



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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**Week Ending: March 15, 2015**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 0.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 15, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 13 percent adequate, and 87 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 64 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 36.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 51.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Rohwer. Highs ranged from 53.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 64.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the central region of the state with an average of 4.40 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending March 15, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	0	NA	1	0
Rice, planted	0	NA	0	0
Sorghum, planted	0	NA	0	0
Winter Wheat, headed	0	NA	0	0

**Crop condition for week ending March 15, 2015**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hay, alfalfa	4	14	60	21	1
Hay, other	3	36	49	11	1
Livestock	2	6	45	45	2
Pasture	5	28	42	23	2
Winter Wheat	2	33	37	24	4

## Comments from Extension Agents

“Moving cattle from river and creek areas due to flooding. Producers are behind in spraying winter weeds. Feeding hay and dealing with muddy conditions and watching spring calving herds closely. Snow and ice from February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> really saturated the soil—causing delays in applying herbicides and fertilizer to forages.”

-J. Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Wheat progression is slow due to cooler than normal temperatures. Above-average rainfall is slowing progress of fieldwork.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Rain during the week caused flooding of all five rivers and many creeks in the county. Many crop fields are saturated at this time.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Fields are saturated. Flooding is a concern in the bottoms and low areas. Field preparation has been hindered. Wheat needs to be fertilized. Burn down applications are being considered to halt winter vegetation in hopes of getting in the field when weather permits.”

-Hake Chaney, Faulkner County

“With warmer temperatures wheat is greening up. We had a dry, warm period during February and much of our wheat received some of its nitrogen fertilizer. Wheat should begin to grow if temperatures remain warm.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

“Rain, rain, go away. Come back in July or August. Heavy rains interfering with early weed control in pastures. Low sunlight is affecting nitrate levels in winter pastures.”

