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**Week Ending September 6, 2015**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 6, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 62 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 16 percent very short, 46 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 63.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston and Calico Rock to 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 84.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Winslow to 96.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the south central region of the state with an average of 0.32 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending September 6, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	99	93	96	96
Corn, harvested	61	44	34	62
Cotton, open bolls	29	21	46	57
Peanuts, dug	3	2	NA	NA
Rice, headed	100	99	100	99
Rice, mature	74	66	59	69
Rice, harvested	30	16	14	29
Sorghum, coloring	100	97	99	99
Sorghum, mature	89	78	82	82
Sorghum, harvested	52	36	28	50
Soybeans, setting pods	99	96	100	99
Soybeans, turning color	54	49	48	41
Soybeans, dropping leaves	29	19	30	24
Soybeans, mature	20	13	22	16
Soybeans, harvested	11	5	4	9

**Crop condition for week ending September 6, 2015**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	6	4	27	51	12
Cotton	4	2	16	44	34
Hay, alfalfa	1	6	64	28	1
Hay, other	3	19	43	30	5
Livestock	2	4	33	55	6
Pasture	5	18	37	34	6
Peanuts	2	4	51	40	3
Rice	4	7	25	49	15
Sorghum	2	3	21	59	15
Soybeans	5	6	27	48	14

**Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents**

“A few fields of rice, corn, and grain sorghum have been harvested. Have not heard any yields yet. Harvest should pick up during the next week, with a lot of corn, grain sorghum, and rice grain moisture reaching low enough levels. Soybeans received irrigation during week. Many hay fields and pastures have declined due to dry weather. Livestock producers are preparing to plant cool season annuals, but are waiting on precipitation.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Soybean irrigation continued along with corn and rice harvest. Yield reports for corn and rice are very disappointing. Overall grain quality of rice is lower than average. Rainfall is needed for hay and pasture.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Yields this year are down from last year. Grain sorghum down 20-30 bu/ac and corn down 30-40 bu/ac. Early rice yields will be average. Early planted soybeans have received their final irrigation. Late planted soybeans will need more water. Late planted grain sorghum and soybeans are being treated for insects. Cotton will be defoliated soon.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

“Many producers are reporting that farm ponds are near record lows. Small grains are needed to be planted, but many are reluctant to do so because of such dry conditions.”

-Dana Stringfellow, Sevier County

“Pop-up showers didn’t meet moisture levels needed to germinate cool season forages. Union County moving back into dryer-than-normal weather pattern. Continued temperatures in the 90’s have brown out pastures, and forced producers to feed hay earlier than they would like.”

