



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 36.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 49.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser to 73.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Moderate precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the northwest part of the State with an average of 1.32 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 31, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	13	3	23	20
Rice, planted	6	2	6	5
Soybeans, planted	3	0	2	1
Winter wheat, headed	5	1	17	8

Crop condition for week ending March 31, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, alfalfa	0	9	59	30	2
Hay, other	0	18	54	26	2
Livestock	3	11	43	37	6
Pasture	3	16	50	28	3
Winter wheat	3	14	36	42	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Last week many producers were waiting to get past the weekend cold snap before beginning to plant. We should see a lot of corn acres planted next week. Fieldwork has progressed a little faster than expected as rutted fields have worked up nicely.”

- Andrew Sayger, Monroe County

“Winter annuals were really coming along. Last summer's drought left most cattlemen with a short supply of hay. Extending the season with winter annuals has been a life saver for most operations who utilize them.”

- Terrell Davis, Pike County

“Drying conditions last week allowed fieldwork and planting to take place. Producers were working fields that do not have low areas, which were still wet from recent rains.”

- Rick Wimberley, Cross County

“Warmer weather last week made it possible for fertilizer applications to occur. Pasture and hayfield grasses are starting to grow. Wheat and rye fields really jumped last week.”

- Mike McClintock, Boone County

“With dry weather early last week, there was some corn and rice planted. Rain received later in the week slowed planting, but we should get geared back up in a few days. Forages made moderate growth and several fields were treated with herbicide for winter weed control. Many forage producers fertilized cool season forages as dry weather made it possible to get equipment across fields without rutting.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Sunny weather helped dry out fields. Farmers are able to do more work now that we have had adequate drying. Cool season grasses were beginning to green up.”

