



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 25, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 35.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 48.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc and Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 60.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesboro to 73.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Crossett. Precipitation was light throughout the state, with the highest concentration occurring in the north central part of the state with an average of 0.54 inches.

Crop progress for week ending March 25, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	18	2	16	9
Rice, planted	4	1	2	1
Winter wheat, headed	9	2	4	1

Crop condition for week ending March 25, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, alfalfa	0	20	63	17	0
Hay, other	1	15	52	27	5
Livestock	1	7	46	41	5
Pasture	3	25	42	27	3
Winter wheat	1	7	31	54	7

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Corn planters and rice drills started last week on a few operations. Many others decided to stay idle in anticipation of warmer temperatures.”

- Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“Farmers began corn planting at a rapid pace. A small amount of rice acreage was planted with continued spring tillage also taking place. Black gnat and mosquito populations continued to build.”

- Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“It finally dried enough for field preparation. Several acres were disked and planed. Burndown herbicide was being applied. Cool season annuals and fescue started to grow giving cattle some grazing opportunities.”

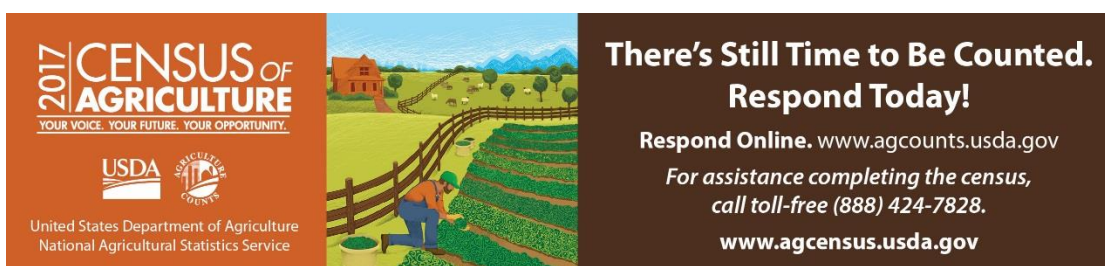
- Brian Haller, White County

“A few fields of corn were planted last week. Several producers were able to apply burndown herbicide applications to row crop ground. Some tillage was done to prepare for planting. Forages made slow growth during the week.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Row crop producers were waiting for the anticipated rain before beginning to plant.”

