



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending June 24, 2012

General

On average, farmers had 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 43 percent very short, 46 percent short and 11 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies were 39 percent very short, 48 percent short and 13 percent adequate. Low temperatures ranged from 59 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 71 degrees Fahrenheit at Hot Springs and North Little Rock. Highs ranged from 93 degrees Fahrenheit at Rohwer to 103 degrees Fahrenheit at Morrilton. The week's weather was warm and dry. Of the 36 reporting stations, only 9 reported any measureable rain for the week. At week's end, 13 of the reporting stations recorded year-to-date precipitation at more than 8 inches below normal. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, as of June 19th, 83.5 percent of the land area in Arkansas was listed to be in severe drought conditions. Forty-two counties in the state were under burn bans as of June 25th.

Crops

Corn was 99 percent silked last week, 37 percent was in the dough stage and 11 percent was in the dent stage. The cotton crop was 92 percent squaring and 16 percent setting bolls. Rice was 12 percent headed. Sorghum was 57 percent headed. Soybeans were 99 percent planted, 98 percent emerged, 44 percent blooming and 20 percent setting pods. Irrigated crops remained in fair to good condition, but the condition of non-irrigated crops declined significantly. Major farming activities for the week included irrigation of crops and application of pesticides.

Livestock

Livestock were in fair condition. Pasture and range conditions deteriorated significantly last week as the percent poor to very poor increased from 56 percent two weeks ago to 73 percent last week. The shortage of hay and pastures, along with the increasing heat, continued to be a major concern for producers.

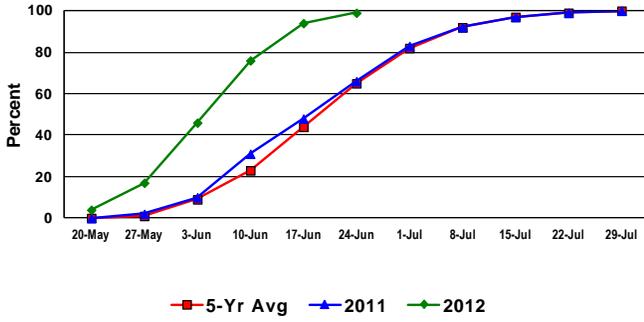
Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Silked	99	94	66	65
	Dough	37	20	13	9
	Dent	11	2	0	n/a
Cotton	Squaring	92	85	39	62
	Setting Bolls	16	5	3	3
Rice	Headed	12	9	1	0
Sorghum	Headed	57	28	21	12
Soybeans	Planted	99	98	95	92
	Emerged	98	95	84	84
	Blooming	44	32	11	15
	Setting Pods	20	7	0	1

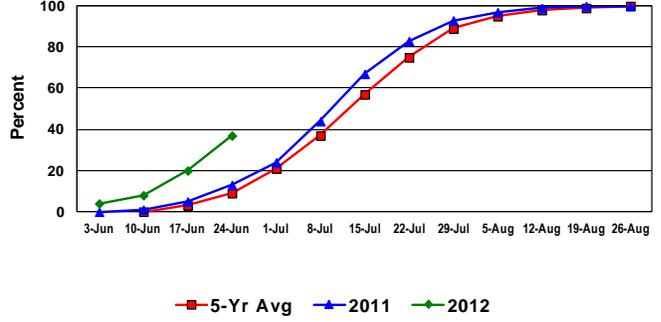
Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	8	25	50	14
Cotton	2	6	24	44	24
Rice	3	8	30	48	11
Sorghum	4	11	33	43	9
Soybeans	2	12	31	45	10
Hay-Alfalfa	4	21	46	18	11
Hay-Other	36	35	22	6	1
Pasture and Range	36	37	21	6	0