- Corey Tyler, Fulton County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 31, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	59.9	37.4	48.6	50.5	-1.9	1.86	3	(NA)	4.55	(NA)
Lead Hill	64.4	39.3	51.9	49.8	2.1	1.00	4	-0.05	2.40	-1.35
Winslow	59.4	42.6	51.0	(NA)	(NA)	1.10	3	(NA)	4.80	(NA)
Extreme/Average	61.2	39.8	50.5	50.2	0.1	1.32	4	-0.05	3.92	-1.35
North Central										
Calico Rock	64.4	37.6	51.0	51.4	-0.4	0.35	2	-0.75	2.93	-1.20
Evening Shade	65.0	36.0	50.5	53.2	-2.4	0.00	0	-0.77	2.69	-1.19
Gilbert	66.1	41.4	53.8	52.5	1.3	0.42	2	-0.65	2.77	-1.26
Mammoth Spring	65.4	40.4	52.9	51.3	1.6	0.84	3	-0.24	3.30	-0.69
Mountain Home	64.9	43.1	54.0	52.7	1.3	1.21	3	0.06	3.30	-0.95
Mountain View	64.6	43.9	54.2	53.7	0.5	0.81	2	-0.27	3.41	-0.67
Extreme/Average	65.1	40.4	52.7	52.5	0.3	0.60	3	-0.44	3.07	-0.99
Northeast										
Corning	65.0	43.0	54.0	54.1	0.1	0.08	2	-0.82	3.66	0.26
Jonesboro	65.1	41.0	53.1	53.5	-0.5	0.32	4	-0.71	4.61	0.69
Keiser	57.0	45.0	51.0	55.2	-3.3	0.90	1	0.75	0.90	0.75
Newport	64.6	44.9	54.7	54.6	0.1	0.30	1	-0.78	3.17	-0.98
Pocahontas	65.6	41.4	53.5	52.6	0.9	0.36	2	-0.67	4.32	0.33
Searcy	67.7	47.5	57.6	55.0	2.7	0.00	0	-0.92	2.80	-0.89
Extreme/Average	64.2	43.8	54.0	54.2	0.0	0.33	4	-0.53	3.24	0.03
West Central										
Booneville	69.2	43.2	56.3	54.4	2.2	0.05	1	-0.53	2.38	-0.99
Dardanelle	69.6	44.3	56.9	57.0	-0.1	0.02	1	(NA)	1.85	(NA)
Mena	63.4	41.3	52.4	53.4	-1.1	2.43	2	1.25	5.01	0.42
Subiaco	70.0	45.6	57.8	55.5	2.3	0.44	2	-0.51	2.57	-1.06
Waldron	68.4	41.4	54.9	54.0	0.9	0.58	3	-0.38	2.70	-1.18
Extreme/Average	68.1	43.2	55.7	54.9	0.9	0.70	3	-0.04	2.90	-0.70
Central										
Alum Fork	64.4	42.3	53.4	54.5	-1.2	0.29	2	-0.86	4.04	-0.70
Cabot	68.9	43.0	55.9	55.4	0.5	0.13	2	-0.91	3.22	-0.94
Conway	67.1	42.7	54.9	55.3	-0.4	0.04	1	-1.16	3.67	-0.80
Hot Springs	68.7	45.9	57.3	56.7	0.6	0.55	2	-0.65	3.69	-0.66
Morrilton	68.6	41.4	55.0	54.5	0.5	0.05	1	-1.02	3.30	-0.91
Extreme/Average	67.5	43.1	55.3	55.3	0.0	0.21	2	-0.92	3.58	-0.80
East Central										
Brinkley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Des Arc	66.5	48.0	57.3	56.6	0.7	0.07	1	-0.91	3.30	-0.89
Keo	66.7	43.1	54.9	57.7	-2.8	0.56	2	-0.52	3.73	-0.39
Stuttgart	67.6	43.0	55.3	56.0	-0.4	0.43	1	-0.37	3.23	-0.04
West Memphis	65.0	44.8	54.9	55.4	-0.5	0.63	2	-0.33	4.32	0.49
Extreme/Average	66.5	44.7	55.6	56.2	-0.7	0.42	2	-0.53	3.65	-0.21
Southwest										
Ashdown	71.4	49.0	60.2	(NA)	(NA)	0.06	1	-1.02	3.53	-1.14
De Queen	71.0	45.8	58.4	55.8	2.8	0.73	1	-0.15	5.94	1.59
Hope	69.7	44.6	57.1	56.8	0.3	0.09	1	-0.98	3.21	-1.22
Murfreesboro	67.7	41.1	54.4	54.9	-0.4	0.29	2	-0.96	5.54	0.82
Nashville	70.1	46.1	58.1	57.6	0.5	0.81	4	-0.32	4.52	-0.04
Extreme/Average	70.0	45.3	57.7	56.3	0.8	0.40	4	-0.69	4.55	0.00
South Central										
Camden	70.0	43.2	56.6	57.9	-1.1	0.45	1	-0.32	2.39	-1.38
Fordyce	68.9	44.7	56.8	55.6	1.1	1.85	3	0.68	5.01	0.41
Magnolia	71.2	44.4	57.8	57.7	0.3	0.06	1	-0.77	0.15	-2.01
Prescott	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.83	0.09
Sparkman	70.7	45.3	58.0	56.3	1.8	0.58	1	-0.40	3.57	-0.32
Extreme/Average	70.2	44.4	57.3	56.8	0.6	0.74	3	-0.20	2.79	-0.64
Southeast										
Crossett	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.18	0.32
Eudora	73.8	49.2	61.5	59.8	1.6	1.15	2	0.20	2.12	-1.74
Pine Bluff	68.8	47.5	58.2	57.5	0.8	0.77	2	-0.18	5.28	1.10
Portland	70.0	44.4	57.2	57.7	-0.2	0.61	1	-0.10	2.35	-1.55
Rohwer	67.6	48.1	57.9	57.5	0.4	1.72	3	0.74	4.23	0.17
Extreme/Average	70.0	47.3	58.7	58.0	0.7	1.06	3	0.17	3.23	-0.34
State	67.0	43.6	55.3	55.0	0.3	0.62	3	-0.37	3.40	-0.53

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.