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Week Ending September 13, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 13, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 42 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 38 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 58.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 70.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser. Highs ranged from 79.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 92.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northwest region of the state with an average of 3.19 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 13, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	99	99	99
Corn, harvested	79	61	56	77
Cotton, open bolls	62	29	65	73
Peanuts, dug	4	3	NA	NA
Rice, mature	86	74	76	81
Rice, harvested	41	30	28	42
Sorghum, mature	95	89	93	92
Sorghum, harvested	71	52	51	66
Soybeans, setting pods	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	64	54	60	53
Soybeans, dropping leaves	39	29	41	35
Soybeans, mature	28	20	32	25
Soybeans, harvested	15	11	13	14

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending September 13, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	4	2	18	43	33
Hay, alfalfa	1	6	64	28	1
Hay, other	4	18	43	30	5
Livestock	2	3	33	55	7
Pasture	5	14	35	37	9
Peanuts	2	4	51	40	3
Rice	4	7	29	46	14
Soybeans	5	7	27	48	13

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Rain amounts of 2-5 inches fell this week. Planting fall forages and watching for calving issues. Bush-hogging fields that were not sprayed for weeds.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Rice, corn, and milo harvest was in full swing. A rain mid-week kept farmers out of the field 2-3 days. Harvest was resuming by the weekend.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Rice, corn, and grain sorghum yields are disappointing when compared to the previous 2 years. Effects are believed to stem from cool, wet weather during planting and emergence, and hot temperatures during pollination. Soybeans still have some potential for decent yields.”

-Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“For those who received rainfall during the week, soybean irrigation has slowed; other areas continue to irrigate due to lack of rainfall. Rice harvest continues with dismal yield and quality reports. Crop yields are still holding the trend of 10-15% off from last year. Cotton bolls continue to open, and sorghum harvest is all but complete. Final hay cuttings are being made.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Producers are waiting on rain to plant wheat and winter pastures.”

-Joe Stuart, Little River County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending September 13, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	79.9	58.9	69.4	71.0	-1.6	4.26	4	NA	7.67	NA
Winslow	81.4	62.6	72.0	NA	NA	2.12	2	NA	5.66	NA
Extreme/Average	80.7	60.8	70.7	71.0	-1.6	3.19	4	NA	6.67	NA
North Central										
Calico Rock	83.6	59.6	71.6	71.0	0.6	2.53	3	1.58	3.22	0.22
Evening Shade	84.7	58.6	71.6	73.4	-1.8	1.22	3	0.35	1.55	-1.35
Gilbert	85.3	60.4	72.9	72.5	0.4	2.35	3	1.35	4.08	1.09
Mammoth Spring	84.4	59.9	72.1	70.9	1.3	1.69	3	0.77	2.06	-0.91
Mountain Home	83.9	62.7	73.3	72.9	0.4	2.40	3	1.34	3.73	0.24
Mountain View	88.3	61.9	75.1	73.3	1.8	0.35	2	-0.47	1.07	-2.17
Extreme/Average	85.0	60.5	72.8	72.3	0.5	1.76	3	0.82	2.62	-0.48
Northeast										
Corning	83.6	62.7	73.1	73.6	-0.4	2.24	5	1.42	3.08	0.48
Jonesboro	85.3	61.6	73.4	73.6	-0.2	2.14	4	1.44	2.85	0.46
Keiser	89.2	70.2	79.7	75.3	4.0	0.57	1	0.09	2.57	0.57
Newport	83.0	63.9	73.4	74.7	-1.3	2.33	3	1.59	5.07	2.53
Pocahontas	87.0	63.1	75.1	72.6	2.5	1.28	3	0.41	1.81	-1.29
Searcy	89.7	67.7	78.7	75.1	3.4	2.91	2	2.25	4.45	1.92
Extreme/Average	86.3	64.9	75.6	74.1	1.3	1.91	5	1.20	3.31	0.78
West Central										
Dardanelle	89.7	64.1	76.9	75.8	1.2	1.43	2	NA	3.42	NA
Mena	88.0	64.2	76.1	73.1	2.9	0.95	1	-0.01	4.85	1.85
Subiaco	86.9	64.3	75.6	74.8	0.8	2.47	2	1.53	6.53	3.50
Waldron	87.1	63.3	75.2	73.2	2.0	1.77	2	0.74	4.58	1.32
Extreme/Average	87.9	64.0	75.9	74.2	1.7	1.65	2	0.75	4.85	2.22
Central										
Alum Fork	85.3	63.9	74.6	74.0	0.6	2.66	2	1.66	4.79	1.55
Cabot	90.8	64.8	77.8	75.5	2.3	2.01	2	1.45	2.93	0.45
Conway	90.2	65.2	77.7	75.0	2.5	1.15	2	0.54	2.89	0.34
Hot Springs	89.4	66.9	78.1	76.3	1.9	0.17	1	-0.81	2.25	-0.90
Morrilton	89.4	62.7	76.1	74.6	1.5	1.50	2	0.71	3.02	0.27
Extreme/Average	89.0	64.7	76.8	75.1	1.8	1.50	2	0.71	3.18	0.34
East Central										
Brinkley	85.0	67.3	76.1	75.1	1.0	0.50	2	-0.15	1.80	-0.32
Des Arc	86.7	66.4	76.6	75.8	0.7	1.51	2	0.83	2.29	-0.06
Keo	87.7	63.4	75.6	75.4	0.1	0.03	1	-0.67	1.06	-1.01
West Memphis	85.3	66.0	75.6	76.1	-0.4	1.95	1	1.24	3.98	1.51
Extreme/Average	86.2	65.8	76.0	75.6	0.4	1.00	2	0.31	2.28	0.03
Southwest										
Ashdown	92.7	68.4	80.6	NA	NA	0.28	1	-0.68	1.09	-1.73
Nashville	91.0	66.0	78.5	77.7	0.8	0.08	2	-0.79	3.65	0.83
Extreme/Average	91.8	67.2	79.5	77.7	0.8	0.18	2	-0.74	2.37	-0.45
South Central										
Camden	91.3	65.1	78.2	76.0	2.2	0.00	0	-0.84	2.78	0.07
Fordyce	89.0	64.7	76.9	74.7	2.1	0.02	1	-0.73	1.93	-0.58
Extreme/Average	90.2	64.9	77.5	75.4	2.2	0.01	1	-0.78	2.35	-0.26
Southeast										
Crossett	88.7	65.7	77.2	75.9	1.4	0.26	1	-0.55	1.05	-2.27
Eudora	92.9	67.9	80.4	78.6	1.8	0.68	2	-0.20	1.86	-1.24
Pine Bluff	88.4	66.4	77.4	76.8	0.6	0.09	1	-0.70	1.94	-0.61
Portland	87.7	68.7	78.2	76.7	1.3	0.36	3	-0.26	1.88	-0.60
Rohwer	86.9	65.9	76.4	76.5	-0.1	0.96	2	0.38	2.55	0.42
Extreme/Average	88.9	66.9	77.9	76.9	1.0	0.47	3	-0.27	1.86	-0.86
State	87.4	64.4	75.9	74.7	1.0	1.29	2	0.27	3.25	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.