



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending September 9, 2012

General

On average, farmers had 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 30 percent short, 45 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 32 percent very short, 30 percent short, 33 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 48 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville and DeQueen to 61 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. Highs ranged from 95 degrees Fahrenheit at Newport to 107 degrees Fahrenheit at DeQueen. The week began with hot, dry weather. Temperatures dropped late in the week as several cold fronts passed through the state starting on Thursday, September 6th, and heavy storms occurred on Friday.

Crops

At the end of the week, corn was 96 percent harvested. Cotton was 77 percent opening bolls and 2 percent harvested. Rice was 95 percent ripe and 59 percent harvested, 35 percent ahead of the previous year. Sorghum was 100 percent mature and 92 percent harvested, 42 percent ahead of the previous year. Soybeans were 62 percent yellowing, 41 percent shedding and 30 percent mature. Twenty-two percent of soybeans were harvested. Producers continued to spray for pests and harvest crops. Several counties reported rice crops lodged by storms.

Livestock

Livestock were in fair condition. The recent increase in rain and decrease in temperatures helped improve pasture and range conditions, but 68 percent of the land remained in very poor to poor condition.

Percent of Progress

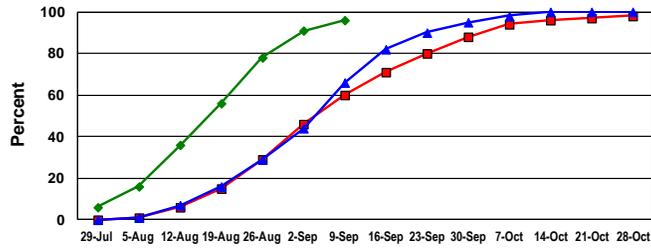
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	96	91	66	60
Cotton	Opening Bolls	77	65	62	57
	Harvested	2	1	0	2
Rice	Ripe	95	91	67	66
	Harvested	59	44	24	26
Sorghum	Mature	100	99	82	89
	Harvested	92	85	50	51
Soybeans	Yellowing	62	51	31	37
	Shedding	41	33	17	22
	Mature	30	23	9	13
	Harvested	22	16	6	8

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	3	6	25	46	20
Rice	3	8	29	45	15
Soybeans	4	14	32	41	9
Hay-Alfalfa	20	38	22	17	3
Hay-Other	42	34	20	4	0
Pasture and Range	29	39	25	7	0

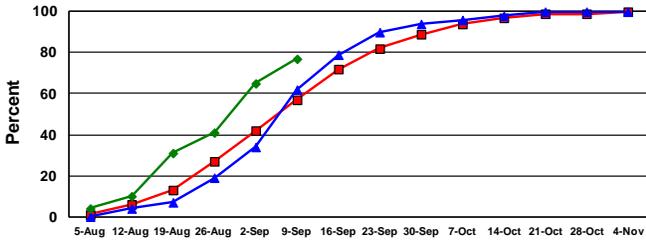
NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!

Corn Harvested



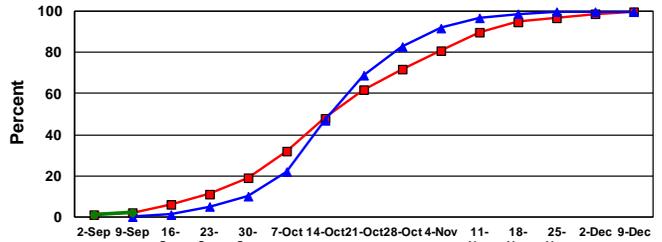
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Cotton Bolls Open



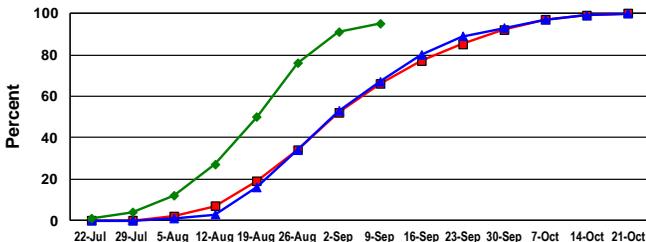
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Cotton Harvested



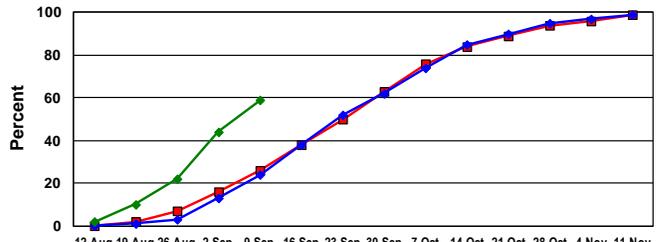
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Rice Ripe



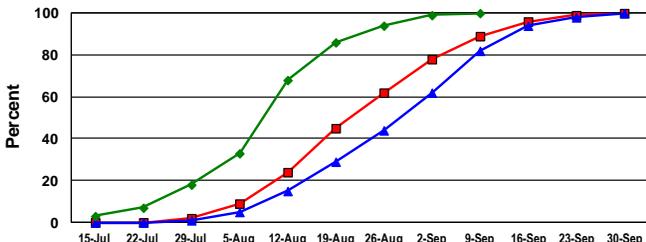
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Rice Harvested



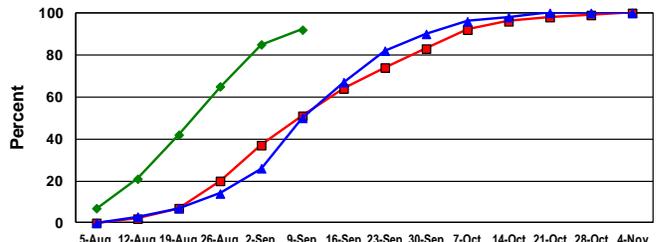
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Sorghum Mature



