



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

Delta Region - Arkansas Field Office,
10800 Financial Centre Parkway, Suite 110, Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 228-9926 · (501) 224-5630 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/ar
Cooperating with the University of Arkansas – Division of Agriculture

Week Ending March 19, 2017

Released: March 20, 2017

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 19, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 27.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashdown to 47.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Sparkman. Highs ranged from 46.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corning to 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Sparkman. Precipitation was received throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 0.42 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 19, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	1	0	NA	NA
Winter Wheat, headed	1	0	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending March 19, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hay, alfalfa	4	4	35	57	0
Hay, other	3	10	53	29	5
Livestock	2	4	35	53	6
Pasture	4	19	41	31	5
Winter Wheat	2	4	27	50	17

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Fertilization of wheat completed during the week. Wheat still making slow growth with cool temperatures experienced during the week. Rain has halted row crop fieldwork.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Ponds are low, but with recent snowfall and rains we appear to have adequate moisture at the surface. The grass is ready to grow with warmer temperatures.”

-Mike McClintock, Boone County

“Farmers continue to prepare for spring planting season with final burn down herbicides going out. Livestock are combating lice and are beginning to chase green grass.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Union county producers are enjoying a mild late winter/early spring. Although temperatures were below seasonal averages last week, no freeze damage was reported on budding fruit species nor on early planted garden crops.”

-Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

“Producers are evaluating wheat for freeze damage, conducting soil sampling, and spraying pastures and hay fields.”

-Kevin Lawson, Perry County

“Cattle producers still feeding hay. Calving season going well due to warmer weather. Pastures too wet for fertilizing and for breaking up gardens.”

-Kelly Thomason, Calhoun County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 19, 2017