-Robin Bridges, Union County

## Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending September 6, 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	84.7	63.3	74.0	73.5	0.5	0.00	0	NA	3.41	NA
Winslow	84.3	69.9	77.1	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	3.54	NA
Extreme/Average	84.5	66.6	75.5	73.5	0.5	0.00	0	NA	3.48	NA
<b>North Central</b>										
Calico Rock	88.9	63.3	76.1	73.4	2.7	0.08	1	-0.67	0.69	-2.01
Evening Shade	91.4	64.3	77.9	75.9	1.9	0.05	1	-0.73	0.56	-2.10
Gilbert	90.9	63.7	77.3	75.0	2.3	0.00	0	-0.80	1.73	-0.87
Mammoth Spring	91.3	65.2	78.3	73.4	4.9	0.00	0	-0.69	1.07	-1.63
Mountain Home	89.6	69.4	79.5	75.5	4.0	0.00	0	-0.93	1.35	-1.76
Extreme/Average	90.4	65.2	77.8	74.6	3.2	0.03	1	-0.76	1.08	-1.67
<b>Northeast</b>										
Corning	90.6	69.1	79.9	76.0	3.9	0.00	0	-0.65	3.12	0.73
Jonesboro	91.3	67.7	79.5	76.0	3.5	0.00	0	-0.58	1.60	-0.74
Keiser	91.4	71.8	81.6	77.6	3.7	0.00	0	-0.38	4.89	3.03
Newport	88.8	69.8	79.3	77.1	2.2	0.00	0	-0.55	2.81	0.53
Pocahontas	92.1	68.3	80.2	75.0	5.2	0.00	0	-0.76	0.80	-2.12
Searcy	93.3	70.6	81.9	77.4	4.5	0.29	1	-0.42	1.54	-0.92
Extreme/Average	91.2	69.6	80.4	76.5	3.8	0.05	1	-0.56	2.46	0.08
<b>West Central</b>										
Dardanelle	93.1	67.7	80.4	78.2	2.3	0.00	0	NA	1.99	NA
Mena	91.4	66.3	78.9	75.3	3.6	0.22	2	-0.70	3.90	1.29
Subiaco	92.3	68.5	80.4	77.1	3.3	0.34	1	-0.38	4.06	1.26
Waldron	93.0	66.7	79.9	75.7	4.2	0.04	1	-0.86	2.81	-0.10
Extreme/Average	92.5	67.3	79.9	76.6	3.3	0.15	2	-0.65	3.19	0.82
<b>Central</b>										
Alum Fork	89.7	67.7	78.7	76.1	2.6	0.45	1	-0.45	2.13	-0.78
Cabot	95.3	66.9	81.1	77.7	3.4	0.00	0	-0.76	0.92	-1.64
Conway	96.0	68.0	82.0	77.4	4.7	0.01	1	-0.56	1.74	-0.76
Morrilton	95.6	66.9	81.2	76.8	4.4	0.00	0	-0.71	1.52	-1.01
Extreme/Average	94.2	67.4	80.7	77.0	3.8	0.12	1	-0.62	1.58	-1.05
<b>East Central</b>										
Brinkley	91.6	71.4	81.5	77.3	3.9	0.00	0	-0.39	1.30	-0.49
Des Arc	93.1	71.7	82.4	78.2	4.2	0.00	0	-0.62	0.78	-1.42
Stuttgart	91.2	72.0	81.6	78.0	3.3	0.00	0	-0.36	1.07	-0.59
West Memphis	92.8	71.5	82.2	78.2	4.1	0.62	1	0.07	2.53	0.28
Extreme/Average	92.2	71.7	81.9	77.9	3.9	0.15	1	-0.33	1.42	-0.55
<b>Southwest</b>										
Ashdown	93.4	68.8	81.1	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.79	0.81	-1.62
Murfreesboro	90.2	65.5	77.8	76.2	1.6	0.00	0	-0.71	4.22	1.54
Nashville	92.3	68.9	80.6	79.8	0.7	0.16	1	-0.61	3.57	1.01
Extreme/Average	92.0	67.7	79.8	78.0	1.2	0.05	1	-0.70	2.87	0.31
<b>South Central</b>										
Camden	93.7	69.0	81.3	78.2	3.1	0.00		-0.63	2.78	0.44
Fordyce	92.7	68.0	80.4	77.0	3.4	0.17	1	-0.48	2.02	-0.33
Magnolia	92.8	67.2	80.0	78.4	1.5	0.09	1	-0.42	1.58	0.07
Sparkman	89.4	67.7	78.6	77.3	1.2	1.03	1	0.30	3.51	1.19
Extreme/Average	92.2	68.0	80.1	77.7	2.3	0.32	1	-0.31	2.47	0.34
<b>Southeast</b>										
Crossett	93.4	67.6	80.5	77.9	2.6	0.79	3	-0.06	1.59	-1.71
Eudora	96.8	73.0	84.9	80.5	4.4	0.00	0	-0.69	1.63	-1.34
Pine Bluff	92.3	71.6	81.9	78.9	3.0	0.20	1	-0.47	1.85	-0.64
Portland	94.1	69.7	81.9	78.7	3.2	0.01	1	-0.63	1.89	-0.55
Rohwer	93.0	72.2	82.6	78.6	4.2	0.02	1	-0.36	1.63	-0.33
Extreme/Average	93.9	70.8	82.4	78.9	3.5	0.20	3	-0.44	1.72	-0.91
<b>State</b>	91.5	68.3	79.9	76.8	2.9	0.12	1	-0.49	2.25	-0.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.