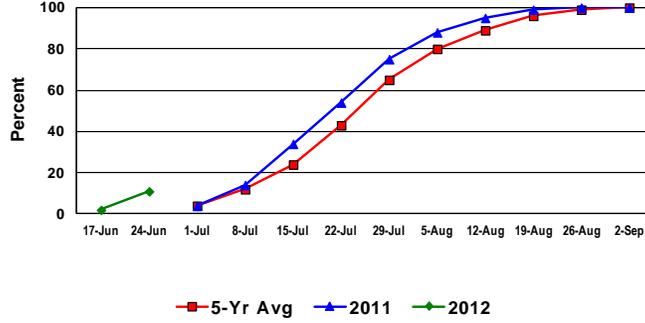
Corn Silked



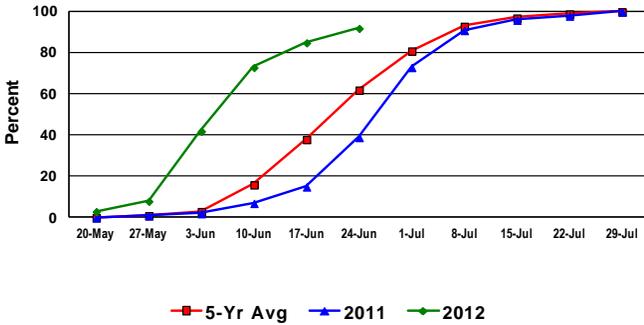
Corn Dough



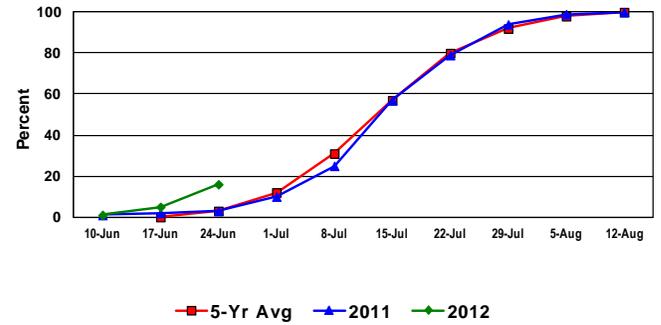
Corn Dent



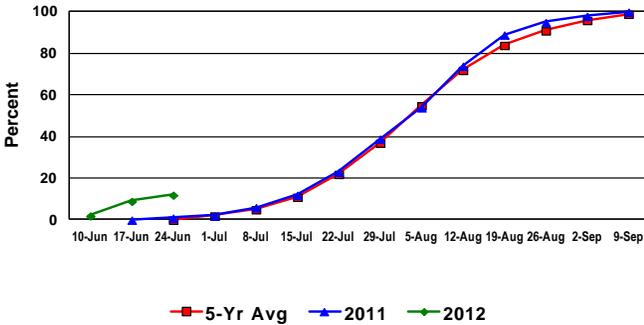
Cotton Squaring



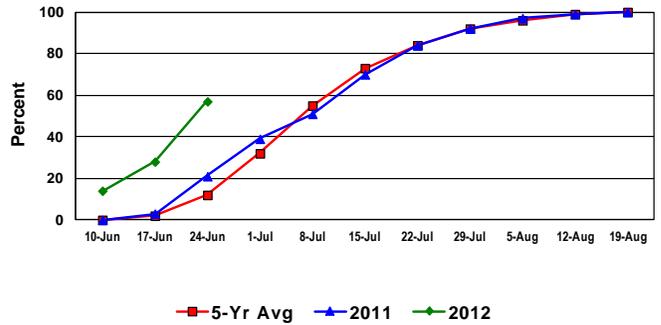
Cotton Setting Bolls



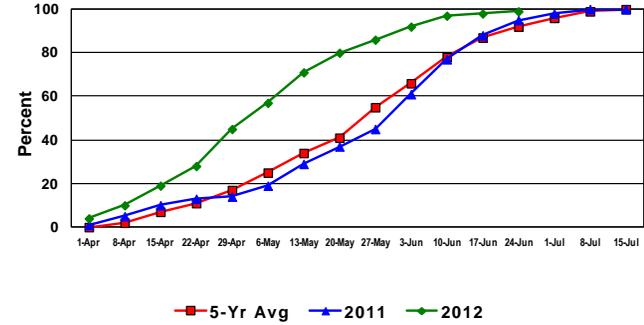
Rice Headed



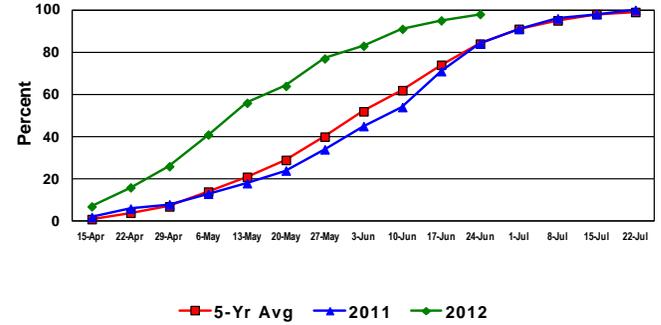
Sorghum Headed



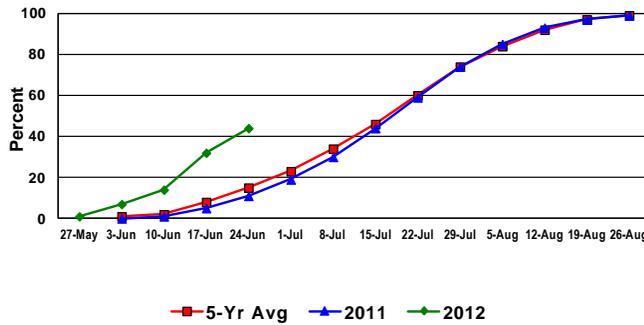
Soybeans Planted



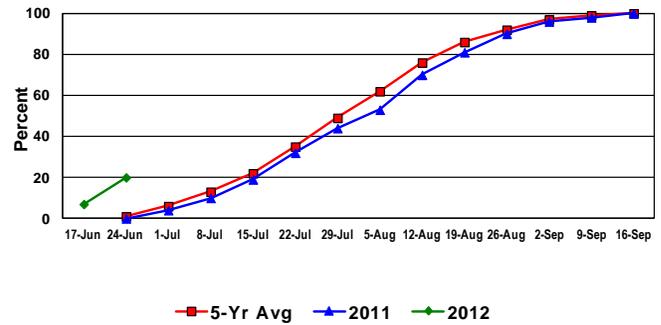
Soybeans Emerged



Soybeans Blooming



Soybeans Setting Pods



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending Jun 24, 2012

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Jun 24	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
						Accum	Normal	2012	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	97	63	5	0.26	2.88	4.75	14.41	24.17
	Harrison	99	64	6	0.00	1.54	4.06	14.68	21.41
N. Central	Calico Rock	98	59	4	0.00	2.22	3.47	19.03	23.34
	Gilbert	100	60	2	0.00	3.67	4.06	18.76	23.76
	Greers Ferry	100	66	4	0.00	2.14	3.53	19.30	24.69
	Mtn. Home	99	68	5	0.00	2.77	3.39	21.39	23.37
Northeast	Batesville	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	1.69	3.39	14.47	23.31
	Blytheville	97	66	1	0.00	5.16	3.72	15.21	25.54
	Jonesboro	97	64	1	0.00	2.35	3.15	13.99	23.95