-Robin Bridges, Union County

## Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 15, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Kingston	53.1	42.4	47.8	45.3	2.5	2.37	4	NA	6.74	NA
Lead Hill	55.6	36.6	46.1	45.0	1.1	2.53	5	1.63	5.43	2.84
Winslow	54.3	43.7	49.0	NA	NA	3.19	4	NA	6.40	NA
Extreme/Average	54.3	40.9	47.6	45.2	1.8	2.70	5	1.63	6.19	2.84
<b>North Central</b>										
Calico Rock	57.6	39.9	48.7	46.5	2.2	3.28	4	2.29	7.18	3.69
Evening Shade	57.9	38.6	48.2	48.3	-0.1	4.77	4	3.74	8.45	4.80
Gilbert	58.3	40.0	49.1	47.7	1.5	2.95	4	1.99	6.65	2.80
Mammoth Spring	61.5	39.2	50.3	46.1	4.2	4.47	4	3.68	8.30	5.05
Mtn Home	58.3	41.9	50.1	47.5	2.6	2.38	4	1.40	6.42	2.83
Mtn View	57.9	42.4	50.1	48.6	1.6	4.74	4	3.75	9.28	5.56
Extreme/Average	58.6	40.3	49.4	47.4	2.0	3.76	4	2.81	7.71	4.12
<b>Northeast</b>										
Corning	57.0	44.3	50.7	48.6	2.1	2.56	4	1.75	6.98	3.42
Jonesboro	57.3	42.6	49.9	48.1	1.8	3.87	6	2.93	9.65	6.10
Keiser	56.0	43.2	49.6	50.3	-0.3	2.51	3	1.81	7.40	3.71
Newport	55.0	45.4	50.2	49.5	0.7	5.07	6	4.06	9.77	5.89
Pocahontas	57.1	43.6	50.4	47.4	3.0	4.69	4	3.73	7.97	4.23
Searcy	58.0	46.4	52.2	50.2	2.0	3.95	6	2.87	9.48	5.35
Extreme/Average	56.7	44.3	50.5	49.0	1.6	3.77	6	2.86	8.54	4.78
<b>West Central</b>										
Dardanelle	62.4	45.0	53.7	52.3	1.4	4.16	4	NA	7.55	NA
Mena	55.9	45.1	50.5	49.1	1.4	4.05	5	2.92	8.39	4.26
Subiaco	57.3	44.0	50.6	50.7	-0.1	2.92	4	1.98	6.38	2.98
Waldron	57.6	44.0	50.8	49.8	1.0	3.08	6	2.08	6.09	2.57
Extreme/Average	58.3	44.5	51.4	50.5	0.9	3.55	6	2.33	7.10	3.27
<b>Central</b>										
Alum Fork	55.7	45.7	50.7	49.7	1.0	4.55	5	3.37	10.83	6.08
Cabot	59.0	43.2	51.1	51.1	0.0	4.63	6	3.70	8.66	4.88
Conway	59.6	45.0	52.3	50.6	1.7	3.24	5	2.20	7.65	3.66
Hot Springs	61.8	45.8	53.8	52.0	1.7	5.64	5	4.83	13.35	9.47
Morrilton	59.1	45.0	52.1	49.6	2.4	3.92	5	2.89	7.26	3.39
Extreme/Average	59.0	44.9	52.0	50.6	1.4	4.40	6	3.40	9.55	5.50
<b>East Central</b>										
Brinkley	57.1	44.0	50.6	50.6	0.0	3.45	4	2.46	8.37	4.25
Des Arc	59.7	49.4	54.6	51.7	2.9	3.38	5	2.34	8.72	4.55
Keo	56.6	46.7	51.6	52.9	-1.3	3.47	6	2.49	7.90	3.90
Stuttgart	60.2	46.5	53.3	51.4	1.9	2.50	3	1.65	6.90	3.70
West Memphis	58.4	46.6	52.5	50.9	1.6	3.52	6	2.41	7.95	3.58
Extreme/Average	58.4	46.6	52.5	51.5	1.0	3.26	6	2.27	7.97	4.00
<b>Southwest</b>										
Ashdown	58.3	48.9	53.6	NA	NA	4.56	6	3.35	11.23	6.65
Dequeen	56.8	47.0	51.9	51.8	0.4	3.34	4	2.56	6.17	3.03
Hope	57.1	49.4	53.3	52.6	0.7	4.49	6	3.40	12.13	7.46
Murfreesboro	57.0	46.3	51.6	50.6	1.0	4.03	5	2.91	7.53	3.25
Nashville	59.3	50.7	55.0	53.5	1.5	3.97	6	2.86	9.95	5.53
Extreme/Average	57.7	48.5	53.1	52.1	0.9	4.08	6	3.02	9.40	5.18
<b>South Central</b>										
Camden	56.4	45.9	51.1	53.5	-2.4	4.19	6	3.11	13.22	8.63
Fordyce	57.0	47.9	52.4	51.6	0.8	3.28	5	2.09	11.49	6.57
Prescott	54.6	46.8	50.7	51.8	-0.8	4.64	4	3.86	12.93	8.70
Sparkman	57.6	47.3	52.4	51.8	0.6	4.86	7	3.85	12.98	8.55
Extreme/Average	56.4	47.0	51.7	52.2	-0.4	4.24	7	3.23	12.66	8.11
<b>Southeast</b>										
Crossett	59.3	48.9	54.1	53.3	0.8	3.22	5	2.09	9.19	3.98
Eudora	64.4	51.6	58.0	55.6	2.4	2.99	6	1.93	9.82	5.30
Pine Bluff	59.2	51.2	55.2	52.7	2.4	3.71	5	2.79	10.36	5.69
Portland	59.9	46.9	53.4	53.1	0.3	2.41	6	1.34	7.99	3.46
Rohwer	59.3	51.7	55.5	53.3	2.2	3.09	6	2.05	8.03	3.54
Extreme/Average	60.4	50.1	55.2	53.6	1.6	3.08	6	2.04	9.08	4.39
<b>State</b>	57.7	45.2	51.5	50.3	1.1	3.67	5	2.64	8.73	4.74

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.