



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 24, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 29.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 43.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc. Highs ranged from 58.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 70.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Sparkman. Light precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the west central part of the State with an average of 0.63 inch.

Crop progress for week ending March 24, 2019

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn, planted | 3 | 0 | 16 | 9 |
| Rice, planted | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Winter wheat, headed | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 |

Crop condition for week ending March 24, 2019

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Hay, alfalfa | 0 | 18 | 73 | 9 | 0 |
| Hay, other | 0 | 25 | 57 | 17 | 1 |
| Livestock | 3 | 10 | 51 | 32 | 4 |
| Pasture | 5 | 20 | 50 | 23 | 2 |
| Winter wheat | 11 | 23 | 34 | 27 | 5 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Some producers were able to start fieldwork, especially on lighter soils. Fields were drying rapidly with less rain and more sun. Next week should be very productive if rain holds off. Buffalo gnats are harassing animals.”

- Andrew Sayger, Monroe County

“Late last week a lot of fieldwork occurred and some burndown herbicide applications were being made. We are expecting corn planting to take off next week and there will also be some rice going in the ground.”

- Dave Freeze, Greene County

“Field preparation and burn down applications continued last week. A few fields of rice and corn have been planted.”

- Branon Thiesse, Craighead County

“Dryer weather last week allowed producers to get fertilizer out on cool season pastures.”

- Danny Griffin, Van Buren County

“Row crop producers finally got in the field last week and did some tillage. With continued good weather, some rice may be planted in the coming weeks. Wheat was getting the last shot of fertilizer, but it still doesn't look impressive. Winter annuals were finally starting to grow. Hay and pastures were being sprayed for winter weeds.”

- Kevin Lawson, Faulkner County

“Rice was planted late last week, and corn was being planted as fast as the growers could get it in the ground. No soybeans have been planted. Fields are still rutted from last year and field preparation is going slow.”

- Clay Gibson, Chicot County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 24, 2019

