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Week Ending August 3, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 3, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 33 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 60.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 68.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Portland. Highs ranged from 76.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 87.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Sparkman. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest region of the state with an average of 1.94 inches.

Crop progress for week ending August 3, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	95	88	85	94
Corn, dent	75	57	59	79
Corn, mature	39	18	11	32
Cotton, setting bolls	95	89	97	96
Rice, headed	49	31	41	58
Sorghum, headed	98	94	86	95
Sorghum, coloring	57	44	28	55
Soybeans, planted	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, emerged	100	97	100	100
Soybeans, blooming	85	78	81	85
Soybeans, setting pods	70	57	52	63

Crop condition for week ending August 3, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	7	22	49	22
Cotton	2	7	23	45	23
Hay, alfalfa	5	8	39	47	1
Hay, other	2	8	33	46	11
Livestock	1	2	17	66	14
Pasture	1	17	25	56	1
Rice	1	8	28	48	15
Sorghum	1	6	22	48	23
Soybeans	3	11	27	41	18

Comments from Extension Agents

“Hay harvest continues into second cutting with much higher quality. Producers are spraying armyworms. Armyworm infestations are scattered but severe in quality forage.”

-Carroll Prewett, Izard County

“Rice farmers continued to scout for diseases and insects with some fungicides applied. Irrigation began on more soybeans. Herbicides were being applied to later soybeans. Corn and grain sorghum irrigation continued.”

-Randy Chlapecka, Jackson County

“Hay producers looking for weather to cure hay most are behind schedule. Armyworms are becoming more prevalent in well managed hay meadows.”

