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Week Ending May 24, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 24, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 50.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 62.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Portland. Highs ranged from 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 82.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Portland. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the west-central region of the state with an average of 4.17 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 24, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	99	98	99	99
Corn, emerged	97	95	97	98
Cotton, planted	89	83	93	88
Cotton, emerged	67	52	72	67
Peanuts, planted	20	18	NA	NA
Peanuts, emerged	4	NA	NA	NA
Rice, planted	92	89	94	92
Rice, emerged	83	73	84	83
Sorghum, planted	89	85	89	93
Sorghum, emerged	80	70	70	83
Soybeans, planted	56	53	61	57
Soybeans, emerged	48	39	46	44
Winter Wheat, headed	99	98	99	99
Winter Wheat, coloring	64	36	NA	NA

Crop condition for week ending May 24, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	5	4	22	53	16
Cotton	0	9	27	62	2
Hay, alfalfa	1	5	66	23	5
Hay, other	3	16	46	30	5
Livestock	2	3	30	55	10
Pasture	2	9	39	39	11
Rice	3	7	28	49	13
Sorghum	3	3	25	57	12
Soybeans	5	11	35	40	9
Winter Wheat	4	7	31	47	11

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Fescue hay meadows are overly mature, and the rain continues to delay harvest.”

-Brian See, Marion County

“Rainfall continues to hamper progress of planting. Producers are applying fertilizer on corn by air. Water is damaging low areas of fields. Hay quality is beginning to deteriorate due to the rain delaying harvest.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Rains and flooding have not let producers in fields. Hay is over-mature for first cutting in the county.”

-Dave Stritzinger, Hot Springs County

“Rainfall prevented all fieldwork for the week. Herbicides and fertilizer continue to be applied around periods of rainfall. No hay was cut and quality is declining due to growth stages of grass. All crops showing signs of wet weather, with seedling disease showing up. Flooding is a real concern with expected rainfall. Some replanting of soybeans will occur.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Cool season forages that are normally cut for hay are declining in quality rapidly. Wet grounds and continued rain don’t look favorable for harvest this week.”

-Mike McCarter, Pike County

“Catalpa worms are showing up. Get your fishing poles ready!”

