



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending April 5, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 5, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 40.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 57.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Rohwer. Highs ranged from 68.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 79.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central region of the state with an average of 1.02 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 5, 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	27	2	24	43
Rice, planted	6	0	7	13
Rice, emerged	0	NA	0	1
Sorghum, planted	6	0	2	14
Soybeans, planted	2	0	1	3
Winter Wheat, headed	2	1	1	14

Crop condition for week ending April 5, 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	66	26	2
Hay, other	2	28	46	22	2
Livestock	2	3	41	49	5
Pasture	1	16	46	33	4
Winter Wheat	3	14	32	43	8

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Wet conditions are delaying field work for melon production, and delaying spraying weeds and applying fertilizer. Farmers are working cattle.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“A few producers were able to plant a few acres of corn on sandy ground. Some burndown herbicides were applied. Rainfall has stopped everything again.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Warmer weather allowed some forage growth during the week. Rain has pretty much kept row crop farmers out of their fields. There were a few fields worked during the week, but were far and few between.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Farmers were just starting to plant corn in fields with good internal drainage, but scattered storms have pretty much brought planting and field work to a halt. Hail the size of baseballs were reported in the county. No word as to damage to farm structures and livestock. Wheat was being fertilized for the final application.”

-Hank Chaney, Faulkner County

“Producers have been able to take advantage of some good, dry weather by cultivating and planting fields they were able to get into, but there are still fields that will need more time to dry out before being worked.”

-Shawn Payne, Phillips County

“Farmers finally got enough dry weather early in the week to spray spring weeds in pastures and meadows. Fertilizer is going out on winter annuals and warm-season hay meadows.”

-Mike McCarter, Pike County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 5, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	69.0	47.0	58.0	52.2	5.8	0.08	2	NA	4.66	NA
Lead Hill	68.6	41.9	55.2	51.2	4.1	0.91	2	-0.05	6.38	2.48
Winslow	69.1	47.7	58.4	NA	NA	0.18	2	NA	5.88	NA
Extreme/Average	68.9	45.5	57.2	51.7	4.9	0.39	2	-0.05	5.64	2.48
North Central										
Calico Rock	71.1	40.9	56.0	52.9	3.1	0.70	2	-0.40	6.16	1.93
Evening Shade	71.4	41.3	56.4	54.7	1.7	0.47	3	-0.56	7.20	2.97
Gilbert	74.1	42.0	58.1	53.9	4.2	0.78	1	-0.25	6.35	2.31
Mammoth Spring	71.0	43.0	57.0	52.8	4.2	2.10	2	1.01	9.39	5.55
Mtn Home	69.9	44.6	57.2	54.2	3.0	1.61	3	0.54	7.43	3.14
Mtn View	71.0	48.0	59.5	55.2	4.3	0.48	2	-0.57	6.78	2.69
Extreme/Average	71.4	43.3	57.4	53.9	3.4	1.02	3	-0.04	7.22	3.10
Northeast										
Corning	69.2	45.2	57.2	55.8	1.4	1.85	4	0.80	6.51	2.58
Jonesboro	72.3	46.7	59.5	55.2	4.3	1.40	3	0.36	6.25	2.27
Keiser	73.8	53.2	63.5	56.8	7.0	0.19	2	-0.60	4.39	0.48
Newport	69.4	49.9	59.6	56.2	3.4	0.63	2	-0.45	7.28	3.22
Pocahontas	70.6	43.7	57.1	54.1	3.0	1.08	2	0.07	7.87	3.85
Searcy	74.0	48.7	61.4	56.4	4.9	0.92	2	-0.17	6.38	2.03
Extreme/Average	71.6	47.9	59.7	55.8	4.0	1.01	4	0.00	6.45	2.40
West Central										
Booneville	77.4	47.9	62.6	55.9	6.7	0.00	0	-0.89	5.74	1.90
Dardanelle	75.9	49.7	62.8	58.4	4.4	0.18	1	NA	5.58	NA
Mena	72.3	49.1	60.7	54.8	5.9	0.30	3	-0.84	6.14	1.57
Subiaco	74.1	47.6	60.9	56.9	4.0	0.04	1	-0.87	4.83	1.10
Waldron	76.1	46.4	61.3	55.4	5.9	0.17	1	-0.73	5.16	1.38
Extreme/Average	75.2	48.1	61.7	56.3	5.4	0.14	3	-0.83	5.49	1.49
Central										
Alum Fork	73.0	47.6	60.4	55.9	4.4	0.73	4	-0.39	6.24	1.58
Cabot	77.3	51.2	64.3	56.7	7.7	1.37	3	0.50	7.44	3.50
Conway	76.3	48.0	62.1	56.7	5.5	0.34	1	-0.80	4.68	0.13
Hot Springs	73.6	53.0	63.3	58.1	5.4	1.20	1	0.33	8.98	4.75
Morrilton	75.7	47.4	61.6	56.0	5.6	0.28	2	-0.75	5.40	1.36
Extreme/Average	75.2	49.4	62.3	56.7	5.7	0.78	4	-0.22	6.55	2.26
East Central										
Brinkley	69.4	49.9	59.6	56.9	2.7	0.00	0	-1.04	5.25	1.21
Des Arc	75.1	55.7	65.4	58.2	7.3	0.32	1	-0.85	5.15	0.70
Keo	73.6	53.3	63.4	59.2	4.2	1.31	3	0.19	8.15	3.95
Stuttgart	73.6	54.4	64.0	57.5	6.5	0.37	2	-0.78	5.92	1.80
West Memphis	73.3	45.9	59.6	56.9	2.7	0.47	3	-0.64	5.23	0.81
Extreme/Average	73.0	51.8	62.4	57.7	4.7	0.49	3	-0.62	5.94	1.69
Southwest										
Ashdown	79.1	52.9	66.0	NA	NA	0.10	1	-0.85	7.65	3.22
Nashville	78.1	52.0	65.1	58.9	6.2	0.02	1	-1.03	5.34	0.89
Extreme/Average	78.6	52.5	65.5	58.9	6.2	0.06	1	-0.94	6.50	2.06
South Central										
Camden	79.0	48.9	63.9	59.2	4.7	0.22	1	-0.82	7.44	3.16
Fordyce	78.3	52.3	65.3	56.9	8.3	0.91	1	-0.23	6.98	2.29
Prescott	78.6	50.7	64.6	57.6	7.1	0.01	1	-1.03	7.76	3.39
Sparkman	79.0	49.9	64.4	57.6	6.8	0.56	1	-0.64	8.97	4.68
Extreme/Average	78.7	50.4	64.6	57.8	6.7	0.43	1	-0.68	7.79	3.38
Southeast										
Crossett	77.7	53.3	65.5	58.5	7.0	1.00	1	-0.14	6.87	2.46
Eudora	79.7	56.7	68.2	61.1	7.1	0.74	1	-0.29	7.10	2.89
Pine Bluff	79.3	56.5	67.9	58.9	9.2	0.00	0	-1.10	6.96	2.78
Portland	79.6	56.4	68.0	59.1	8.9	0.47	1	-0.62	5.27	1.38
Rohwer	75.2	57.3	66.3	58.9	7.5	0.20	1	-0.70	6.53	2.81
Extreme/Average	78.3	56.0	67.2	59.3	7.9	0.48	1	-0.57	6.55	2.46
State	74.5	49.4	61.9	56.5	5.4	0.54	2	-0.44	6.46	2.35

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.