



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending March 27, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 27, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 32.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 44.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 57.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 69.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. 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 0.83 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 27, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	8	NA	1	20
Corn, emerged	1	NA	0	2
Rice, planted	2	NA	0	4

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending March 27, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Alfalfa Hay	3	4	72	17	4
Other Hay	4	4	48	41	3
Livestock	2	2	31	55	10
Pasture	1	8	42	41	8
Winter Wheat	4	5	36	50	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Livestock producers are entering the spring in excellent shape. The fescue and winter annuals are growing well and the winter was mild. Fertilizing pastures at a frantic rate.”

-Mike McClintock, Boone County

“Windy conditions slowed spraying for weeds in pastures. Working cattle and watching for spring calving problems. Some scours occurring.”

-J. Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Rain during the week has slowed row crop progress. When ground gets dry corn and rice planting will start at a fast pace. Cool season pastures are providing a small amount of grazing.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Planting of corn and rice has begun. Wheat is beginning to get a growth spurt. Soil temperatures still below optimum for planting crops.”

-Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“Farmers were preparing seed beds for spring planting a majority of the week until rainfall occurred. Corn planting has begun along with a few acres of rice. Burndown herbicides continue to be applied to fields for winter weed control. Livestock continues to "chase" early green pasture growth.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Flooding has everything in very poor condition and things are very behind at the present.”

-Gus Wilson, Chicot County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 27, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	57.1	32.4	44.8	49.2	-4.4	0.60	1	NA	3.78	NA
Lead Hill	60.0	34.3	47.1	48.7	-1.5	0.76	1	-0.26	4.29	0.78
Winslow	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	58.5	33.3	46.0	48.9	-3.0	0.68	1	-0.26	4.04	0.78
North Central										
Calico Rock	61.1	34.9	48.0	50.2	-2.2	0.41	1	-0.66	3.40	-0.34
Evening Shade	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gilbert	62.6	37.3	49.9	51.3	-1.4	0.32	1	-0.70	3.79	0.13
Mammoth Spring	61.7	36.4	49.1	50.1	-1.0	0.48	1	-0.58	2.93	-0.49
Mountain Home	60.9	36.3	48.6	51.4	-2.8	0.23	1	-0.87	2.77	-1.17
Mountain View	60.7	37.9	49.3	52.4	-3.1	0.31	1	-0.73	3.78	-0.11
Extreme/Average	61.4	36.6	49.0	51.1	-2.1	0.35	1	-0.71	3.33	-0.40
Northeast										
Corning	59.1	39.3	49.2	52.7	-3.5	0.43	2	-0.63	3.52	-0.22
Jonesboro	59.9	38.9	49.4	52.2	-2.8	0.81	2	-0.21	8.18	4.47
Keiser	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Newport	60.3	41.3	50.8	53.3	-2.5	0.56	1	-0.35	6.78	3.00
Pocahontas	61.7	38.9	50.3	51.3	-1.0	1.00	1	-0.04	4.68	0.89
Searcy	62.3	40.3	51.3	53.9	-2.6	0.52	1	-0.56	7.26	3.27
Extreme/Average	60.7	39.7	50.2	52.7	-2.5	0.66	2	-0.36	6.08	2.28
West Central										
Booneville	64.3	34.7	49.5	53.3	-3.8	1.10	1	0.11	6.47	2.74
Dardanelle	66.6	39.1	52.9	55.8	-3.0	0.60	1	NA	5.60	NA
Mena	63.9	35.4	49.6	52.4	-2.7	0.81	1	-0.35	7.70	3.37
Subiaco	63.5	37.5	50.5	54.3	-4.3	0.95	1	0.29	4.80	1.79
Waldron	63.7	34.6	49.1	53.0	-3.8	0.68	1	-0.25	5.69	2.02
Extreme/Average	64.4	36.3	50.3	53.8	-3.5	0.83	1	-0.05	6.05	2.48
Central										
Alum Fork	60.9	35.7	48.3	53.4	-5.1	0.43	1	-0.76	6.13	1.54
Cabot	64.6	38.1	51.4	54.4	-3.0	0.47	1	-0.58	7.03	3.47
Conway	64.6	35.7	50.1	54.2	-4.0	0.75	1	-0.48	7.58	3.51
Hot Springs	62.7	40.6	51.6	55.5	-3.9	0.43	1	-0.79	6.72	2.42
Morrilton	63.3	34.6	48.9	53.3	-4.4	0.75	1	-0.33	5.50	1.79
Extreme/Average	63.2	36.9	50.1	54.2	-4.1	0.57	1	-0.59	6.59	2.55
East Central										
Brinkley	61.6	40.4	51.0	54.2	-2.9	0.20	1	-0.53	10.55	6.96
Des Arc	61.9	41.9	51.9	55.4	-3.5	0.10	1	-1.03	9.77	5.63
Keo	61.6	40.3	50.9	56.5	-5.6	0.26	1	-0.81	9.19	5.28
Stuttgart	69.7	44.9	57.3	54.9	2.4	0.07	1	-1.01	10.37	6.43
West Memphis	63.3	42.3	52.8	54.3	-1.5	0.12	2	-0.99	12.27	8.01
Extreme/Average	63.6	42.0	52.8	55.1	-2.2	0.15	2	-0.87	10.43	6.46
Southwest										
Ashdown	63.7	37.4	50.6	NA	NA	0.53	1	-0.60	7.60	3.03
Dequeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hope	65.7	36.9	51.3	55.8	-4.5	0.49	1	-0.60	7.13	2.82
Murfreesboro	64.0	34.9	49.4	53.9	-4.4	0.50	1	-0.74	8.52	4.40
Nashville	66.1	38.1	52.1	56.6	-4.5	0.32	1	-0.84	6.49	2.08
Extreme/Average	64.9	36.8	50.9	55.4	-4.5	0.46	1	-0.69	7.44	3.08
South Central										
Camden	66.0	34.4	50.2	56.9	-6.8	0.00	0	-0.79	10.76	7.18
Fordyce	65.1	37.6	51.4	54.6	-3.3	0.30	1	-0.91	6.57	2.30
Magnolia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prescott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sparkman	64.9	36.4	50.6	55.3	-4.6	0.25	1	-0.83	9.42	5.93
Extreme/Average	65.3	36.1	50.7	55.6	-4.9	0.18	1	-0.84	8.92	5.14
Southeast										
Crossett	63.5	38.5	51.0	56.4	-5.3	0.40	1	-0.52	16.25	12.51
Eudora	66.3	38.9	52.6	58.8	-6.2	0.62	2	-0.45	17.43	13.26
Pine Bluff	62.8	42.3	52.6	56.3	-3.8	0.32	1	-0.78	5.72	2.01
Portland	59.4	40.6	50.0	56.6	-6.6	0.34	2	-0.67	19.10	14.97
Rohwer	64.0	44.0	54.0	56.4	-2.4	0.20	1	-0.77	15.65	11.65
Extreme/Average	63.2	40.9	52.0	56.9	-4.9	0.38	2	-0.64	14.83	10.88
State	62.9	37.8	50.3	53.8	-3.4	0.47	1	-0.56	7.49	3.67

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.