



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending October 18, 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, October 18, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 38 percent very short, 51 percent short, 11 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 32 percent very short, 52 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 38.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 54.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Hot Springs. Highs ranged from 74.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 94.2 degrees at Magnolia. The U.S. Drought Monitor, released October 15, showed 81.76 percent of the state in abnormally dry to exceptional drought conditions. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central region of the state with an average of 0.23 inches.

Crop progress for week ending October 18, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	98	96	96	99
Cotton, harvested	58	33	38	58
Peanuts, dug	95	82	NA	NA
Peanuts, harvested	71	51	NA	NA
Rice, harvested	96	93	90	91
Sorghum, harvested	99	98	97	97
Soybeans, turning color	98	90	97	96
Soybeans, dropping leaves	95	89	90	87
Soybeans, setting pods	85	68	81	78
Soybeans, harvested	66	57	63	61
Winter Wheat, planted	22	14	26	27
Winter Wheat, emerged	8	2	10	10

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending October 18, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	4	2	23	39	32
Livestock	3	5	41	45	6
Pasture	14	35	36	14	1
Winter Wheat	12	6	57	25	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Extremely dry. Some wheat will have to have rain before it will emerge. Harvest progressing rapidly.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Harvest progressed very well during the week. Rice harvest is winding down with a few fields left to harvest. Peanut harvest is in full swing and the weather has cooperated as we have received no rain. Soybean harvest picked up during the week. Many livestock/forage producers looking for a rain while row crop farmers hoping for dry weather to allow harvest to continue.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“More producers are having to feed more hay, as pastures dry up. A rain at this point will not help very much, as cooler temps reduce grass growth, and the average frost date is fast approaching. A good rain will be necessary, to keep early freezes from going deeper to kill grass roots. That would adversely affect next year’s grass growth.”

-Ron Matlock, Saline County

“Continuing to harvest soybeans. Completed transplant of strawberries, planting wheat.”

-Jeff Welch, Lonoke County

“Soybean harvest is at full speed. Good to excellent yield reports. Supplemental feeding of livestock has begun due to recent drought conditions.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending October 18, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	74.4	51.9	63.1	59.3	3.89	0.19	1	NA	0.40	NA
Lead Hill	77.1	43.0	60.1	57.3	2.80	0.28	1	-0.53	0.38	-3.10
Winslow	75.9	53.4	64.6	NA	NA	0.04	2	NA	0.37	NA
Extreme/Average	75.8	49.4	62.6	58.3	3.30	0.17	2	-0.53	0.38	-3.10
North Central										
Calico Rock	80.4	41.4	60.9	58.6	2.30	0.45	1	-0.48	0.57	-3.30
Evening Shade	79.6	38.9	59.2	60.1	-0.89	0.26	1	-0.82	0.35	-3.64
Gilbert	80.1	39.3	59.7	59.7	0.00	0.33	1	-0.49	0.49	-3.12
Mammoth Spring	79.9	40.7	60.3	57.9	2.34	0.15	1	-0.74	0.20	-3.17
Mountain Home	78.4	48.6	63.5	59.8	3.73	0.18	1	-0.64	0.25	-3.21
Mountain View	81.7	46.3	64.0	60.1	3.86	0.00	0	-1.00	0.07	-3.86
Extreme/Average	80.0	42.5	61.3	59.4	1.90	0.23	1	-0.69	0.32	-3.38
Northeast										
Conning	77.1	44.7	60.9	60.7	0.24	0.08	1	-0.83	0.71	-2.62
Jonesboro	77.7	45.4	61.6	61.0	0.61	0.08	1	-0.98	0.85	-2.99
Keiser	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Newport	78.3	47.7	63.0	61.3	1.66	0.01	1	-0.91	0.23	-3.01
Pocahontas	79.3	45.3	62.3	59.7	2.56	0.25	1	-0.69	1.02	-2.52
Searcy	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	78.1	45.8	61.9	60.7	1.30	0.11	1	-0.85	0.70	-2.79
West Central										
Booneville	84.1	47.9	66.0	62.0	3.96	0.00	0	-1.09	0.70	-3.42
Dardanelle	86.6	48.9	67.7	63.0	4.71	0.00	0	NA	0.11	NA
Mena	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Subiaco	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Waldron	84.0	45.7	64.9	60.8	4.09	0.00	0	-0.99	0.33	-3.48
Extreme/Average	84.9	47.5	66.2	61.9	4.30	0.00	0	-1.04	0.38	-3.45
Central										
Alum Fork	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cabot	81.4	45.8	63.6	62.3	1.48	0.00	0	-0.77	0.25	-2.82
Conway	84.0	47.6	65.8	61.9	3.90	0.00	0	-1.01	0.90	-2.52
Hot Springs	84.6	54.4	69.5	62.7	6.77	0.00	0	-1.38	0.20	-4.37
Morrilton	83.9	45.4	64.6	61.1	3.50	0.00	0	-1.07	0.71	-2.94
Extreme/Average	83.5	48.3	65.9	62.0	3.90	0.00	0	-1.06	0.51	-3.16
East Central										
Brinkley	80.3	50.9	65.6	62.2	3.37	0.00	0	-1.04	0.00	-3.44
Des Arc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Keo	83.1	49.0	66.1	63.6	2.47	0.03	1	-1.05	0.16	-2.90
Stuttgart	89.0	52.2	70.6	62.9	7.34	0.00	0	-0.74	0.07	-3.12
West Memphis	79.6	50.1	64.9	62.9	1.93	0.00	0	-1.01	0.89	-2.45
Extreme/Average	83.0	50.6	66.8	62.9	3.80	0.01	1	-0.96	0.28	-2.98
Southwest										
Ashdown	85.7	51.7	68.7	NA	NA	0.00	0	-1.16	0.14	-4.04
Dequeen	89.8	51.8	70.8	62.9	7.58	0.00	0	-0.88	0.40	-3.62
Hope	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Murfreesboro	84.4	43.9	64.1	61.4	2.76	0.00	0	-1.27	0.22	-3.98
Nashville	87.3	48.6	67.9	64.3	3.59	0.00	0	-1.35	0.06	-4.37
Extreme/Average	86.8	49.0	67.9	62.9	4.60	0.00	0	-1.17	0.21	-4.00
South Central										
Camden	86.3	46.3	66.3	63.1	3.19	0.00	0	-1.22	0.42	-3.53
Fordyce	83.7	46.7	65.2	61.8	3.39	0.00	0	-1.35	0.11	-4.06
Magnolia	94.2	41.8	68.0	63.8	4.14	0.00	0	-0.92	0.09	-2.78
Prescott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sparkman	83.0	45.1	64.1	61.3	2.76	0.00	0	-1.25	0.03	-3.71
Extreme/Average	86.8	45.0	65.9	62.5	3.40	0.00	0	-1.19	0.16	-3.52
Southeast										
Crossett	85.3	49.4	67.4	63.2	4.16	0.00	0	-1.15	0.00	-3.75
Eudora	91.2	51.8	71.5	66.5	4.70	0.05	1	-0.74	0.34	-3.10
Pine Bluff	83.9	49.9	66.9	63.9	3.00	0.00	0	-1.20	0.15	-4.12
Portland	85.7	51.4	68.6	64.5	4.11	0.00	0	-0.94	0.32	-3.27
Rohwer	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	86.5	50.6	68.6	64.5	4.00	0.01	1	-1.01	0.20	-3.56
State	82.8	47.5	65.1	61.7	3.30	0.06	0	-0.95	0.36	-3.30

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.