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kingston | 58.0 | 37.7 | 47.9 | 48.2 | -0.3 | 0.54 | 2 | (NA) | 2.82 | (NA) |
| Lead Hill | 59.0 | 32.9 | 45.9 | 47.8 | -1.9 | 0.44 | 1 | -0.56 | 1.93 | -1.62 |
| Winslow | 61.7 | 42.8 | 52.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 0.75 | 2 | (NA) | 3.97 | (NA) |
| Extreme/Average | 59.6 | 37.8 | 48.7 | 48.0 | -1.1 | 0.58 | 2 | -0.56 | 2.91 | -1.62 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calico Rock | 62.0 | 29.3 | 45.6 | 49.3 | -3.7 | 0.50 | 2 | -0.56 | 2.58 | -1.33 |
| Evening Shade | 63.3 | 31.3 | 47.3 | 51.1 | -3.8 | 0.33 | 2 | -0.75 | 2.77 | -1.32 |
| Gilbert | 62.7 | 31.9 | 47.3 | 50.4 | -3.1 | 0.61 | 2 | -0.40 | 2.36 | -1.54 |
| Mammoth Spring | 62.7 | 32.0 | 47.4 | 49.1 | -1.8 | 0.34 | 1 | -0.71 | 2.51 | -1.21 |
| Mountain Home | 60.9 | 39.4 | 50.1 | 50.4 | -0.3 | 0.59 | 2 | -0.52 | 2.12 | -1.84 |
| Mountain View | 62.1 | 36.7 | 49.4 | 51.4 | -2.0 | 0.39 | 2 | -0.62 | 2.60 | -1.21 |
| Extreme/Average | 62.3 | 33.4 | 47.9 | 50.3 | -2.4 | 0.46 | 2 | -0.59 | 2.49 | -1.41 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corning | 61.9 | 36.9 | 49.4 | 51.7 | -2.3 | 0.21 | 2 | -0.82 | 3.60 | 0.14 |
| Jonesboro | 62.0 | 35.3 | 48.6 | 51.2 | -2.5 | 0.28 | 2 | -0.71 | 4.32 | 0.49 |
| Keiser | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 53.0 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Newport | 61.9 | 40.7 | 51.3 | 52.4 | -1.1 | 0.37 | 2 | -0.68 | 2.92 | -1.12 |
| Pocahontas | 62.6 | 37.4 | 50.0 | 50.4 | -0.4 | 0.31 | 2 | -0.72 | 4.06 | 0.12 |
| Searcy | 61.8 | 38.0 | 49.9 | 53.0 | -2.7 | 0.19 | 1 | -0.43 | 3.07 | -0.76 |
| Extreme/Average | 62.0 | 37.7 | 49.8 | 51.9 | -1.8 | 0.27 | 2 | -0.67 | 3.59 | -0.23 |
| West Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 65.7 | 37.0 | 51.3 | 52.5 | -1.2 | 0.78 | 2 | -0.06 | 2.48 | -1.16 |
| Dardanelle | 67.0 | 38.0 | 52.5 | 55.0 | -2.5 | 0.57 | 2 | (NA) | 1.92 | (NA) |
| Mena | 66.1 | 36.0 | 51.1 | 51.6 | -0.5 | 0.59 | 2 | -0.56 | 2.86 | -1.57 |
| Subiaco | 65.6 | 39.6 | 52.6 | 53.5 | -0.9 | 0.51 | 2 | -0.42 | 2.23 | -1.26 |
| Waldron | 67.9 | 34.0 | 50.9 | 52.2 | -1.3 | 0.71 | 2 | -0.23 | 2.34 | -1.44 |
| Extreme/Average | 66.5 | 36.9 | 51.7 | 53.0 | -1.3 | 0.63 | 2 | -0.32 | 2.37 | -1.36 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alum Fork | 64.7 | 36.0 | 50.4 | 52.5 | -2.1 | 0.44 | 2 | -0.75 | 3.94 | -0.85 |
| Cabot | 66.3 | 34.3 | 50.3 | 53.6 | -3.3 | 0.70 | 2 | -0.38 | 3.49 | -0.54 |
| Conway | 65.6 | 34.3 | 49.9 | 53.3 | -3.4 | 0.26 | 2 | -0.94 | 3.73 | -0.50 |
| Hot Springs | 66.2 | 41.2 | 53.7 | 54.7 | -0.7 | 0.10 | 1 | -0.74 | 3.25 | -0.67 |
| Morrilton | 65.4 | 35.1 | 50.3 | 52.4 | -2.1 | 0.34 | 2 | -0.74 | 3.38 | -0.75 |
| Extreme/Average | 65.6 | 36.2 | 50.9 | 53.3 | -2.3 | 0.37 | 2 | -0.71 | 3.56 | -0.66 |
| East Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brinkley | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 53.3 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Des Arc | 64.3 | 43.3 | 53.8 | 54.5 | -0.7 | 0.32 | 2 | -0.81 | 3.79 | -0.49 |
| Keo | 63.9 | 39.1 | 51.5 | 55.6 | -4.1 | 0.35 | 2 | -0.70 | 3.83 | -0.07 |
| Stuttgart | 63.8 | 41.2 | 52.5 | 54.0 | -1.1 | 0.12 | 1 | -0.46 | 2.80 | 0.01 |
| West Memphis | 63.6 | 41.1 | 52.4 | 53.5 | -1.1 | 0.35 | 2 | -0.75 | 4.45 | 0.60 |
| Extreme/Average | 63.9 | 41.2 | 52.5 | 54.2 | -1.7 | 0.28 | 2 | -0.68 | 3.72 | 0.01 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashdown | 70.3 | 40.6 | 55.4 | (NA) | (NA) | 0.00 | 0 | -1.16 | 4.07 | -0.51 |
| De Queen | 65.8 | 36.2 | 51.0 | 54.1 | -2.7 | 0.06 | 1 | -0.63 | 6.17 | 2.22 |
| Hope | 67.8 | 36.6 | 52.2 | 55.0 | -2.5 | 0.03 | 1 | -0.75 | 3.63 | -0.61 |
| Murfreesboro | 67.1 | 34.9 | 51.0 | 53.1 | -2.1 | 0.51 | 2 | -0.69 | 6.21 | 1.63 |
| Nashville | 69.7 | 37.4 | 53.6 | 55.9 | -2.3 | 0.48 | 2 | -0.67 | 4.38 | -0.18 |
| Extreme/Average | 68.1 | 37.1 | 52.6 | 54.5 | -2.4 | 0.22 | 2 | -0.78 | 4.89 | 0.51 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camden | 69.9 | 37.6 | 53.7 | 56.1 | -2.4 | 0.06 | 2 | -0.89 | 3.12 | -0.85 |
| Fordyce | 68.3 | 37.1 | 52.7 | 53.9 | -1.2 | 0.12 | 2 | -1.08 | 3.71 | -0.97 |
| Magnolia | 70.7 | 39.3 | 55.0 | 56.0 | -1.0 | 0.09 | 2 | -1.07 | 0.09 | -1.24 |
| Prescott | 67.3 | 35.0 | 51.2 | 54.3 | -2.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.47 | 3.40 | -0.54 |
| Sparkman | 70.8 | 34.0 | 52.4 | 54.4 | -2.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.88 | 3.04 | -0.79 |
| Extreme/Average | 69.4 | 36.6 | 53.0 | 54.9 | -1.8 | 0.05 | 2 | -0.88 | 2.67 | -0.88 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crossett | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 55.7 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 2.84 | -0.37 |
| Eudora | 68.8 | 39.8 | 54.3 | 58.0 | -3.5 | 0.01 | 1 | -0.74 | 1.70 | -2.12 |
| Pine Bluff | 66.6 | 40.0 | 53.3 | 55.4 | -2.1 | 0.18 | 2 | -0.89 | 5.22 | 0.88 |
| Portland | 65.8 | 38.2 | 52.0 | 55.7 | -3.5 | 0.03 | 1 | -0.70 | 2.78 | -1.43 |
| Rohwer | 65.1 | 42.9 | 54.0 | 55.7 | -1.7 | 0.16 | 2 | -0.79 | 3.52 | -0.76 |
| Extreme/Average | 66.6 | 40.2 | 53.4 | 56.1 | -2.7 | 0.10 | 2 | -0.78 | 3.21 | -0.76 |
| State | 64.9 | 37.5 | 51.2 | 53.0 | -1.9 | 0.33 | 2 | -0.66 | 3.25 | -0.69 |

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.