



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending September 27, 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 27, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 54 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 17 percent very short, 52 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 64.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Hot Springs. Highs ranged from 77.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Winslow and Kingston to 89.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Nashville. 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 0.31 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 27, 2015

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Corn, harvested | 96 | 90 | 88 | 94 |
| Cotton, open bolls | 89 | 70 | 84 | 91 |
| Cotton, harvested | 9 | 1 | 2 | 14 |
| Peanuts, dug | 34 | 5 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts, harvested | 13 | 2 | NA | NA |
| Rice, mature | 98 | 93 | 93 | 95 |
| Rice, harvested | 72 | 57 | 59 | 68 |
| Sorghum, mature | 99 | 98 | 99 | 99 |
| Sorghum, harvested | 91 | 82 | 82 | 87 |
| Soybeans, turning color | 83 | 70 | 80 | 75 |
| Soybeans, dropping leaves | 63 | 48 | 66 | 57 |
| Soybeans, mature | 54 | 36 | 51 | 43 |
| Soybeans, harvested | 35 | 22 | 31 | 29 |
| Winter Wheat, planted | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 |

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending September 27, 2015

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Cotton | 4 | 2 | 21 | 37 | 36 |
| Hay, alfalfa | 1 | 6 | 71 | 21 | 1 |
| Hay, other | 6 | 19 | 43 | 27 | 5 |
| Livestock | 3 | 4 | 34 | 52 | 7 |
| Pasture | 8 | 15 | 37 | 32 | 8 |
| Peanuts | 2 | 4 | 56 | 35 | 3 |
| Rice | 5 | 10 | 29 | 46 | 10 |
| Soybeans | 5 | 7 | 28 | 49 | 11 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“There were some reports of Perilla mint poisoning in cows. Working cattle and preparing ground for planting cool season forages. Watching fall calving cows for any assistance which might be needed. Bush-hogging unsprayed pastures.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Harvest continues at a steady pace, yields reported are average to a little below average for row crops. Forages have taken a hit due to dry weather, producers are waiting on a rain to plant cool season annuals.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Rice harvest continues with variable yield reports. Soybean harvest has begun on early planted beans with decent yields. Late soybeans are receiving final irrigation. Cotton picking has begun, some fall tillage is being done.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“We are as dry in most places as we were in 2012. Many farmers are already feeding hay.”

-Dana Stringfellow, Sevier County

“Much of cotton has been defoliated for the second time. Corn and grain sorghum has been completed for most part. Good progress on rice. Also several acres of soybeans harvested. Hearing 45-60 bu. on irrigated soybean yields. Guys I've enjoyed reporting crops to you through the years. Wednesday will be my last day with Extension”.

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

We at the USDA-NASS Delta Regional office would like to thank Mr. Crow over the many years for his help on the weekly Crop Progress & Condition Report.

