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Week Ending April 17, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 17, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 43.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 57.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 63.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 73.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Nashville. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast region of the state with an average of 2.01 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 17, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	81	61	62	65
Corn, emerged	47	19	34	42
Peanuts, planted	1	0	0	0
Rice, planted	55	33	26	36
Rice, emerged	11	3	8	13
Sorghum, planted	19	8	23	34
Sorghum, emerged	4	0	9	16
Soybeans, planted	12	5	10	10
Soybeans, emerged	1	NA	3	3
Winter Wheat, headed	29	5	12	34

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending April 17, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hay, alfalfa	5	2	71	17	5
Hay, other	4	3	41	47	5
Livestock	2	2	27	58	11
Pasture	1	7	34	49	9
Winter Wheat	3	5	32	49	11

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Fertilizing pastures and preparing to establish summer forages. Some producers were weaning and processing fall born calves.”

- Mark Keaton, Baxter County

“Dryer weather has allowed planting to progress. Some producers are having to replant corn due to poor stands.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Dry weather has allowed row crop planting to progress at a fast pace. Cool season forages made good growth during the week.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Due to rain, cloudy skies and heavy dews, rust levels in wheat have picked up. Producers should scout their wheat for the disease.”

- Shawn Payne, Phillips County

“Spring planting continued in northern areas of the county where early week rainfall was limited. One to 1 1/2" of rainfall was received south of I-40 halting fieldwork. Corn and rice were beginning to emerge with weed control measures being implemented.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Heavy rainfall at times creating problems for forage maintenance. Producers delaying fertilization until stretch of clear weather.”

-Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 17, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	63.0	44.6	53.8	55.8	-2.1	0.54	3	NA	2.28	NA
Lead Hill	65.0	43.5	54.3	54.5	-0.1	0.43	3	-0.44	2.22	-1.65
Winslow	64.1	48.3	56.2	NA	NA	0.51	4	NA	3.01	NA
Extreme/Average	64.0	45.5	54.8	55.2	-1.1	0.49	4	-0.44	2.50	-1.65
North Central										
Calico Rock	67.9	43.9	55.9	56.5	-0.6	0.47	2	-0.62	2.64	-1.70
Evening Shade	NA	NA	NA	58.3	NA	0.61	4	-0.13	1.99	-0.34
Gilbert	68.4	48.1	58.3	57.4	0.9	0.25	1	-0.79	1.80	-2.31
Mammoth Spring	70.0	44.8	57.4	56.4	1.0	0.21	1	-0.77	2.88	-1.35
Mountain Home	67.6	47.0	57.3	57.8	-0.6	0.56	3	-0.55	3.43	-0.94
Mountain View	68.1	48.6	58.4	58.8	-0.4	0.21	3	-0.95	3.14	-1.20
Extreme/Average	68.4	46.5	57.4	57.5	0.1	0.39	4	-0.64	2.65	-1.31
Northeast										
Corning	70.6	48.9	59.7	59.7	0.0	0.20	1	-0.86	4.64	0.44
Jonesboro	NA	NA	NA	59.2	NA	0.41	2	-0.39	6.63	2.73
Keiser	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Newport	67.1	49.4	58.3	60.0	-1.7	0.22	5	-0.92	6.97	2.61
Pocahontas	70.4	47.3	58.9	57.8	1.1	0.12	1	-0.77	4.56	0.61
Searcy	68.3	52.4	60.4	59.8	0.5	0.46	5	-0.66	6.53	2.16
Extreme/Average	69.1	49.5	59.3	59.3	0.0	0.28	5	-0.72	5.87	1.71
West Central										
Booneville	70.0	50.3	60.1	59.5	0.6	0.76	4	-0.18	1.95	-1.80
Dardanelle	70.4	52.3	61.4	61.7	-0.4	0.50	2	NA	2.39	NA
Mena	69.0	52.1	60.6	58.0	2.6	1.34	5	0.11	3.48	-1.19
Subiaco	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Waldron	70.1	49.9	60.0	59.0	1.0	0.80	3	-0.21	2.57	-1.19
Extreme/Average	69.9	51.1	60.5	59.6	1.0	0.85	5	-0.09	2.60	-1.39
Central										
Alum Fork	67.0	50.6	58.8	59.1	-0.3	1.37	6	0.15	3.45	-1.23
Cabot	71.7	52.2	61.9	59.8	2.1	0.81	5	-0.10	5.17	1.32
Conway	67.9	51.1	59.5	59.9	-0.4	0.54	6	-0.60	3.41	-1.23
Hot Springs	66.3	52.4	59.4	61.3	-2.0	2.46	5	1.26	5.40	0.58
Morrilton	70.4	51.6	61.0	59.3	1.7	0.51	5	-0.53	2.76	-1.40
Extreme/Average	68.7	51.6	60.1	59.9	0.2	1.14	6	0.04	4.04	-0.39
East Central										
Brinkley	67.0	51.7	59.4	60.6	-1.2	1.35	3	0.21	5.85	1.56
Des Arc	66.7	54.9	60.8	61.8	-1.0	0.66	4	-0.49	3.85	-0.78
Keo	67.3	51.6	59.4	62.8	-3.3	1.62	5	0.40	4.95	0.39
Stuttgart	69.3	53.4	61.4	61.2	0.2	1.35	2	0.12	5.04	0.57
West Memphis	69.1	52.6	60.9	60.5	0.3	0.66	4	-0.56	3.95	-0.60
Extreme/Average	67.9	52.8	60.4	61.4	-1.0	1.13	5	-0.06	4.73	0.23
Southwest										
Ashdown	65.3	51.5	58.4	NA	NA	1.60	4	0.79	3.77	-0.07
Dequeen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hope	71.4	53.4	62.4	61.2	1.2	1.19	2	0.17	2.56	-1.56
Murfreesboro	71.4	52.6	62.0	59.0	3.0	1.50	3	0.36	5.81	1.09
Nashville	73.1	55.0	64.1	62.0	2.1	0.94	4	-0.12	2.25	-2.07
Extreme/Average	70.7	51.2	60.9	60.6	1.0	1.44	5	0.48	3.67	-0.58
South Central										
Camden	72.1	52.7	62.4	62.2	0.2	1.58	2	0.58	3.58	-0.45
Fordyce	69.4	53.7	61.6	60.2	1.4	1.39	4	0.34	6.59	2.09
Magnolia	69.3	49.2	59.3	61.8	-2.5	2.11	4	1.29	3.11	-0.56
Prescott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sparkman	70.3	53.7	62.0	60.6	1.3	0.66	4	-0.29	2.64	-1.38
Extreme/Average	70.3	52.3	61.3	61.2	0.1	1.44	4	0.48	3.98	-0.08
Southeast										
Crossett	70.7	55.1	62.9	61.3	1.6	2.15	3	1.14	5.54	1.52
Eudora	71.6	57.7	64.6	64.3	0.4	4.45	5	3.12	5.28	0.62
Pine Bluff	71.7	55.0	63.3	62.3	1.0	0.11	2	-0.83	2.63	-1.57
Portland	67.9	54.9	61.4	62.5	-1.1	2.53	4	1.47	6.86	2.80
Rohwer	68.6	55.9	62.2	62.4	-0.2	0.82	4	-0.28	3.60	-0.41
Extreme/Average	70.1	55.7	62.9	62.6	0.3	2.01	5	0.92	4.78	0.59
State	68.9	50.7	59.8	59.8	0.0	0.99	4	-0.03	3.94	-0.25

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.