



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 8, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 24.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 44.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crossett and Portland. Highs ranged from 52.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Crossett. Moderate precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the southeast part of the State with an average of 1.88 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 8, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	31	24	51	39
Corn, emerged	9	4	24	12
Rice, planted	10	6	25	16
Rice, emerged	1	0	5	2
Soybeans, planted	5	2	11	4
Winter wheat, headed	21	18	60	14

Crop condition for week ending April 8, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, alfalfa	0	18	58	24	0
Hay, other	1	8	55	32	4
Livestock	1	8	41	45	5
Pasture	5	23	42	27	3
Winter wheat	2	8	44	40	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“There is a possibility for frost damage on strawberry, blueberry, and peach fruit crops from last week’s freezing temperatures, but it’s too early to determine.”

- Berni Kurz, Washington County

“Last week was cold! Farmers are ready to roll. If we miss the rain next week, then our producers will have a long window to get most of their corn and rice planted.”

- Dave Freeze, Green County

“Early week storms stopped fieldwork for the southern part of the county, while northern areas continued corn and rice planting. Hail damaged oat acreage. Black gnats continued to harass all living things.”

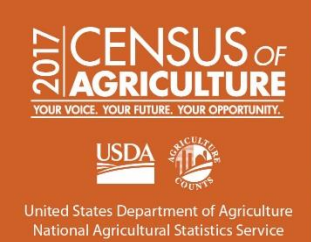
- Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Snow on Saturday morning and below freezing temperatures slowed progress of all crops and forages. With drier and warmer weather forecasted, planting of row crops should pick up early next week. Many forage producers fertilized cool season forages last week.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

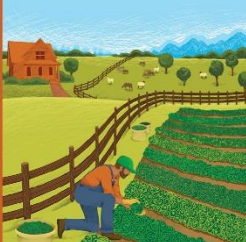
“The weather continued to confuse forages. Cool season grasses broke dormancy and began to grow with the arrival of rain, but cold nights slowed their growth. Producers continued to feed hay as forage growth was still inadequate.”