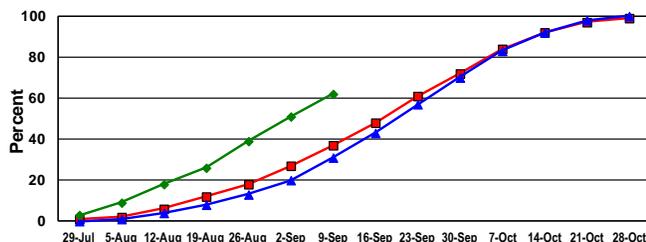
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Sorghum Harvested



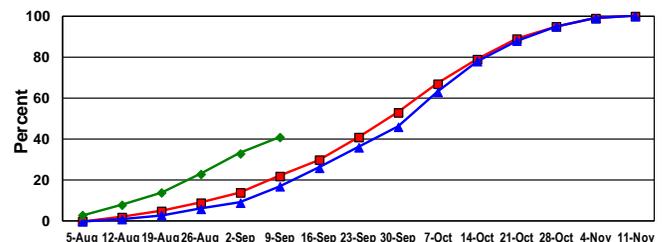
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Soybeans Yellowing



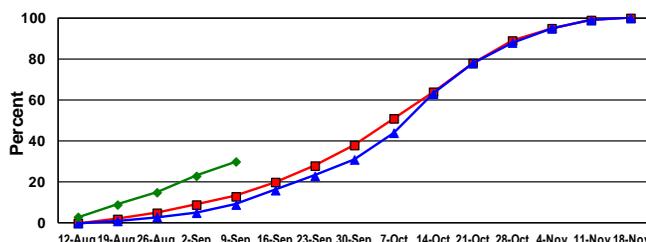
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Soybeans Shedding



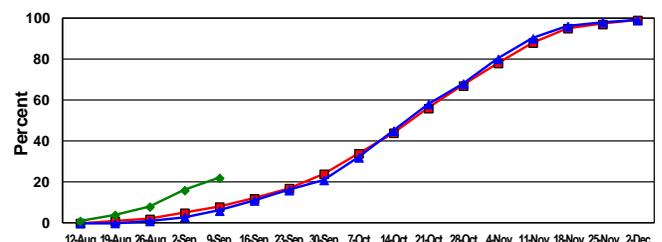
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Soybeans Mature



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Soybeans Harvested



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Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending Sep 9, 2012

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sep 9	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
						Accum	Normal	2012	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	99	48	6	1.27	4.80	3.45	22.41	33.01
	Harrison	99	53	6	1.10	2.80	3.26	22.29	30.06
N. Central	Calico Rock	98	51	5	1.30	3.94	2.80	26.65	31.68
	Gilbert	101	50	4	1.63	4.99	2.77	25.20	31.62
	Greers Ferry	99	55	7	1.47	5.08	2.79	27.35	33.04
	Mtn. Home	96	53	4	2.11	5.29	3.28	30.53	32.15
Northeast	Batesville	99	54	5	1.63	5.67	2.96	21.93	31.79
	Blytheville	98	54	3	0.71	1.83	2.22	20.04	33.70
	Jonesboro	97	58	4	3.30	6.93	2.44	21.82	31.89
	Keiser	98	55	3	1.32	5.96	2.09	24.57	33.85
	Newport	95	58	3	1.68	7.38	2.42	28.72	32.37
W. Central	Booneville	104	52	6	1.51	4.39	2.87	28.59	32.82
	Clarksville	102	54	5	0.75	3.00	2.88	23.04	33.66
	Dardanelle	102	52	4	0.71	3.44	2.46	22.93	32.35
	Ft. Smith	105	55	7	0.81	2.43	2.69	27.00	30.44
	Mena	101	51	7	0.99	2.74	2.86	33.32	38.69
	Ozark	101	52	5	1.04	4.86	2.64	24.85	32.39
Central	Conway	100	57	6	1.64	5.25	2.62	28.71	32.74
	Hot Springs	99	57	4	0.74	8.22	2.97	30.75	37.48
	Little Rock	100	58	4	1.15	4.69	2.51	28.04	32.20
	Morrilton	104	51	6	1.05	3.22	2.61	27.04	32.59
	N. Little Rock	99	61	5	1.34	4.89	2.66	29.39	32.38
E. Central	Brinkley	98	57	5	0.00	3.40	2.01	25.67	32.19
	Marianna	100	58	4	1.71	3.63	2.14	20.30	34.01
	Stuttgart	97	59	5	3.17	8.62	1.98	30.16	32.95
	West Memphis	99	53	3	1.83	3.74	2.54	28.80	35.35
Southwest	DeQueen	107	48	5	0.32	2.25	2.44	22.47	32.60
	Hope	102	54	6	1.01	4.15	3.13	33.66	35.95
	Texarkana	105	56	7	0.74	2.25	2.84	23.47	32.34
S. Central	Camden	99	55	5	2.88	8.80	2.56	34.94	34.72
	El Dorado	100	54	4	1.01	5.41	2.76	28.89	35.34
	Fordyce**	98	54	6	2.99	12.50	2.39	36.96	28.42
Southeast	Eudora	100	58	4	0.60	7.90	3.15	36.48	38.59
	Monticello	100	56	6	0.57	5.68	2.46	27.27	35.87
	Pine Bluff	97	58	4	1.12	11.97	2.02	33.45	33.74
	Rohwer	98	57	3	0.90	7.68	2.12	27.90	34.46

* 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.