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending September 27, 2015

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kingston | 77.1 | 56.4 | 66.8 | 65.7 | 1.1 | 0.07 | 1 | NA | 4.33 | NA |
| Lead Hill | 78.7 | 53.3 | 66.0 | 64.3 | 1.7 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.95 | 2.56 | -1.15 |
| Winslow | 77.1 | 61.1 | 69.1 | NA | NA | 0.13 | 1 | NA | 2.25 | NA |
| Extreme/Average | 77.6 | 56.9 | 67.3 | 65.0 | 1.4 | 0.07 | 1 | -0.95 | 3.05 | -1.15 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calico Rock | 81.7 | 51.4 | 66.6 | 65.6 | 1.0 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.03 | 2.61 | -1.13 |
| Evening Shade | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Gilbert | 81.0 | 53.4 | 67.2 | 66.9 | 0.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.01 | 2.35 | -1.50 |
| Mammoth Spring | 79.9 | 52.6 | 66.2 | 65.1 | 1.1 | 0.01 | 1 | -0.90 | 1.73 | -1.75 |
| Mountain Home | 82.2 | 58.0 | 70.1 | 67.0 | 2.9 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.80 | 2.40 | -1.42 |
| Mountain View | 84.0 | 53.1 | 68.6 | 67.4 | 1.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.99 | 0.35 | -3.12 |
| Extreme/Average | 81.8 | 53.7 | 67.7 | 66.4 | 1.3 | 0.00 | 1 | -0.95 | 1.89 | -1.78 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corning | 81.4 | 55.2 | 68.3 | 68.0 | -0.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.62 | 2.24 | -0.68 |
| Jonesboro | 81.9 | 55.9 | 68.9 | 68.2 | 0.6 | 0.03 | 1 | -0.81 | 2.21 | -0.67 |
| Keiser | 86.4 | 57.6 | 72.0 | 69.8 | 1.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.58 | 0.57 | -1.95 |
| Newport | 80.1 | 58.4 | 69.3 | 69.0 | 0.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.72 | 2.33 | -0.48 |
| Pocahontas | 81.9 | 56.9 | 69.4 | 67.0 | 2.3 | 0.10 | 1 | -0.72 | 1.38 | -1.89 |
| Searcy | 82.4 | 59.3 | 70.9 | 69.2 | 1.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.81 | 3.62 | 0.57 |
| Extreme/Average | 82.4 | 57.2 | 69.8 | 68.6 | 1.1 | 0.02 | 1 | -0.71 | 2.06 | -0.85 |
| West Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Dardanelle | 85.3 | 58.9 | 72.1 | 70.2 | 1.8 | 0.04 | 1 | NA | 1.47 | NA |
| Mena | 84.2 | 56.9 | 70.4 | 67.7 | 2.9 | 0.82 | 1 | -0.39 | 2.36 | -2.00 |
| Subiaco | 81.0 | 58.9 | 69.9 | 69.3 | 0.6 | 0.14 | 1 | -0.82 | 2.95 | -0.60 |
| Waldron | 83.1 | 56.7 | 69.9 | 67.7 | 2.2 | 0.23 | 1 | -0.78 | 2.04 | -1.87 |
| Extreme/Average | 83.4 | 57.8 | 70.6 | 68.7 | 1.9 | 0.31 | 1 | -0.66 | 2.21 | -1.49 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alum Fork | 83.4 | 58.4 | 70.9 | 68.9 | 2.0 | 0.05 | 1 | -1.01 | 3.16 | -0.80 |
| Cabot | 86.6 | 58.0 | 72.3 | 70.0 | 2.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.76 | 2.21 | -0.50 |
| Conway | 87.0 | 56.4 | 71.7 | 69.4 | 2.3 | 0.02 | 1 | -0.72 | 1.19 | -1.64 |
| Hot Springs | 86.0 | 64.3 | 75.1 | 70.6 | 4.6 | 0.20 | 1 | -0.76 | 0.63 | -3.12 |
| Morrilton | 85.3 | 56.0 | 70.6 | 69.0 | 1.6 | 0.03 | 1 | -0.77 | 1.53 | -1.55 |
| Extreme/Average | 85.7 | 58.6 | 72.1 | 69.6 | 2.6 | 0.06 | 1 | -0.80 | 1.74 | -1.52 |
| East Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brinkley | 83.9 | 59.4 | 71.6 | 69.7 | 1.9 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.69 | 0.50 | -2.01 |
| Des Arc | 83.3 | 60.4 | 71.9 | 70.4 | 1.5 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.67 | 1.51 | -1.14 |
| Keo | 83.9 | 57.4 | 70.6 | 70.5 | 0.1 | 0.11 | 1 | -0.68 | 0.15 | -2.64 |
| Stuttgart | 88.8 | 61.8 | 75.3 | 70.5 | 4.4 | 0.07 | 1 | -0.40 | 0.07 | -2.09 |
| West Memphis | 84.0 | 61.4 | 72.7 | 70.7 | 2.1 | 0.09 | 2 | -0.67 | 2.66 | 0.13 |
| Extreme/Average | 84.8 | 60.1 | 72.4 | 70.4 | 2.0 | 0.05 | 2 | -0.62 | 0.98 | -1.55 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashdown | 87.3 | 60.1 | 73.7 | NA | NA | 0.00 | 0 | -0.95 | 0.28 | -3.32 |
| Dequeen | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Hope | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Murfreesboro | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Nashville | 89.1 | 58.9 | 74.0 | 72.2 | 1.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.89 | 0.24 | -3.10 |
| Extreme/Average | 88.2 | 59.5 | 73.9 | 72.2 | 1.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.92 | 0.26 | -3.21 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camden | 88.9 | 58.6 | 73.7 | 70.6 | 3.1 | 0.42 | 1 | -0.41 | 0.42 | -2.68 |
| Fordyce | 87.3 | 58.7 | 73.0 | 69.2 | 3.8 | 0.05 | 1 | -0.80 | 0.24 | -2.76 |
| Magnolia | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Prescott | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Sparkman | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Extreme/Average | 88.1 | 58.7 | 73.4 | 69.9 | 3.5 | 0.23 | 1 | -0.60 | 0.33 | -2.72 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crossett | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Eudora | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Pine Bluff | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Portland | 83.2 | 63.2 | 73.2 | 71.7 | 1.2 | 0.32 | 1 | -0.22 | 0.69 | -1.72 |
| Rohwer | 85.9 | 61.7 | 73.8 | 71.2 | 2.5 | 0.08 | 1 | -0.57 | 1.06 | -1.27 |
| Extreme/Average | 84.6 | 62.5 | 73.5 | 71.4 | 1.9 | 0.20 | 1 | -0.39 | 0.88 | -1.50 |
| State | 84.1 | 58.3 | 71.2 | 69.1 | 1.9 | 0.11 | 1 | -0.73 | 1.48 | -1.73 |

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.