



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending April 3, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 3, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 0 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 47 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 4 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Booneville to 53.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 60.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 73.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northeast region of the state with an average of 4.66 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 3, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	31	8	20	36
Corn, emerged	6	1	0	9
Rice, planted	11	2	4	9
Rice, emerged	1	0	0	1
Sorghum, planted	1	0	4	11

Crop condition for week ending April 3, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hay, alfalfa	7	0	71	17	5
Hay, other	4	4	44	43	5
Livestock	2	2	31	54	11
Pasture	0	8	38	46	8
Winter Wheat	3	4	35	48	10

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Rains continue to slow planting progress. Warmer temperatures will allow planting on a few acres this week that are dry enough. Rain is expected Wednesday which will further delay planting. Cattle and pastures progressing well.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“A lot of corn was planted last week before the big rains come in Wednesday afternoon. Some producers also started planting rice. Wheat is jointing and looks good.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Row crop farmers planted corn and rice early in the week and was shut down by 3-4 inches of rain on Wednesday. Cool season forages have made moderate growth during the week.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Field work all ceased midweek due to heavy rains. Significant progress made on rice seeding, with several producers done. Corn will receive next emphasis. Cotton will wait for warmer soil temperatures.”

-Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“Rainfall amounts varied from 3.75 to 5.5" across the county mid-week. Good planting progress was made before rainfall with corn and some rice. First plantings of corn were emerging from the soil surface. Pasture and hay meadows continue green up with gnats becoming a nuisance to outside animals.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Ryegrass is loving cool early spring conditions. Producers are cutting and baling or spraying to remove canopy over Bermuda and Bahia. Weed management began in March, when fields were dry enough for equipment. Early corn and tomatoes are going in for household gardens and Farmer's Market growers.”

-Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 3, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	60.3	35.9	48.1	51.5	-3.5	1.03	1	NA	4.00	NA
Lead Hill	62.1	35.0	48.6	50.6	-2.0	0.92	1	-0.10	4.68	0.90
Winslow	63.1	40.6	51.9	NA	NA	1.9	1	NA	5.6	NA
Extreme/Average	61.8	37.2	49.5	51.1	-2.8	1.29	1	-0.10	4.75	0.90
North Central										
Calico Rock	67.5	36.7	52.1	52.3	-0.3	1.71	1	0.75	4.95	0.89
Evening Shade	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gilbert	68.1	37.9	53.0	53.3	-0.3	1.2	1	0.1	4.7	0.6
Mammoth Spring	69.0	38.3	53.6	52.2	1.4	1.96	1	0.85	4.78	0.96
Mountain Home	65.9	40.9	53.4	53.6	-0.2	2.45	1	1.31	4.87	0.56
Mountain View	68.1	42.3	55.2	54.6	0.6	1.98	1	0.92	5.61	1.52
Extreme/Average	67.7	39.2	53.5	53.2	0.2	1.85	1	0.78	4.98	0.91
Northeast										
Corning	68.4	42.3	55.4	55.1	0.3	3.85	2	2.79	7.15	3.10
Jonesboro	68.9	42.0	55.4	54.5	0.9	5.39	2	4.36	13.30	9.34
Keiser	73.0	47.2	60.1	56.2	4.2	4.07	2	3.25	12.51	8.62
Newport	68.4	44.9	56.6	55.6	1.1	6.0	2	4.9	12.4	8.2
Pocahontas	71.3	41.3	56.3	53.5	2.8	3.22	2	2.20	7.49	3.47
Searcy	71.0	41.2	56.1	55.9	0.2	5.43	2	4.33	11.96	7.61
Extreme/Average	70.2	43.1	56.6	55.1	1.6	4.66	2	3.64	10.80	6.71
West Central										
Booneville	66.0	34.2	50.1	55.3	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.67	5.54	1.93
Dardanelle	70.6	42.4	56.5	57.8	-1.3	1.12	2	NA	6.17	NA
Mena	67.6	43.1	55.4	54.2	1.1	1.28	2	0.10	6.86	2.25
Subiaco	66.0	43.5	54.8	56.3	-1.7	1.13	2	0.32	5.29	2.21
Waldron	66.1	39.9	53.0	54.8	-1.8	0.98	2	0.03	5.57	1.73
Extreme/Average	67.3	40.6	53.9	55.7	-1.8	0.90	2	-0.06	5.89	2.03
Central										
Alum Fork	67.0	40.3	53.6	55.4	-1.7	1.58	2	0.44	6.83	2.11
Cabot	71.1	43.6	57.4	56.2	1.2	3.77	3	2.74	10.49	6.37
Conway	69.1	40.6	54.9	56.1	-1.3	2.00	2	0.83	8.52	3.98
Hot Springs	67.7	46.9	57.3	57.5	-0.2	2.45	1	1.23	7.90	3.17
Morrilton	68.9	39.6	54.2	55.4	-1.2	1.40	2	0.33	6.13	1.89
Extreme/Average	68.8	42.2	55.5	56.1	-0.6	2.24	3	1.11	7.97	3.50
East Central										
Brinkley	67.3	41.6	54.4	56.3	-1.9	4.30	2	3.24	13.55	9.50
Des Arc	70.9	47.3	59.1	57.5	1.5	2.97	1	1.80	11.75	7.33
Keo	69.0	42.7	55.8	58.6	-2.8	3.01	1	2.05	11.15	7.13
Stuttgart	70.6	53.0	61.8	56.9	5.2	3.62	2	2.79	13.20	9.29
West Memphis	69.9	45.6	57.7	56.3	1.4	2.85	2	1.72	13.62	9.17
Extreme/Average	69.5	46.0	57.8	57.1	0.7	3.35	2	2.32	12.65	8.48
Southwest										
Ashdown	66.6	42.9	54.7	NA	NA	1.64	1	0.63	9.12	4.57
Dequeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hope	70.6	42.9	56.7	57.6	-0.9	0.88	1	-0.16	7.77	3.43
Murfreesboro	69.6	39.3	54.4	55.6	-1.2	3.8	1	2.6	10.8	6.2
Nashville	71.7	42.3	57.0	58.4	-1.4	0.99	1	-0.10	6.99	2.48
Extreme/Average	69.6	41.8	55.7	57.2	-1.1	1.83	1	0.74	8.67	4.18
South Central										
Camden	72.4	42.9	57.6	58.7	-1.1	2.00	1	0.94	12.33	7.99
Fordyce	70.3	44.1	57.2	56.4	0.8	4.90	2	3.74	10.69	6.29
Magnolia	71.7	47.2	59.4	58.4	1.1	0.60	2	-0.38	11.19	7.20
Prescott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sparkman	69.3	41.7	55.5	57.1	-1.8	1.73	2	0.68	10.29	6.60
Extreme/Average	70.9	44.0	57.4	57.7	-0.2	2.3	2	1.2	11.1	7.0
Southeast										
Crossett	73.4	47.1	60.3	58.1	2.2	2.99	1	1.86	19.09	15.15
Eudora	73.5	47.5	60.5	60.6	-0.1	0.21	1	-0.80	17.46	13.25
Pine Bluff	71.0	45.7	58.4	58.3	0.0	2.20	2	1.08	6.88	2.83
Portland	72.7	49.0	60.9	58.6	2.3	3.98	2	2.91	22.74	18.56
Rohwer	70.4	48.1	59.3	58.3	1.0	2.58	1	1.56	17.38	13.35
Extreme/Average	72.2	47.5	59.9	58.8	1.1	2.39	2	1.32	16.71	12.63
State	68.8	42.5	55.7	55.8	-0.2	2.41	1	1.33	9.35	5.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.