	Keiser	95	69	1	0.00	2.52	3.94	15.83	25.97
	Newport	95	67	1	0.00	2.50	3.41	18.85	24.30
W. Central	Booneville	101	67	5	0.02	2.66	4.11	21.16	24.65
	Clarksville	102	70	7	0.00	0.49	4.27	18.10	24.73
	Dardanelle	101	66	4	0.00	1.34	3.57	17.49	24.05
	Ft. Smith	101	69	6	0.10	2.12	4.16	20.39	22.60
	Mena	96	63	3	0.05	2.05	4.72	26.36	28.74
	Ozark	98	68	6	0.00	1.15	4.44	13.59	24.04
Central	Conway	101	68	5	0.00	1.12	3.77	18.03	24.99
	Hot Springs	100	71	4	0.00	0.76	4.38	17.76	27.88
	Little Rock	101	67	3	0.00	1.20	3.53	19.61	24.75
	Morrilton	103	64	5	0.00	0.65	3.73	20.12	24.78
	N. Little Rock	101	71	4	0.00	1.67	3.23	18.67	24.16
E. Central	Brinkley	94	68	1	0.00	4.40	3.37	21.21	25.26
	Marianna	94	67	0	0.00	1.11	3.71	15.51	26.18
	Stuttgart	95	68	1	0.00	3.63	3.37	15.91	25.79
	West Memphis	95	65	0	0.00	1.59	4.09	19.81	27.58
Southwest	DeQueen	97	63	1	0.05	2.51	4.21	16.68	24.69
	Hope	99	66	1	0.40	3.87	4.42	24.91	27.24
	Texarkana	101	67	3	0.03	0.73	4.15	16.23	24.08
S. Central	Camden	98	64	1	0.03	2.05	4.09	20.66	26.26
	El Dorado	100	64	1	0.17	2.14	4.49	20.74	26.73
	Fordyce**	98	65	4	0.00	0.45	4.38	15.72	19.84
Southeast	Eudora	98	69	1	0.00	5.15	3.90	23.97	29.34
	Monticello	98	68	1	0.00	2.99	3.91	17.38	27.79
	Pine Bluff	97	66	1	0.00	2.09	3.61	17.17	26.06
	Rohwer	93	69	0	0.00	4.21	3.67	17.28	26.89

* 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.