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Week Ending July 19, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 6.5 day suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 19, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 40 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 26 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 68.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 77.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc. Highs ranged from 86.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 97.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Searcy. The precipitation for the week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central region of the state with an average of 0.81 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 19, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silked	100	96	99	99
Corn, dough	77	53	70	76
Corn, dent	35	12	33	48
Cotton, squaring	99	98	99	99
Cotton, setting bolls	81	39	79	77
Peanuts, pegging	65	50	NA	NA
Rice, headed	30	18	17	27
Sorghum, headed	75	69	81	81
Sorghum, coloring	28	7	31	26
Soybeans, planted	100	99	97	99
Soybeans, emerged	98	96	95	98
Soybeans, blooming	75	65	66	64
Soybeans, setting pods	41	31	41	38
Winter Wheat, harvested	100	99	100	100

Crop condition for week ending July 19, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	6	4	24	48	18
Cotton	4	2	19	43	32
Hay, alfalfa	1	5	63	26	5
Hay, other	3	15	41	34	7
Livestock	2	2	29	58	9
Pasture	2	8	34	41	15
Peanuts	2	4	49	43	2
Rice	3	5	21	53	18
Sorghum	2	2	16	56	24
Soybeans	5	7	26	48	14

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Sorghum is beginning to head and we are picking up small bollworms. Most soybeans fields are at, or near, canopy closure, and flowering or setting pods. Early rice is heading. Most crops held up well to the storm that blew through last Tuesday afternoon.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Many livestock producers baled hay during the week. Most areas of the county received some rain during the week, and experienced high winds. Soybeans continue to have herbicide applications on the later planted fields.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Scattered thunderstorms dropped beneficial rain in a few areas. Irrigation pumps ran at full capacity as high heat, humidity, and crop development zapped soil moisture. Rice leaf blast is common in Jupiter; southern leaf rust was confirmed at low levels in corn. Sugarcane aphids were discovered at low levels in grain sorghum, and late-planted soybeans showed signs of environmental stress. Livestock stayed confined to shaded areas.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Early planted corn and grain sorghum irrigation will be winding down soon. Rice is heading and early planted soybeans putting on pods. Irrigated crops are looking good.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

“High temperatures and no measurable precipitation for 20 days, have begun to stress trees and gardens. Hay production continues and quality looks good. Livestock with shade are faring well. Some concerns about Perilla Mint and other poisonous weeds have been addressed.”

-Robin Bridges, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending July 19, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	86.7	72.7	79.7	77.3	2.4	0.07	1	NA	4.94	NA
Winslow	87.3	72.9	80.1	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	7.31	NA
Extreme/Average	87.0	72.8	79.9	77.3	2.4	0.04	1	NA	6.13	NA
North Central										
Calico Rock	90.6	68.4	79.5	77.5	2.0	1.05	1	0.24	5.04	1.73
Mammoth Spring	93.0	70.3	81.6	77.8	3.9	0.96	2	0.14	4.39	1.25
Mountain Home	91.8	72.0	81.9	79.2	2.7	0.63	1	-0.05	7.15	3.78
Mountain View	93.1	70.6	81.9	80.0	1.9	0.60	1	-0.13	7.02	4.08
Extreme/Average	92.1	70.3	81.2	78.6	2.6	0.81	2	0.05	5.90	2.71
Northeast										
Corning	93.3	74.9	84.1	80.8	3.3	0.03	1	-0.87	2.38	-0.83
Jonesboro	92.7	74.1	83.4	80.3	3.1	0.69	1	-0.08	5.20	2.17
Keiser	95.4	76.8	86.1	82.1	4.0	0.43	1	-0.23	3.70	0.45
Newport	92.1	74.9	83.5	81.3	2.2	0.03	1	-0.89	5.68	2.30
Pocahontas	94.9	72.0	83.4	79.6	3.8	0.40	1	-0.38	3.51	0.51
Searcy	97.6	75.1	86.4	81.5	4.8	0.24	2	-0.63	2.74	-0.35
Extreme/Average	94.3	74.6	84.5	80.9	3.5	0.30	2	-0.51	3.87	0.71
West Central										
Dardanelle	95.8	73.7	84.8	81.6	3.2	0.00	0	NA	3.56	NA
Mena	91.7	72.5	82.1	78.7	3.5	0.00	0	-1.01	4.18	0.08
Subiaco	95.7	73.9	84.8	81.0	3.8	0.00	0	-0.77	3.05	-0.32
Waldron	94.4	71.1	82.8	79.7	3.1	0.00	0	-0.72	7.95	4.47
Extreme/Average	94.4	72.8	83.6	80.2	3.4	0.00	0	-0.83	4.68	1.41
Central										
Alum Fork	92.1	71.4	81.8	79.7	2.1	0.12	1	-0.81	6.06	2.36
Hot Springs	93.9	76.1	85.0	82.0	3.0	0.00	0	-1.04	0.97	-2.73
Morrilton	96.3	74.0	85.1	80.8	4.3	0.00	0	-0.79	6.07	2.74
Extreme/Average	94.1	73.8	84.0	80.8	3.1	0.04	1	-0.88	4.37	0.79
East Central										
Brinkley	96.3	76.4	86.4	81.2	5.2	0.80	2	0.01	1.80	-0.78
Des Arc	96.6	77.4	87.0	82.3	4.7	0.17	2	-0.57	2.14	-0.59
Keo	93.9	74.9	84.4	81.3	3.1	0.60	1	-0.25	3.47	0.07
Stuttgart	94.0	76.8	85.4	81.7	3.7	0.33	1	-0.21	0.76	-1.63
West Memphis	94.4	75.8	85.1	81.6	3.5	0.11	1	-0.48	2.60	-0.32
Extreme/Average	95.0	76.3	85.6	81.6	4.0	0.40	2	-0.30	2.15	-0.65
Southwest										
Ashdown	90.4	71.1	80.8	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.76	3.86	0.38
Murfreesboro	92.7	69.3	81.0	78.9	2.1	0.00	0	-1.04	6.34	2.78
Nashville	94.7	73.3	84.0	82.4	1.6	0.00	0	-0.87	6.34	2.50
Extreme/Average	92.6	71.2	81.9	80.6	1.9	0.00	0	-0.89	5.51	1.89
South Central										
Camden	96.0	75.3	85.6	81.7	4.0	0.00	0	-0.90	8.65	5.05
Fordyce	93.7	74.0	83.9	79.9	3.9	0.00	0	-0.93	2.08	-1.56
Extreme/Average	94.8	74.7	84.8	80.8	3.9	0.00	0	-0.92	5.37	1.74
Southeast										
Crossett	93.6	73.7	83.6	80.8	2.9	0.00	0	-0.91	3.62	-0.24
Eudora	96.9	76.9	86.9	83.2	3.6	0.00	0	-0.86	5.98	2.24
Rohwer	93.1	75.9	84.5	82.0	2.5	0.00	0	-0.82	7.29	4.15
Extreme/Average	94.5	75.5	85.0	82.0	3.0	0.00	0	-0.86	5.63	2.05
State	93.4	73.7	83.6	80.4	3.2	0.19	0	-0.57	4.71	1.13

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.