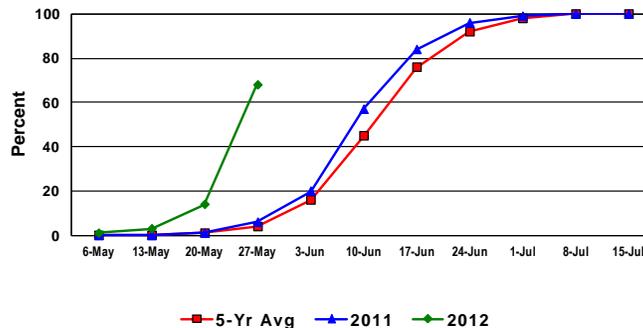
Soybeans Planted



Soybeans Emerged



Winter Wheat Harvested



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 27, 2012

| District | Station | Temperatures | | | Rainfall | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-----|-------------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------|--------|
| | | High | Low | Dep from Normal * | Wk Ending | 4 wk | 4 wk | Year-to-Date | |
| | | | | | May 27 | Accum | Normal | 2012 | Normal |
| Northwest | Fayetteville | 91 | 41 | 6 | 0.00 | 0.85 | 5.39 | 11.53 | 19.42 |
| | Harrison | 93 | 45 | 6 | 0.00 | 0.60 | 4.29 | 13.14 | 17.35 |
| N. Central | Calico Rock | 94 | 45 | 4 | 0.00 | 1.11 | 4.44 | 16.81 | 19.87 |
| | Gilbert | 94 | 43 | 3 | 0.00 | 0.20 | 4.44 | 15.09 | 19.70 |
| | Greers Ferry | 96 | 51 | 7 | 0.00 | 0.78 | 4.81 | 17.16 | 21.16 |
| | Mtn. Home | 95 | 50 | 6 | 0.00 | 0.50 | 4.49 | 18.62 | 19.98 |
| Northeast | Batesville | 94 | 52 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.72 | 4.56 | 12.78 | 19.92 |
| | Blytheville | 94 | 55 | 5 | 0.00 | 2.23 | 4.84 | 10.05 | 21.82 |
| | Jonesboro | 94 | 52 | 4 | 0.00 | 1.26 | 4.45 | 11.64 | 20.80 |
| | Keiser | 95 | 57 | 5 | 0.00 | 4.39 | 4.90 | 13.31 | 22.03 |
| | Newport | 90 | 56 | 3 | 0.00 | 2.48 | 4.54 | 16.35 | 20.89 |
| W. Central | Booneville | 93 | 49 | 5 | 0.00 | 1.07 | 5.22 | 18.50 | 20.54 |
| | Clarksville | 95 | 55 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.41 | 4.94 | 17.61 | 20.46 |
| | Dardanelle | 94 | 51 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.41 | 16.15 | 20.48 |
| | Ft. Smith | 95 | 54 | 7 | 0.00 | 1.25 | 4.98 | 18.27 | 18.44 |
| | Mena | 88 | 50 | 3 | 0.00 | 2.30 | 6.23 | 24.31 | 24.02 |
| | Ozark | 94 | 54 | 7 | 0.00 | 0.44 | 4.96 | 12.44 | 19.60 |
| Central | Conway | 92 | 55 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.25 | 4.37 | 16.91 | 21.22 |
| | Hot Springs | 90 | 61 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 5.50 | 17.00 | 23.50 |
| | Little Rock | 93 | 57 | 3 | 0.00 | 1.02 | 4.50 | 18.41 | 21.22 |
| | Morrilton | 95 | 48 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 4.84 | 19.47 | 21.05 |
| | N. Little Rock | 93 | 59 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.66 | 4.58 | 17.00 | 20.93 |
| E. Central | Brinkley | 91 | 56 | 4 | 0.00 | 3.64 | 5.12 | 16.81 | 21.89 |
| | Marianna | 95 | 53 | 3 | 0.00 | 1.17 | 4.72 | 14.40 | 22.47 |
| | Stuttgart | 94 | 58 | 4 | 0.00 | 1.21 | 4.77 | 12.28 | 22.42 |
| | West Memphis | 92 | 53 | 3 | 0.00 | 4.65 | 4.94 | 18.22 | 23.49 |
| Southwest | DeQueen | 93 | 50 | 4 | 0.00 | 1.12 | 5.21 | 14.17 | 20.48 |
| | Hope | 92 | 56 | 3 | 0.00 | 3.14 | 4.99 | 21.04 | 22.82 |
| | Texarkana | 96 | 55 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.45 | 4.67 | 15.50 | 19.93 |
| S. Central | Camden | 94 | 54 | 4 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 4.49 | 18.61 | 22.17 |
| | El Dorado | 92 | 54 | 3 | 0.00 | 0.21 | 4.58 | 18.60 | 22.24 |
| | Fordyce** | 91 | 52 | 4 | 0.01 | 1.60 | 5.15 | 15.27 | 15.46 |
| Southeast | Eudora | 95 | 58 | 2 | 0.00 | 1.73 | 4.55 | 18.82 | 25.44 |
| | Monticello | 94 | 54 | 3 | 0.01 | 0.76 | 4.59 | 14.39 | 23.88 |
| | Pine Bluff | 93 | 55 | 2 | 0.00 | 1.06 | 4.58 | 15.08 | 22.45 |
| | Rohwer | 93 | 53 | 2 | 0.05 | 0.66 | 4.66 | 13.07 | 23.22 |

* 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.