



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending March 22, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there was 0.6 of a day suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 22, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 84 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 63 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 36.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 51.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 58.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Corning to 70.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Dardanelle. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the south central region of the state with an average of 2.63 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 22, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	0	0	8	11
Rice, planted	0	0	1	1
Sorghum, planted	0	0	0	2
Winter Wheat, headed	0	0	1	1

Crop condition for week ending March 22, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hay, alfalfa	1	5	76	17	1
Hay, other	2	32	53	12	1
Livestock	2	5	44	47	2
Pasture	3	28	44	23	2
Winter Wheat	5	13	40	37	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Treating calves for scours and feeding hay. Some cattle producers can’t load cattle to market due to muddy conditions. Saturated fields are slowing spraying for weeds and applying fertilizer to cool season forages. Wet conditions are delaying field preparation for planting melons. Melons and cantaloupes are being started in greenhouses for field transplanting.”

-J. Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Rainfall is still preventing any fieldwork. Wheat was fertilized by plane this week and a few fields had burndown herbicides applied by air.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“We need some dry weather to spray, fertilize, and plant.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Spring nitrogen and herbicide were applied this week on wheat. Soil is saturated or rotten. Field preparation is at a stand-still. Pastures also need to be sprayed for broadleaf weed control.”

-Hake Chaney, Faulkner County

“Producers are waiting for conditions to dry a little more so fieldwork can begin. They should be able to get to going early this week.”

-Shawn Payne, Phillips County

“Ground is wetter than it has been in over 25 years, according to area ranchers.”

-Mike McCarter, Pike County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 22, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	60.0	43.3	51.6	47.5	4.1	0.51	2	NA	6.60	NA
Lead Hill	60.1	36.6	48.4	47.2	1.2	0.92	3	-0.08	5.55	2.15
Winslow	61.6	46.0	53.8	NA	NA	0.54	3	NA	5.99	NA
Extreme/Average	60.6	42.0	51.3	47.4	2.6	0.66	3	-0.08	6.05	2.15
North Central										
Calico Rock	62.4	39.7	51.1	48.7	2.4	0.53	2	-0.54	5.94	2.21
Evening Shade	63.0	38.1	50.6	50.4	0.1	0.79	3	-0.29	7.90	3.85
Gilbert	64.0	38.3	51.1	49.8	1.3	0.89	4	-0.13	5.83	1.92
Mammoth Spring	63.0	37.7	50.3	48.5	1.8	0.45	2	-0.44	6.38	3.02
Mtn Home	61.7	41.4	51.6	49.8	1.8	0.62	2	-0.50	5.21	1.30
Mtn View	63.1	42.4	52.8	50.8	2.0	0.47	3	-0.54	7.56	3.64
Extreme/Average	62.9	39.6	51.2	49.7	1.6	0.63	4	-0.41	6.47	2.66
Northeast										
Corning	58.7	42.1	50.4	51.0	-0.6	0.44	2	-0.56	5.15	1.43
Jonesboro	61.9	40.1	51.0	50.5	0.5	0.55	2	-0.44	7.83	3.99
Keiser	63.8	44.0	53.9	52.4	1.8	0.57	1	-0.15	5.25	1.56
Newport	60.4	43.6	52.0	51.7	0.3	0.93	3	-0.13	7.88	3.85
Pocahontas	61.3	41.3	51.3	49.7	1.6	0.56	2	-0.46	6.70	2.76
Searcy	63.3	43.9	53.6	52.4	1.2	1.15	4	0.04	8.52	4.22
Extreme/Average	61.6	42.5	52.0	51.3	0.8	0.70	4	-0.28	6.89	2.97
West Central										
Dardanelle	70.3	45.3	57.8	54.4	3.4	0.31	3	NA	7.20	NA
Mena	63.4	46.9	55.1	51.0	4.1	0.95	3	-0.18	8.00	3.76
Subiaco	65.6	44.9	55.2	52.9	2.3	0.94	4	-0.01	6.72	3.12
Waldron	65.3	45.0	55.1	51.7	3.5	1.05	3	0.10	6.74	2.96
Extreme/Average	66.1	45.5	55.8	52.5	3.3	0.81	4	-0.03	7.16	3.28
Central										
Alum Fork	62.7	44.7	53.7	51.9	1.8	0.47	3	-0.73	8.68	3.88
Cabot	65.6	44.1	54.9	53.1	1.8	1.12	4	0.02	7.73	3.68
Conway	65.1	43.4	54.3	52.7	1.6	0.55	3	-0.60	6.68	2.52
Hot Springs	62.1	46.1	54.1	54.1	0.1	1.77	3	0.59	12.79	8.68
Morrilton	65.2	44.7	54.9	51.8	3.2	0.43	3	-0.49	6.80	2.84
Extreme/Average	64.1	44.6	54.4	52.7	1.7	0.87	4	-0.24	8.54	4.32
East Central										
Brinkley	59.1	44.1	51.6	52.7	-1.1	1.30	2	0.33	7.74	3.67
Des Arc	63.1	48.3	55.7	53.9	1.9	1.27	3	0.15	7.66	3.39
Keo	61.4	45.9	53.6	55.0	-1.4	2.97	4	1.94	9.18	5.13
Stuttgart	63.4	48.4	55.9	53.4	2.5	1.30	2	0.29	7.95	4.55
West Memphis	66.3	44.0	55.1	52.9	2.2	0.77	3	-0.32	6.06	1.75
Extreme/Average	62.7	46.1	54.4	53.6	0.8	1.52	4	0.48	7.72	3.70
Southwest										
Ashdown	64.0	50.0	57.0	NA	NA	2.84	4	1.67	12.55	7.82
Dequeen	65.4	47.6	56.5	53.6	3.2	0.84	2	-0.01	6.14	2.67
Hope	62.6	49.1	55.9	54.5	1.4	2.10	4	1.00	12.87	8.28
Murfreesboro	63.0	46.7	54.9	52.5	2.3	1.17	3	0.00	7.10	2.71
Nashville	64.7	48.1	56.4	55.4	1.1	1.22	4	0.07	10.31	5.77
Extreme/Average	63.9	48.3	56.1	54.0	2.0	1.63	4	0.55	9.79	5.45
South Central										
Camden	62.1	42.1	52.1	55.5	-3.4	2.71	3	1.64	14.65	10.18
Fordyce	63.7	47.9	55.8	53.4	2.4	2.28	3	1.09	12.04	7.15
Prescott	62.9	47.7	55.3	53.7	1.5	2.74	4	1.62	16.21	11.59
Sparkman	63.3	47.0	55.1	53.8	1.3	2.77	4	1.80	14.25	10.10
Extreme/Average	63.0	46.2	54.6	54.1	0.5	2.63	4	1.54	14.29	9.75
Southeast										
Crossett	64.6	50.4	57.5	55.2	2.3	2.49	4	1.43	9.24	4.38
Eudora	68.6	51.7	60.1	57.5	2.6	2.76	4	1.72	9.67	5.47
Pine Bluff	63.4	47.6	55.5	54.8	0.7	2.93	4	1.87	11.92	7.32
Portland	67.0	48.7	57.9	55.2	2.7	2.05	4	1.04	7.17	3.08
Rohwer	65.0	49.7	57.3	55.1	2.3	2.71	3	1.88	8.42	4.34
Extreme/Average	65.7	49.6	57.7	55.6	2.1	2.59	4	1.59	9.28	4.92
State	63.4	44.9	54.1	52.4	1.6	1.33	3	0.33	8.50	4.39

DFN = Departure from Normal.
 Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
 NA = Not Available.