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Week Ending May 3, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 3, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 39.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 52.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 66.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 76.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Portland. Finally, the majority of the week was suitable for fieldwork, with only light scattered showers across the state. Only stations at Hot Springs, Hope, and Stuttgart reported more than 1 inch of rainfall for the week.

Crop progress for week ending May 3, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	92	81	83	90
Corn, emerged	73	56	62	80
Cotton, planted	20	4	15	25
Cotton, emerged	7	2	5	11
Rice, planted	64	37	62	68
Rice, emerged	33	20	38	48
Sorghum, planted	65	42	46	69
Sorghum, emerged	41	17	19	50
Soybeans, planted	27	16	23	28
Soybeans, emerged	16	7	8	16
Winter Wheat, headed	82	47	44	78
Winter Wheat, coloring	5	0	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending May 3, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	5	2	25	52	16
Hay, alfalfa	1	5	60	29	5
Hay, other	2	20	40	32	6
Livestock	2	1	32	56	9
Pasture	1	11	34	43	11
Winter Wheat	3	8	31	45	13

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Farmers had to replant and spot-plant some corn due to cold, wet temperatures, and poor, uneven stands. Planting is in full swing now for all crops. Wheat has deteriorated due to all the rain.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Greene County finally got lucky, and only had a small shower 2 weekends ago. Growers were planting on drier fields on Monday, and moving on to clay-mix fields late in the week. The biggest chunk of our corn, rice, and grain sorghum were planted the last 7 days. If the forecast holds, and it does not rain until next weekend, the bulk of these crops will be in the ground. Soybeans will then be planted. Many rice fields are in need of a flush. The wheat crop looks poor-to-fair from the wet spring.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Prepared for planting soybeans and rice. Sprayed corn and rice for weed control. Farmers are planting corn, rice, soybeans, and cotton. Started side-dress fertilizer applications on corn. Fertilized pastures, and harvested strawberries.”

-Jeff Welch, Lonoke County

“Rapid planting progress was made during the past week. Corn, sorghum, and rice planting will be nearing completion with soybean planting beginning. Some hay cutting was done. Herbicide and fertilizer applications have begun with the corn crop. Flushing of rice is taking place to promote emergence. Some corn and rice was being replanted.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Finally getting dry enough to get over fields to spray and fertilize. Cool temperatures and competition from weeds have retarded development of warm season forages in most fields.”

-Mike McCarter, Pike County

“Producers are grazing heavily on the last of the cool season grass and legume growth. A few plan to cut and bale ryegrass for hay if needed. Bermuda and other warm season perennial grasses are getting the temperatures needed for release. Very little storm damage in Union County from last week’s weather.”