- Brian See, Marion County



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Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 8, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	52.9	24.9	38.9	53.2	-14.3	0.25	3	(NA)	7.03	(NA)
Lead Hill	57.4	26.7	41.6	52.0	-10.7	0.30	3	-0.62	6.55	2.62
Winslow	54.7	30.7	42.7	(NA)	(NA)	0.87	4	(NA)	6.93	(NA)
Extreme/Average	55.0	27.4	41.1	52.6	-12.5	0.47	4	-0.62	6.84	2.62
North Central										
Calico Rock	56.1	29.7	42.9	53.8	-10.9	0.35	2	-0.70	3.33	-0.93
Evening Shade	59.3	30.0	44.7	55.6	-10.8	0.82	4	-0.02	3.38	-0.70
Gilbert	58.9	30.6	44.7	54.7	-10.0	1.15	2	0.18	5.44	1.40
Mammoth Spring	57.3	29.6	43.4	53.7	-10.3	0.18	3	-0.89	3.83	-0.38
Mountain Home	55.7	29.0	42.4	55.1	-12.8	0.21	3	-0.80	5.42	1.10
Mountain View	56.2	30.8	43.5	56.1	-12.6	0.25	1	-0.64	3.74	-0.23
Extreme/Average	57.2	29.9	43.6	54.9	-11.2	0.49	4	-0.48	4.19	0.04
Northeast										
Corning	56.0	31.7	43.8	56.8	-12.9	0.57	7	-0.44	2.24	-1.43
Jonesboro	60.7	36.8	48.8	56.2	-7.3	0.60	4	-0.28	3.04	-0.85
Keiser	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.26	-0.45
Newport	58.0	35.4	46.7	57.2	-10.4	0.34	4	-0.72	2.44	-1.80
Pocahontas	56.6	31.1	43.9	55.1	-11.2	0.32	3	-0.66	2.14	-1.89
Searcy	61.1	36.3	48.7	57.3	-8.5	0.48	4	-0.59	2.91	-1.44
Extreme/Average	58.5	34.3	46.4	56.7	-10.1	0.46	7	-0.54	2.50	-1.31
West Central										
Booneville	63.7	33.1	48.8	56.8	-7.8	1.03	5	0.18	4.04	0.37
Dardanelle	59.8	35.7	47.8	59.3	-11.6	0.94	2	(NA)	3.56	(NA)
Mena	60.1	37.1	48.6	55.6	-6.9	2.24	6	1.15	5.39	0.83
Subiaco	60.0	34.3	47.8	57.7	-9.8	1.39	3	0.52	4.14	0.70
Waldron	60.0	35.1	47.6	56.3	-8.7	1.91	6	1.07	4.14	0.42
Extreme/Average	60.7	35.1	48.1	57.1	-9.0	1.50	6	0.73	4.25	0.58
Central										
Alum Fork	58.4	34.6	46.5	56.7	-10.2	2.18	6	1.07	3.52	-1.12
Cabot	61.9	35.6	48.7	57.4	-8.7	1.48	4	0.49	3.07	-0.66
Conway	58.9	33.1	46.0	57.5	-11.5	1.09	4	-0.01	2.88	-1.55
Hot Springs	67.2	39.0	53.1	58.9	-5.7	2.93	3	1.92	4.64	0.06
Morrilton	59.3	34.0	46.6	56.8	-10.2	1.11	3	0.14	3.47	-0.71
Extreme/Average	61.1	35.3	48.2	57.5	-9.3	1.76	6	0.72	3.52	-0.80
East Central										
Brinkley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Des Arc	61.4	37.9	49.6	59.1	-9.5	1.30	3	0.13	3.69	-0.83
Keo	60.1	37.4	48.8	60.1	-11.3	1.87	4	0.76	5.16	0.90
Stuttgart	66.6	41.2	53.9	58.4	-4.2	0.20	1	-0.61	3.12	-0.87
West Memphis	65.6	39.0	52.3	57.7	-5.3	0.96	3	0.19	3.52	-0.59
Extreme/Average	63.4	38.9	51.2	58.6	-7.6	1.08	4	0.12	3.87	-0.35
Southwest										
Ashdown	61.1	32.6	46.9	(NA)	(NA)	0.73	3	-0.16	2.81	-1.49
De Queen	69.0	42.2	55.6	57.8	-2.0	0.83	4	0.08	4.12	-0.25
Hope	64.0	38.6	51.3	58.9	-7.6	2.58	3	1.62	5.02	0.98
Murfreesboro	65.8	37.3	52.5	56.8	-4.2	1.91	3	0.80	4.58	-0.13
Nashville	64.9	40.1	52.5	59.6	-7.1	1.64	4	0.63	4.04	-0.37
Extreme/Average	65.0	38.2	51.8	58.3	-5.2	1.54	4	0.59	4.11	-0.25
South Central										
Camden	67.0	38.0	53.3	60.0	-6.6	2.17	3	1.31	5.93	1.97
Fordyce	67.0	38.4	53.5	57.7	-4.1	2.60	3	1.50	6.02	1.37
Magnolia	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.6	(NA)	0.02	1	-0.57	4.46	0.87
Prescott	70.0	39.2	54.6	58.4	-3.5	0.20	2	-0.51	2.26	-1.78
Sparkman	68.8	38.3	54.3	58.4	-3.9	2.37	2	1.23	5.91	1.60
Extreme/Average	68.2	38.5	53.9	58.8	-4.5	1.47	3	0.59	4.92	0.81
Southeast										
Crossett	75.0	44.0	61.1	59.2	2.0	1.10	1	0.28	5.32	1.23
Eudora	62.2	38.8	50.5	61.9	-11.5	1.43	1	0.72	6.42	2.94
Pine Bluff	63.9	38.4	51.1	59.7	-8.6	2.67	2	1.63	6.21	1.90
Portland	70.2	44.0	57.1	60.0	-2.6	0.31	1	-0.46	4.87	1.02
Rohwer	67.0	40.3	54.5	59.7	-5.0	3.89	3	2.98	6.72	3.15
Extreme/Average	67.7	41.1	54.9	60.1	-5.1	1.88	3	1.03	5.91	2.05
State	61.9	35.5	48.9	57.2	-8.3	1.16	5	0.22	4.33	0.27

Normal= Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
 DFN = Departure From Normal.
 (NA) Not available.