-Ron Matlock, Saline County

“Farmers continued irrigation on all crops during the week. Rainfall amounts were from trace to .5". Corn is rapidly approaching black layer with initial harvest 14 days out. Rice continued to head along with grain fill. Early soybeans are approaching R6 growth stage with late beans just emerging. Insect pressure continues to increase in all crops along with disease. Armyworms are very common in pasture and hay meadows. Cotton is blooming and setting bolls. Sorghum is turning color.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Crops are looking much better. We still need heat to hasten maturity. We're getting dry so most producers are irrigating their crops. Corn irrigation will be winding this week, with much of it reaching maturity. The White Sugarcane Aphid is being found in most grain sorghum fields. Producers are treating those fields with an insecticide.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending August 3, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	76.4	60.6	68.5	78.5	-10.0	1.10	2	NA	3.42	NA
Lead Hill	80.7	60.6	70.6	77.3	-6.7	1.89	3	1.09	2.78	-0.47
Winslow	78.6	63.9	71.2	NA	NA	1.28	2	NA	2.46	NA
Extreme/Average	78.6	61.7	70.1	77.9	-8.3	1.42	3	1.09	2.89	-0.47
North Central										
Calico Rock	78.7	60.4	69.6	77.9	-8.3	0.50	2	-0.28	2.32	-0.88
Evening Shade	84.8	60.0	71.9	80.4	-8.5	0.13	2	-0.55	0.78	-2.88
Gilbert	81.0	61.2	71.1	79.6	-8.5	1.05	2	0.52	3.15	0.44
Mtn Home	79.7	63.1	71.4	79.5	-8.1	0.56	2	-0.14	3.97	0.89
Mtn View	81.6	62.0	71.8	80.0	-8.2	1.43	2	0.49	3.32	0.05
Extreme/Average	81.2	61.3	71.2	79.5	-8.3	0.73	2	0.01	2.71	-0.48
Northeast										
Corning	83.1	63.1	73.1	80.4	-7.3	0.03	1	-0.81	0.62	-2.90
Jonesboro	85.4	63.2	74.3	80.4	-6.1	0.61	3	0.03	2.26	-0.62
Keiser	85.6	65.3	75.4	81.6	-6.2	0.07	1	-0.73	1.84	-1.73
Newport	81.9	65.3	73.6	81.1	-7.6	0.45	2	-0.31	3.73	0.53
Pocahontas	83.9	63.0	73.4	79.7	-6.2	0.05	2	-0.69	2.57	-0.52
Searcy	84.4	66.4	75.4	81.5	-6.2	0.27	2	-0.29	2.62	-0.51
Extreme/Average	84.0	64.4	74.2	80.8	-6.6	0.25	3	-0.47	2.27	-0.96
West Central										
Booneville	82.8	64.7	73.8	81.1	-7.3	1.15	2	0.43	5.69	2.66
Dardanelle	86.7	65.0	75.8	82.0	-6.3	0.71	2	NA	5.57	NA
Mena	82.6	62.9	73.0	79.1	-6.1	2.27	3	1.31	12.82	8.42
Subiaco	82.8	64.4	73.7	81.3	-7.6	0.97	2	0.22	5.48	2.38
Waldron	79.7	63.9	71.8	79.9	-8.1	1.52	2	0.78	7.43	4.43
Extreme/Average	82.9	64.2	73.6	80.7	-7.1	1.32	3	0.69	7.40	4.47
Central										
Alum Fork	80.4	65.3	72.9	80.0	-7.1	0.43	2	-0.39	6.36	2.89
Cabot	84.6	66.7	75.6	81.2	-5.6	0.72	3	0.00	4.49	1.43
Conway	82.9	66.0	74.4	81.4	-7.0	0.84	2	0.13	3.71	0.79
Hot Springs	80.7	67.3	74.0	82.6	-8.6	0.65	3	-0.28	4.92	0.85
Morrilton	83.9	63.9	73.9	81.0	-7.1	0.48	2	-0.18	5.52	2.53
Extreme/Average	82.5	65.8	74.2	81.2	-7.1	0.62	3	-0.14	5.00	1.70
East Central										
Brinkley	82.0	65.7	73.9	81.0	-7.1	0.10	1	-0.56	3.76	1.11
Des Arc	83.7	68.0	75.9	82.3	-6.5	0.15	2	-0.50	1.84	-0.95
Keo	81.3	66.3	73.8	81.2	-7.4	0.76	3	0.12	5.70	2.59
Stuttgart	84.4	68.3	76.4	81.5	-5.1	0.32	2	-0.38	2.25	-0.75
West Memphis	84.7	66.7	75.7	81.3	-5.6	0.02	1	-0.64	0.88	-2.13
Extreme/Average	83.2	67.0	75.1	81.5	-6.4	0.27	3	-0.39	2.89	-0.03
Southwest										
Ashdown	82.1	67.4	74.8	NA	NA	1.50	2	0.91	5.01	2.13
Hope	82.0	66.9	74.4	81.9	-7.4	1.41	3	0.70	4.96	1.83
Murfreesboro	84.4	64.7	74.6	79.5	-4.9	2.60	3	1.81	8.21	4.36
Nashville	84.1	68.1	76.1	82.9	-6.7	2.23	2	1.43	11.21	7.72
Extreme/Average	83.2	66.8	75.0	81.4	-6.3	1.94	3	1.21	7.35	4.01
South Central										
Camden	86.4	67.3	77.1	82.0	-4.8	0.60	3	-0.09	4.52	1.18
Fordyce	85.4	67.0	76.3	80.2	-3.9	0.83	3	0.02	3.75	0.17
Sparkman	87.8	66.0	77.1	81.1	-4.0	0.96	3	0.20	4.76	1.43
Extreme/Average	86.5	66.8	76.8	81.1	-4.3	0.80	3	0.04	4.34	0.93
Southeast										
Crossett	86.2	66.3	76.1	81.1	-5.0	0.84	4	0.03	5.07	1.56
Eudora	87.0	68.3	77.6	83.4	-5.7	0.78	5	-0.07	5.18	2.02
Pine Bluff	84.0	67.9	76.0	82.4	-6.4	0.47	3	-0.47	3.43	-0.31
Portland	86.0	68.6	77.3	81.5	-4.2	0.58	4	-0.27	6.79	3.03
Rohwer	84.6	68.3	76.4	81.7	-5.3	0.31	4	-0.41	3.08	-0.14
Extreme/Average	85.6	67.9	76.7	82.0	-5.3	0.60	5	-0.24	4.71	1.23
State	83.2	65.1	74.2	80.7	-6.6	0.84	3	0.15	4.33	1.11

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.