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	49.3	33.2	41.3	46.6	-5.3	0.12	2	NA	4.02	NA
Lead Hill	49.3	31.1	40.2	46.3	-6.1	0.35	1	-0.61	2.88	-0.68
Winslow	52.1	34.7	43.4	NA	NA	0.12	2	NA	4.07	NA
Extreme/Average	50.2	33.0	41.6	46.4	-5.7	0.20	2	-0.61	3.66	-0.68
North Central										
Calico Rock	51.0	31.4	41.2	47.8	-6.6	0.76	2	-0.28	4.06	0.28
Evening Shade	49.9	32.9	41.4	49.5	-8.1	0.37	2	-0.40	3.18	-0.52
Gilbert	53.1	33.7	43.4	48.9	-5.5	0.18	2	-0.81	3.21	-0.68
Mammoth Spring	51.1	30.7	40.9	47.5	-6.5	0.40	1	-0.61	3.44	-0.10
Mountain Home	50.3	32.6	41.4	48.8	-7.4	0.33	2	-0.74	2.37	-0.99
Mountain View	52.6	34.3	43.4	49.9	-6.4	0.19	2	-0.80	4.36	0.52
Extreme/Average	51.3	32.6	42.0	48.7	-6.8	0.37	2	-0.61	3.44	-0.25
Northeast										
Coning	46.0	31.7	38.8	50.0	-11.0	0.44	3	-0.40	4.11	0.39
Jonesboro	51.0	32.9	41.9	49.5	-7.6	0.46	3	-0.52	5.59	1.75
Keiser	46.8	30.4	38.6	51.5	-12.6	0.29	2	-0.43	5.78	2.09
Newport	52.7	36.0	44.3	50.8	-6.5	0.54	2	-0.34	4.65	0.97
Pocahontas	50.4	31.9	41.1	48.7	-7.6	0.06	2	-0.94	3.75	-0.17
Searcy	53.2	34.8	44.0	51.5	-7.4	0.27	1	-0.67	4.27	0.35
Extreme/Average	50.0	33.0	41.5	50.3	-8.8	0.34	3	-0.55	4.69	0.90
West Central										
Booneville	59.9	39.0	49.4	51.1	-1.7	0.18	1	-0.81	2.44	-1.24
Dardanelle	56.7	40.8	48.8	53.5	-4.9	NA	0	NA	3.12	NA
Mena	60.7	39.0	49.9	50.2	-0.4	0.28	2	-0.85	2.46	-1.87
Subiaco	56.1	38.9	47.5	52.0	-4.5	0.20	1	-0.75	2.12	-1.40
Waldron	60.9	38.3	49.6	50.9	-1.3	0.24	2	-0.73	2.83	-0.63
Extreme/Average	58.9	39.2	49.0	51.5	-2.6	0.22	2	-0.78	2.59	-1.28
Central										
Alum Fork	56.3	38.0	47.1	51.0	-3.8	0.33	2	-0.86	6.13	1.34
Cabot	56.2	34.3	45.3	52.2	-6.9	0.29	2	-0.65	4.98	0.97
Conway	55.4	36.3	45.9	51.8	-5.9	0.29	1	-0.80	3.44	-0.63
Hot Springs	59.3	40.3	49.8	53.2	-3.4	0.46	2	-0.70	2.85	-1.39
Morrilton	56.7	37.7	47.2	50.9	-3.7	0.34	2	-0.71	3.13	-0.93
Extreme/Average	56.8	37.3	47.0	51.8	-4.8	0.34	2	-0.74	4.11	-0.13
East Central										
Brinkley	NA	NA	NA	51.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Des Arc	56.6	40.6	48.6	52.9	-4.3	0.27	2	-0.81	3.48	-0.74
Keo	46.5	30.8	38.6	54.1	-15.0	NA	NA	NA	4.67	1.09
Stuttgart	51.6	33.6	42.6	52.6	-9.7	0.29	1	-0.41	1.97	-1.42
West Memphis	52.9	35.1	44.0	52.1	-8.1	0.71	3	-0.38	3.96	-0.24
Extreme/Average	51.9	35.0	43.4	52.7	-9.3	0.42	3	-0.53	3.52	-0.33
Southwest										
Ashdown	62.4	27.3	44.9	NA	NA	0.35	2	-0.85	2.92	-1.76
Dequeen	58.4	37.7	48.1	52.8	-4.7	0.23	2	-0.92	3.51	-0.82
Hope	62.6	40.1	51.4	53.7	-2.3	0.37	2	-0.72	3.72	-0.91
Murfreesboro	61.0	39.0	50.0	51.7	-1.7	0.25	1	-0.89	2.03	-2.00
Nashville	64.1	40.6	52.4	54.6	-2.2	0.34	2	-0.79	2.94	-1.54
Extreme/Average	61.7	36.9	49.3	53.2	-2.7	0.31	2	-0.83	3.02	-1.41
South Central										
Camden	64.2	38.2	51.2	54.7	-3.7	0.00	0	-0.91	3.29	-0.38
Fordyce	59.7	39.1	49.4	52.6	-3.2	0.35	2	-0.83	5.86	0.96
Magnolia	NA	NA	NA	54.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.83	-0.41
Prescott	NA	NA	NA	52.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.77	0.43
Sparkman	70.0	47.3	58.7	53.0	5.1	NA	NA	NA	3.79	0.09
Extreme/Average	64.6	41.5	53.1	53.6	-0.6	0.18	2	-0.87	3.31	0.14
Southeast										
Crossett	61.1	40.7	50.9	54.4	-3.4	0.12	1	-0.96	6.38	1.55
Eudora	59.7	38.6	49.1	56.7	-7.6	0.14	1	-0.90	4.93	0.43
Pine Bluff	57.6	39.1	48.4	53.9	-5.5	0.22	1	-0.83	4.19	-0.19
Portland	56.7	38.7	47.7	54.3	-6.6	0.21	1	-0.80	4.11	-0.71
Rohwer	58.2	41.7	49.9	54.3	-4.5	0.02	1	-0.82	3.66	-0.69
Extreme/Average	58.7	39.8	49.2	54.7	-5.5	0.14	1	-0.86	4.65	0.08
State	55.9	36.5	46.2	51.5	-5.3	0.29	2	-0.70	3.65	-0.29

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.