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Week Ending September 20, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 20, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 43 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 40 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 52.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 65.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Pine Bluff. Highs ranged from 77.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Winslow to 94.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Magnolia. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest region of the state with an average of 0.13 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 20, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	90	79	72	87
Cotton, open bolls	70	62	74	83
Cotton, harvested	1	0	0	8
Peanuts, dug	5	4	NA	NA
Peanuts, harvested	2	0	NA	NA
Rice, mature	93	86	85	90
Rice, harvested	57	41	42	56
Sorghum, mature	98	95	97	98
Sorghum, harvested	82	71	69	78
Soybeans, turning color	70	64	71	64
Soybeans, dropping leaves	48	39	55	46
Soybeans, mature	36	28	41	33
Soybeans, harvested	22	15	22	21

Crop condition for week ending September 20, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	4	2	19	42	33
Hay, alfalfa	1	6	71	21	1
Hay, other	5	17	43	30	5
Livestock	2	4	33	54	7
Pasture	6	12	35	38	9
Peanuts	2	4	51	40	3
Rice	5	10	29	46	10
Soybeans	5	6	27	49	13

NA = Not Available.

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Bush-hogging unsprayed fields. Culling cattle, working cattle, and selling spring-born calves. Seeding annuals and harvesting hay.”

-Joe Moore, Sharp County

“Harvest is going good. Some rice yields disappointing. Fields are dry, could some precipitation, but that would delay harvest.”

-Andy Vangilder, Clay County

“Corn, rice, and grain sorghum harvest continue in earnest. Fields are also being cultivated to plant next year’s crop. A few double crop soybeans were receiving a final irrigation.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Harvesting soybeans, rice, milo, and corn. Planting winter pastures.”

-Jeff Welch, Lonoke County

“Cotton defoliation has begun. Late planted soybeans were irrigated final time. Most of the ground behind harvested corn and grain sorghum has been tilled. This will help control pigweeds and incorporate crop debris into soil to start breaking down.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending September 20, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	78.4	56.0	67.2	68.3	-1.1	0.00	0	NA	4.65	NA
Winslow	77.3	63.3	70.3	NA	NA	0.00	0	NA	2.44	NA
Extreme/Average	77.8	59.6	68.8	68.3	-1.1	0.00	0	NA	3.54	NA
North Central										
Calico Rock	82.4	54.4	68.4	68.3	0.1	0.00	0	-1.01	2.96	-0.39
Evening Shade	83.3	52.4	67.9	70.5	-2.7	0.03	1	-0.85	1.31	-1.85
Gilbert	83.3	55.3	69.3	69.7	-0.4	0.00	0	-1.04	3.00	-0.44
Mammoth Spring	82.9	55.0	68.9	68.0	0.9	0.03	1	-0.93	1.96	-1.30
Mountain Home	82.7	58.7	70.7	70.0	0.7	0.00	0	-1.03	2.78	-1.04
Mountain View	84.3	60.3	72.3	70.4	2.0	0.00	0	-0.82	0.49	-2.79
Extreme/Average	83.1	56.0	69.6	69.5	0.1	0.01	1	-0.95	2.08	-1.30
Northeast										
Corning	83.1	57.0	70.1	70.9	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.83	2.33	-0.53
Jonesboro	83.3	55.0	69.1	70.9	-1.8	0.04	1	-0.72	2.22	-0.35
Newport	81.7	59.3	70.5	71.9	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.71	2.36	-0.31
Searcy	85.7	61.4	73.6	72.3	1.3	0.42	1	-0.33	3.62	0.79
Extreme/Average	83.4	58.2	70.8	71.5	-0.7	0.11	1	-0.65	2.63	-0.10
West Central										
Dardanelle	88.4	61.9	75.1	73.0	2.1	0.00	0	NA	2.29	NA
Mena	84.3	60.7	72.5	70.5	1.9	0.00	0	-0.96	1.36	-2.05
Subiaco	85.6	61.4	73.5	72.1	1.4	0.00	0	-0.93	3.21	-0.06
Waldron	86.3	60.7	73.5	70.5	3.0	0.00	0	-0.97	2.59	-0.97
Extreme/Average	86.1	61.2	73.7	71.5	2.1	0.00	0	-0.95	2.36	-1.03
Central										
Cabot	91.2	58.8	75.0	72.8	2.3	0.20	1	-0.43	2.26	-0.27
Conway	88.1	60.7	74.4	72.3	2.2	0.01	1	-0.70	1.67	-1.05
Hot Springs	88.6	65.4	77.0	73.5	3.5	0.26	2	-0.67	0.46	-2.98
Morrilton	88.0	59.1	73.6	71.9	1.7	0.00	0	-0.78	1.57	-1.33
Extreme/Average	89.0	61.0	75.0	72.6	2.4	0.12	2	-0.65	1.49	-1.41
East Central										
Brinkley	85.9	61.3	73.6	72.5	1.1	0.00	0	-0.62	1.00	-1.27
Des Arc	85.6	63.3	74.4	73.2	1.2	0.00	0	-0.68	1.51	-1.01
West Memphis	83.0	61.4	72.2	73.5	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.51	2.72	0.38
Extreme/Average	84.8	62.0	73.4	73.1	0.3	0.00	0	-0.60	1.74	-0.63
Southwest										
Ashdown	90.4	63.3	76.9	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.90	0.47	-2.67
Murfreesboro	87.2	53.3	70.3	71.6	-1.5	0.38	1	-0.36	0.77	-2.17
Nashville	91.0	61.3	76.1	75.1	1.1	0.00	0	-0.81	1.10	-1.96
Extreme/Average	89.5	59.3	74.4	73.3	-0.2	0.13	1	-0.69	0.78	-2.27
South Central										
Camden	90.7	59.3	75.0	73.4	1.5	0.00	0	-0.70	0.35	-2.48
Fordyce	89.1	59.6	74.4	72.1	2.3	0.00	0	-0.75	0.26	-2.43
Magnolia	94.0	60.7	77.3	73.8	3.5	0.00	0	-0.66	0.12	-1.85
Sparkman	86.3	57.8	72.1	72.6	-0.6	0.14	1	-0.42	1.45	-1.10
Extreme/Average	90.0	59.4	74.7	73.0	1.6	0.04	1	-0.63	0.54	-1.96
Southeast										
Crossett	90.0	60.6	75.3	73.4	1.9	0.00	0	-0.61	1.05	-2.04
Eudora	91.8	61.8	76.8	76.2	0.4	0.00	0	-0.69	0.68	-2.31
Pine Bluff	93.0	65.5	79.3	74.3	5.9	0.21	1	-0.47	0.50	-2.20
Portland	88.5	61.2	74.8	74.3	0.4	0.00	0	-0.61	0.39	-2.06
Rohwer	85.8	62.2	74.0	74.0	-0.1	0.00	0	-0.49	1.07	-1.01
Extreme/Average	89.8	62.3	76.0	74.4	1.7	0.04	1	-0.57	0.74	-1.92
State	86.0	59.9	72.9	71.9	0.7	0.05	0	-0.65	1.79	-1.14

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.