- Kevin Lawson, Perry County



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Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 25, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	61.0	35.9	48.4	48.5	-0.1	0.21	2	(NA)	1.09	(NA)
Lead Hill	62.6	35.3	48.9	48.1	0.8	0.34	2	-0.67	1.15	-2.56
Winslow	61.7	42.3	52.0	(NA)	(NA)	0.30	3	(NA)	1.50	(NA)
Extreme/Average	61.8	37.8	49.8	48.3	0.4	0.28	3	-0.67	1.25	-2.56
North central										
Calico Rock	64.7	35.9	50.3	49.6	0.7	0.35	2	-0.71	1.46	-2.47
Evening Shade	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	51.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.00	0.44
Gilbert	67.1	38.6	52.9	50.7	2.2	0.20	2	-0.81	0.84	-3.06
Mammoth Spring	63.0	38.0	50.5	49.4	1.1	0.53	2	-0.52	1.70	-2.05
Mountain Home	64.0	39.1	51.6	50.8	0.8	0.35	3	-0.76	1.30	-2.70
Mountain View	67.6	41.1	54.4	51.8	2.6	1.27	2	0.25	2.43	-1.55
Extreme/Average	65.3	38.5	51.9	50.6	1.5	0.54	3	-0.51	1.46	-1.90
Northeast										
Corning	61.6	38.0	49.8	52.0	-2.6	0.08	2	-0.68	1.99	-1.47
Jonesboro	60.7	39.9	50.3	51.5	-1.2	0.82	4	-0.18	4.30	0.46
Keiser	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.43
Newport	64.8	43.2	54.0	52.7	1.2	0.05	1	-0.87	3.47	-0.14
Pocahontas	62.1	40.1	51.1	50.7	0.5	0.10	2	-0.93	2.29	-1.65
Searcy	64.5	43.8	54.2	53.3	1.0	0.58	2	-0.36	5.41	1.25
Extreme/Average	62.7	41.0	51.9	52.3	-0.2	0.33	4	-0.60	2.91	-0.33
West central										
Booneville	67.4	42.9	55.1	52.8	2.4	0.18	1	-0.80	1.45	-2.08
Dardanelle	70.1	44.1	57.1	55.3	1.9	0.11	2	(NA)	3.51	(NA)
Mena	67.4	44.3	55.9	51.8	4.0	0.30	1	-0.85	3.88	-0.56
Subiaco	70.9	42.9	56.9	53.8	3.1	0.10	1	-0.83	4.10	0.74
Waldron	70.0	46.6	58.3	52.5	5.9	0.07	1	-0.59	2.56	-0.95
Extreme/Average	69.2	44.2	56.7	53.2	3.5	0.15	2	-0.77	3.10	-0.71
Central										
Alum Fork	63.7	40.8	52.3	52.8	-0.4	0.20	1	-0.82	5.77	1.15
Cabot	65.3	41.5	53.4	53.9	-0.3	0.17	3	-0.75	5.32	2.22
Conway	66.9	41.0	53.9	53.6	0.3	0.63	3	-0.58	5.61	1.51
Hot Springs	69.0	43.4	56.2	54.9	1.5	0.54	1	-0.32	5.09	0.82
Morrilton	70.6	40.9	55.7	52.7	3.0	0.39	2	-0.69	4.99	0.86
Extreme/Average	67.1	41.5	54.3	53.6	0.8	0.39	3	-0.63	5.36	1.31
East central										
Brinkley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Des Arc	66.7	48.0	57.4	54.8	2.6	0.04	1	-1.09	4.53	0.39
Keo	67.7	46.3	57.0	55.9	1.1	0.50	2	-0.56	7.37	3.30
Stuttgart	68.1	48.0	58.1	54.3	3.8	(NA)	0	-1.06	5.48	1.37
West Memphis	64.8	44.2	54.5	53.8	0.7	0.55	5	-0.39	5.48	1.34
Extreme/Average	66.8	46.6	56.7	54.5	2.0	0.36	5	-0.78	5.72	1.60
Southwest										
Ashdown	71.0	47.0	59.0	(NA)	(NA)	0.03	1	-1.12	4.38	-0.36
De Queen	69.3	47.4	58.4	54.3	4.0	0.58	2	-0.66	7.75	3.38
Hope	70.6	45.6	58.1	55.3	2.8	0.06	1	-1.03	5.22	0.69
Murfreesboro	67.9	42.4	55.1	53.3	1.8	0.47	1	-0.74	6.61	2.01
Nashville	71.0	46.3	58.6	56.1	2.5	0.05	1	-1.11	4.18	-0.39
Extreme/Average	70.0	45.7	57.8	54.8	2.8	0.24	2	-0.93	5.63	1.07
South central										
Camden	71.3	44.7	58.0	56.4	1.5	0.00	0	-0.95	4.16	0.04
Fordyce	69.9	44.3	57.1	54.1	2.9	0.05	1	-1.15	5.08	0.24
Magnolia	73.3	42.0	57.7	56.3	1.4	0.54	1	-0.47	3.42	-0.49
Prescott	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.55	2.35
Sparkman	71.1	43.3	57.2	54.7	2.5	0.25	1	-0.78	5.52	1.42
Extreme/Average	71.4	43.6	57.5	55.2	2.1	0.21	1	-0.84	4.55	0.71
Southeast										
Crossett	73.4	47.4	60.4	55.9	4.5	(NA)	0	-1.06	3.85	-0.85
Eudora	71.6	44.0	57.8	58.3	-0.5	0.04	2	-1.01	3.69	-0.24
Pine Bluff	68.5	44.3	56.4	55.7	0.9	0.09	1	-0.83	5.62	1.44
Portland	68.7	46.3	57.5	56.0	1.5	0.03	1	-0.98	4.67	0.23
Rohwer	67.7	47.7	57.7	55.9	1.8	(NA)	0	-0.81	5.73	2.25
Extreme/Average	70.0	45.9	58.0	56.4	1.6	0.05	2	-0.94	4.71	0.57
State	67.1	42.9	55.0	53.3	1.6	0.29	3	-0.74	3.87	0.02

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
 DFN = Departure From Normal.
 (NA) Not available.