



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 11, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 61 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 49 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 27.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 43.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc. Highs ranged from 56.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 68.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Most of the state received some precipitation, with the highest concentration occurring in the southeast part of the state with an average of 1.61 inches.

Crop condition for week ending March 11, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, alfalfa	0	22	62	16	0
Hay, other	7	12	50	25	6
Livestock	1	6	48	41	4
Pasture	5	27	44	22	2
Winter wheat	2	11	28	54	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Recent heavy rains created saturated topsoil conditions, but they also provided needed moisture for growth of winter forages. Winter forages are just now at peak thanks to ideal seasonal temperatures and days of bright sun. Ground is still too wet to work for early spring gardens, but orchards are doing well. Green up of hardwoods is looking great.”

- Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

“Livestock producers continued to feed hay and supplemental feed. Cool season forages made slow growth during the week. A few producers sprayed hay fields and pastures to control winter weeds. Row crop producers were getting equipment ready for the upcoming planting season. Wheat has been sprayed and fertilized and is in fair condition.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“High winds dried out ground which was wet from rains. Producers were trying to get ahead of greening up Bermuda grass pastures, hay, and sod fields. Applications of glyphosate went out where possible. Blueberry and blackberry growers were working on pruning and spring fertilization. Row crop groundwork could start next week if no more rain falls.”

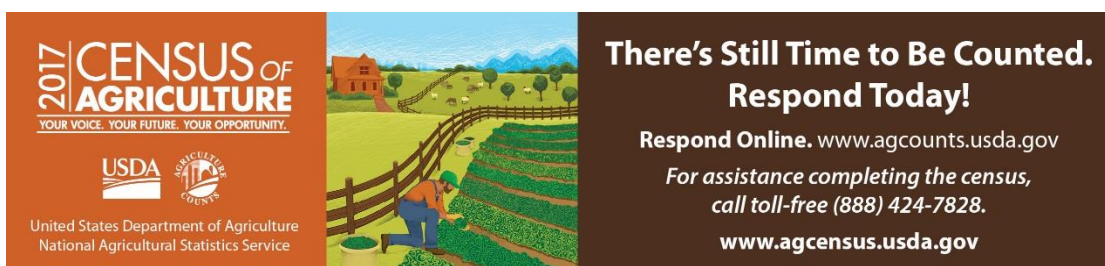
- Kevin Lawson, Perry County

“Severe flooding left considerable wheat acreage under water anywhere from 3 days up to a week. Other fields are flooded as well, causing a delay in burndown herbicide applications and other field preparations. There has been considerable pasture flooding, which has now receded, but the pastures are in sloppy condition.”

- Rebekah Beene, Clark County

“Some lighter soil fields began to dry out so that burndown herbicides could be applied. Weekend rains could set that back by a few days. Many fields were prepped in the fall for no till spring planting.”