-Robin Bridges, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending May 3, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	66.3	44.7	55.5	60.0	-4.5	0.00	0	NA	2.20	NA
Lead Hill	68.1	42.1	55.1	59.2	-4.1	0.00	0	-1.11	3.92	0.20
Winslow	69.9	51.0	60.4	NA	NA	0.07	2	NA	2.72	NA
Extreme/Average	68.1	45.9	57.0	59.6	-4.3	0.02	2	-1.11	2.95	0.20
North Central										
Calico Rock	70.3	39.9	55.1	61.3	-6.2	0.00	0	-1.12	3.30	-1.10
Evening Shade	69.3	39.5	54.4	62.8	-8.2	0.00	0	-1.01	4.15	-0.07
Gilbert	70.6	41.3	55.9	62.0	-6.1	0.00	0	-1.09	4.88	0.66
Mammoth Spring	71.6	41.6	56.6	60.8	-4.3	0.00	0	-1.13	3.89	-0.70
Mtn Home	70.0	46.6	58.3	62.2	-3.9	0.00	0	-1.20	2.85	-1.67
Mtn View	70.3	44.7	57.5	63.1	-5.6	0.00	0	-1.25	4.71	-0.05
Extreme/Average	70.3	42.3	56.3	62.0	-5.7	0.00	0	-1.13	3.96	-0.49
Northeast										
Corning	71.0	43.9	57.4	64.6	-7.2	0.00	0	-1.14	4.30	
Keiser	68.6	50.4	59.5	66.0	-6.2	0.00	0	-0.84	4.97	0.79
Newport	68.6	48.6	58.6	64.9	-6.3	0.02	1	-1.16	6.83	2.22
Pocahontas	72.0	44.6	58.3	62.7	-4.4	0.00	0	-1.16	3.79	-0.57
Searcy	72.6	45.6	59.1	64.8	-5.7	0.00	0	-0.95	4.08	-0.34
Extreme/Average	70.6	46.6	58.6	64.6	-6.0	0.00	0	-1.05	4.79	0.42
West Central										
Booneville	72.9	46.7	59.8	64.3	-4.5	0.92	3	-0.37	5.87	1.55
Mena	71.1	45.7	58.4	62.5	-4.1	0.48	2	-0.58	6.28	1.80
Subiaco	72.4	49.1	60.8	64.7	-3.9	0.19	1	-0.96	3.67	-0.53
Waldron	74.1	45.3	59.7	63.8	-4.1	0.54	3	-0.82	4.91	0.32
Extreme/Average	72.6	46.7	59.7	63.8	-4.1	0.53	3	-0.68	5.18	0.79
Central										
Alum Fork	69.0	47.4	58.2	63.5	-5.3	0.73	3	-0.54	7.72	2.81
Cabot	73.3	46.3	59.8	64.5	-4.7	0.03	1	-1.24	4.13	-0.17
Hot Springs	70.9	51.3	61.1	65.5	-4.4	1.04	3	-0.22	8.74	3.87
Morrilton	73.6	45.9	59.7	63.8	-4.1	0.10	2	-1.10	3.74	-0.69
Extreme/Average	71.7	47.7	59.7	64.3	-4.6	0.48	3	-0.78	6.08	1.46
East Central										
Brinkley	69.3	49.6	59.4	65.4	-5.9	0.00	0	-1.32	5.40	0.60
Des Arc	70.9	51.0	60.9	66.4	-5.5	0.00	0	-1.29	4.77	-0.12
Keo	70.1	51.0	60.6	67.2	-6.6	0.22	1	-1.01	4.51	-0.03
Stuttgart	72.4	52.8	62.6	66.1	-3.2	1.93	2	1.00	6.18	1.55
West Memphis	72.2	48.4	60.3	65.7	-5.7	0.00	0	-0.98	5.94	1.26
Extreme/Average	71.0	50.6	60.8	66.2	-5.4	0.43	2	-0.72	5.36	0.65
Southwest										
Ashdown	75.1	50.1	62.6	NA	NA	0.70	4	-0.49	8.68	4.63
Hope	73.9	49.1	61.5	65.6	-4.1	1.28	3	0.03	10.52	6.08
Murfreesboro	72.4	43.7	58.1	63.1	-5.1	0.63	3	-0.63	6.41	1.86
Nashville	75.1	49.0	62.1	66.5	-4.4	0.53	3	-0.77	7.39	2.77
Extreme/Average	74.1	48.0	61.1	65.1	-4.5	0.78	4	-0.46	8.25	3.83
South Central										
Camden	74.7	47.6	61.1	66.3	-5.1	0.35	2	-0.74	6.47	2.37
Fordyce	73.4	48.3	60.9	64.7	-3.8	0.68	2	-0.50	6.92	2.54
Sparkman	73.0	46.0	59.5	64.7	-5.2	0.66	3	-0.41	7.41	3.21
Extreme/Average	73.7	47.3	60.5	65.2	-4.7	0.56	3	-0.55	6.93	2.71
Southeast										
Pine Bluff	71.3	48.7	60.0	66.8	-6.8	0.36	3	-0.87	7.61	3.11
Portland	76.0	51.9	63.9	67.1	-3.2	0.05	2	-1.05	4.78	0.46
Rohwer	73.0	51.6	62.3	67.4	-5.1	0.03	1	-1.15	6.76	2.22
Extreme/Average	73.4	50.7	62.1	67.1	-5.0	0.15	3	-1.02	6.38	1.93
State	71.7	47.3	59.5	64.3	-5.0	0.33	2	-0.83	5.53	1.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.