-Les Walz, Cleveland County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending May 24, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	68.0	50.6	59.3	65.8	-6.5	1.72	5	NA	9.33	NA
Lead Hill	69.3	50.9	60.1	65.1	-5.1	1.11	5	0.18	5.86	2.04
Winslow	68.9	52.7	60.8	NA	NA	2.35	6	NA	11.85	NA
Extreme/Average	68.7	51.4	60.1	65.5	-5.8	1.73	6	0.18	9.01	2.04
North Central										
Calico Rock	73.7	53.9	63.8	66.9	-3.2	1.47	4	0.41	8.17	3.70
Evening Shade	75.1	53.4	64.3	68.6	-4.3	1.68	5	0.62	6.62	2.06
Gilbert	74.4	52.1	63.3	67.9	-4.6	1.20	3	0.11	7.74	3.29
Mammoth Spring	73.9	53.1	63.5	66.6	-3.1	0.72	3	-0.14	7.54	3.66
Mountain Home	73.3	53.1	63.2	67.5	-4.3	1.19	4	0.15	7.06	2.48
Mountain View	77.0	55.7	66.4	68.3	-1.9	1.25	4	0.17	8.99	4.25
Extreme/Average	74.6	53.6	64.1	67.6	-3.6	1.25	5	0.22	7.69	3.24
Northeast										
Corning	73.6	55.0	64.3	70.5	-6.2	3.00	4	2.01	6.08	2.34
Jonesboro	75.6	53.6	64.6	70.0	-5.4	1.60	2	0.53	6.67	2.22
Keiser	73.6	59.4	66.5	72.5	-5.7	0.83	2	0.00	5.00	0.44
Newport	73.0	57.6	65.3	70.9	-5.6	1.19	2	0.26	6.47	2.01
Pocahontas	75.6	54.0	64.8	69.0	-4.2	1.96	4	1.10	7.97	3.66
Searcy	78.1	58.9	68.5	71.2	-2.7	0.67	2	-0.34	5.94	1.24
Extreme/Average	74.9	56.4	65.7	70.7	-5.0	1.54	4	0.59	6.35	1.99
West Central										
Booneville	77.3	57.9	67.6	69.6	-2.0	3.32	4	2.23	13.23	8.56
Mena	74.0	55.7	64.8	68.1	-3.2	4.99	5	3.69	14.65	9.13
Subiaco	75.0	57.4	66.2	70.3	-4.0	2.85	5	1.77	11.35	6.85
Waldron	75.4	56.4	65.9	69.1	-3.1	5.51	5	4.17	15.32	9.75
Extreme/Average	75.4	56.9	66.1	69.3	-3.1	4.17	5	2.96	13.64	8.57
Central										
Alum Fork	75.0	57.4	66.2	69.2	-2.9	2.48	5	1.28	9.34	4.43
Cabot	78.1	57.7	67.9	70.8	-2.8	1.84	5	0.70	6.23	1.68
Conway	79.1	58.0	68.6	70.3	-1.7	0.84	1	0.13	8.12	4.12
Hot Springs	76.6	59.6	68.1	71.1	-3.0	2.12	5	0.72	6.59	1.72
Morrilton	78.0	58.6	68.3	69.6	-1.4	1.78	4	0.83	5.93	1.75
Extreme/Average	77.4	58.3	67.8	70.2	-2.4	1.81	5	0.73	7.24	2.74
East Central										
Des Arc	77.3	60.9	69.1	72.4	-3.3	0.89	2	-0.05	4.16	-0.53
Keo	77.9	59.7	68.8	72.6	-3.8	2.16	4	1.19	5.69	1.25
West Memphis	80.9	54.9	67.9	71.9	-4.0	2.38	3	1.25	6.04	0.89
Extreme/Average	78.7	58.5	68.6	72.3	-3.7	1.81	4	0.80	5.30	0.54
Southwest										
Ashdown	78.7	60.0	69.4	NA	NA	1.58	4	0.38	10.53	5.53
Hope	77.4	60.4	68.9	71.2	-2.1	0.75	3	-0.08	7.34	2.66
Nashville	79.4	58.7	69.1	72.3	-3.2	0.78	5	-0.47	10.15	4.73
Extreme/Average	78.5	59.7	69.1	71.8	-2.7	1.04	5	-0.06	9.34	4.31
South Central										
Camden	77.6	NA	NA	71.8	NA	0.18	3	-0.78	3.00	-1.31
Fordyce	77.9	59.7	68.8	69.9	-1.1	0.14	2	-1.15	2.64	-2.46
Sparkman	76.2	57.8	67.0	70.3	-3.4	0.09	1	-0.84	4.44	0.01
Extreme/Average	77.2	58.8	67.9	70.7	-2.2	0.14	3	-0.92	3.36	-1.25
Southeast										
Crossett	79.0	58.4	68.7	71.6	-2.9	1.05	3	-0.29	2.57	-1.83
Eudora	81.7	61.6	71.6	75.0	-3.3	1.69	2	0.63	3.19	-1.10
Pine Bluff	80.8	60.9	71.8	72.6	-0.7	2.05	2	1.08	5.56	0.95
Portland	82.4	62.6	72.5	73.0	-0.2	1.77	3	1.02	2.65	-1.51
Rohwer	80.0	61.4	71.8	73.4	-1.5	1.63	3	0.51	3.92	-0.45
Extreme/Average	80.8	61.0	71.3	73.1	-1.7	1.64	3	0.59	3.58	-0.79
State	76.3	57.2	66.8	70.2	-3.4	1.71	4	0.60	7.27	2.41

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.