- Russ Parker, Crittenden County



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Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 11, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	56.7	32.3	44.5	44.1	0.4	0.06	2	NA	7.10	NA
Lead Hill	56.1	32.4	44.3	43.7	0.6	0.10	1	-0.80	6.51	3.16
Winslow	57.8	36.2	47.0	NA	NA	0.14	3	NA	9.42	NA
Extreme/Average	56.9	33.6	45.3	43.9	0.5	0.10	3	-0.80	7.68	3.16
North Central										
Calico Rock	59.9	27.9	43.9	45.3	-1.4	0.28	1	-0.69	9.13	5.61
Evening Shade	NA	NA	NA	47.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.92	7.49
Gilbert	59.7	32.4	46.1	46.4	-0.4	0.05	1	-0.94	6.49	2.83
Mammoth Spring	59.1	31.0	45.1	44.7	0.3	0.83	3	-0.08	7.92	4.57
Mountain Home	58.4	34.6	46.5	46.2	0.3	0.19	2	-0.78	6.78	3.31
Mountain View	65.2	36.8	51.0	47.3	3.7	0.00	0	-0.86	9.68	6.21
Extreme/Average	60.5	32.5	46.5	46.2	0.5	0.27	3	-0.67	8.32	5.00
Northeast										
Corning	57.3	35.1	46.2	47.3	-1.1	0.67	3	-0.27	10.00	6.17
Jonesboro	59.4	34.6	47.0	46.8	0.2	1.03	2	0.10	14.29	10.52
Keiser	NA	NA	NA	49.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.80	5.48
Newport	61.3	39.9	50.6	48.2	2.4	0.52	1	-0.48	14.21	10.40
Pocahontas	60.0	31.1	45.6	46.0	-0.4	0.65	1	-0.31	10.72	6.81
Searcy	62.0	37.0	49.5	48.9	0.7	0.85	3	-0.07	15.07	11.20
Extreme/Average	60.0	35.5	47.8	47.7	0.4	0.74	3	-0.21	12.02	8.43
West Central										
Booneville	62.1	35.7	48.9	48.9	0.0	0.15	2	-0.82	11.18	7.95
Dardanelle	65.3	37.9	51.6	51.1	0.5	1.01	2	NA	13.00	NA
Mena	63.0	37.3	50.1	48.0	2.1	0.19	2	-0.96	14.22	10.03
Subiaco	62.3	35.9	49.1	49.5	-0.4	2.05	2	1.11	13.10	9.82
Waldron	63.6	33.7	48.6	48.7	-0.1	0.03	1	-0.98	12.66	9.17
Extreme/Average	63.3	36.1	49.7	49.3	0.4	0.69	2	-0.41	12.83	9.24
Central										
Alum Fork	60.9	35.6	48.2	48.4	-0.2	1.35	2	0.13	18.29	13.57
Cabot	65.4	35.4	50.4	49.8	0.6	0.85	2	0.07	17.44	13.90
Conway	62.1	36.6	49.4	49.3	0.1	1.40	3	0.38	16.68	12.74
Hot Springs	61.4	37.4	49.4	50.8	-1.1	0.06	1	-0.76	11.24	7.42
Morrilton	63.6	36.1	49.9	48.4	1.5	1.53	3	0.50	15.26	11.31
Extreme/Average	62.7	36.2	49.5	49.3	0.2	1.04	3	0.06	15.78	11.79
East Central										
Brinkley	NA	NA	NA	49.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Des Arc	66.4	43.6	55.0	50.4	4.6	0.76	2	-0.27	12.19	8.06
Keo	63.6	39.6	51.6	51.7	-0.1	1.00	2	0.00	16.32	12.33
Stuttgart	61.2	39.6	50.4	50.2	0.5	0.30	1	-0.72	12.03	7.72
West Memphis	58.5	38.5	48.5	49.7	-1.1	0.44	3	-0.52	11.89	7.66
Extreme/Average	62.4	40.3	51.4	50.3	1.0	0.62	3	-0.38	13.11	8.94
Southwest										
Ashdown	65.6	31.6	48.6	NA	NA	0.34	3	-0.90	14.11	9.66
De Queen	62.6	35.6	49.1	50.7	-1.3	0.21	2	-0.44	15.97	12.44
Hope	65.3	39.9	52.6	51.4	1.1	0.41	3	-0.76	14.07	9.35
Murfreesboro	63.7	37.6	50.6	49.5	1.2	0.36	2	-0.78	17.98	13.75
Nashville	67.0	38.4	52.7	52.5	0.3	0.40	2	-0.76	14.86	10.50
Extreme/Average	64.8	36.6	50.7	51.0	0.3	0.34	3	-0.73	15.40	11.14
South Central										
Camden	65.5	41.7	53.6	52.3	1.2	0.85	2	-0.12	11.21	7.23
Fordyce	65.3	38.4	51.9	50.6	1.3	1.00	2	-0.22	14.84	9.92
Magnolia	63.8	33.0	48.4	52.6	-3.9	0.03	1	-0.84	8.91	4.61
Prescott	65.0	35.3	50.2	50.6	-0.3	0.13	1	-0.87	13.66	9.03
Sparkman	67.0	36.4	51.7	50.6	1.1	0.38	3	-0.70	16.97	12.34
Extreme/Average	65.3	37.0	51.1	51.3	-0.1	0.48	3	-0.55	13.12	8.63
Southeast										
Crossett	67.7	40.0	53.9	52.1	1.8	0.96	2	-0.24	11.31	6.15
Eudora	68.0	37.9	52.9	54.5	-1.6	1.37	2	0.25	10.26	5.58
Pine Bluff	64.4	39.7	52.1	51.5	0.6	1.38	2	0.28	14.58	10.11
Portland	63.0	41.3	52.2	51.9	0.4	1.42	3	0.30	11.64	6.34
Rohwer	66.0	43.0	54.5	52.2	2.4	2.93	3	2.29	14.32	10.02
Extreme/Average	65.8	40.4	53.1	52.4	0.7	1.61	3	0.58	12.42	7.64
State	62.4	36.5	49.5	49.1	0.4	0.65	3	-0.35	12.35	8.31

Normal= Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
 DFN = Departure From Normal.
 NA = Not Available.