



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 17, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 73 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 63 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 33.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Magnolia to 53.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 53.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 72.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Moderate to heavy precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the east central part of the State with an average of 2.55 inches.

Crop condition for week ending March 17, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, alfalfa	0	19	72	7	2
Hay, other	0	34	56	10	0
Livestock	3	10	47	34	6
Pasture	5	29	48	17	1
Winter wheat	9	21	42	24	4

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Dry, warmer weather last week allowed cool season forages to make slow growth. Row crop ground is still drying. If additional rain isn't received, fieldwork will begin sometime next week.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Producers are in need of a week of good weather to get back in the fields and get the 2019 crop season started.”

- Kevin Lawson, Faulkner County

“Rainfall has encouraged a rapid buildup of buffalo gnats that are harassing livestock and wildlife. Continued cool, wet weather is taking a toll on all livestock with rapid depletion of hay. No fieldwork has been performed since late summer due to record rainfall.”

- Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Lee County is too wet for any field activity to occur.”

- Ernest Bradley, Lee County

“We finally received a break from cold, wet weather. After a 3 inch downpour, we are settling into a few days of bright sunshine and seasonal temperatures. It is still too wet to get in the fields. Hay is running very short, and the sunny weather should help bring out needed warm season pastures. It might be a month before we reach ideal conditions. Producers are ready to get started with fertilizer and weed control.”

- Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 17, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	53.1	35.1	44.1	45.9	-1.8	0.85	4	(NA)	3.41	(NA)
Lead Hill	53.0	34.1	43.6	45.7	-2.1	0.82	4	-0.12	2.78	-0.60
Winslow	54.7	36.9	45.8	(NA)	(NA)	1.86	4	(NA)	4.49	(NA)
Extreme/Average	53.6	35.4	44.5	45.8	-1.9	1.18	4	-0.12	3.56	-0.60
North Central										
Calico Rock	58.1	37.0	47.6	47.2	0.4	1.21	3	0.19	4.10	0.38
Evening Shade	60.6	38.4	49.5	48.9	0.6	1.09	3	0.03	4.39	0.42
Gilbert	58.7	40.5	49.6	48.3	1.4	0.74	3	-0.10	4.00	0.26
Mammoth Spring	57.7	38.0	47.9	46.8	1.1	1.37	1	0.39	4.14	0.68
Mountain Home	56.9	37.9	47.4	48.2	-0.8	0.83	4	-0.20	3.17	-0.52
Mountain View	60.9	41.6	51.2	49.2	2.0	1.33	1	0.34	4.32	0.67
Extreme/Average	58.8	38.9	48.9	48.1	0.8	1.09	4	0.11	4.02	0.32
Northeast										
Corning	56.5	42.0	49.3	49.3	0.8	0.00	0	-0.27	4.12	1.09
Jonesboro	60.4	40.6	50.5	48.8	1.7	2.98	3	2.01	8.14	4.30
Keiser	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	50.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.10	2.39
Newport	61.7	41.3	51.5	50.1	1.4	1.10	1	0.07	5.99	2.05
Pocahontas	59.9	40.4	50.1	48.1	2.1	2.20	2	1.22	6.02	2.12
Searcy	63.4	43.8	53.6	50.8	2.8	1.40	4	0.47	5.84	1.81
Extreme/Average	60.4	41.6	51.0	49.7	1.8	1.54	4	0.70	5.54	2.29
West Central										
Booneville	60.6	40.1	50.4	50.6	-0.2	1.07	4	0.08	3.01	-0.49
Dardanelle	62.7	40.0	51.4	52.9	-1.5	0.72	3	(NA)	3.25	(NA)
Mena	60.3	39.1	49.7	49.7	0.0	1.15	4	0.02	3.51	-0.79
Subiaco	58.7	40.7	49.7	51.4	-1.7	0.83	4	-0.13	3.35	0.01
Waldron	64.9	39.1	52.0	50.4	1.6	0.87	5	-0.12	2.86	-0.82
Extreme/Average	61.4	39.8	50.6	51.0	-0.4	0.93	5	-0.04	3.20	-0.52
Central										
Alum Fork	59.0	41.0	50.0	50.4	-0.4	1.79	4	0.60	8.21	3.43
Cabot	65.8	43.5	54.7	51.7	3.2	1.50	4	0.56	5.80	1.82
Conway	60.4	39.4	49.9	51.2	-1.3	1.43	4	0.36	7.93	3.90
Hot Springs	63.8	46.0	54.9	52.6	2.5	1.40	2	0.92	5.17	1.63
Morrilton	61.3	39.7	50.5	50.3	0.2	1.39	4	0.34	7.29	3.25
Extreme/Average	62.1	41.9	52.0	51.2	0.9	1.50	4	0.56	6.88	2.81
East Central										
Brinkley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	51.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Des Arc	63.9	47.0	55.4	52.3	3.1	2.52	3	1.46	8.41	4.22
Keo	61.3	43.4	52.4	53.5	-1.1	2.11	4	1.12	7.87	4.02
Stuttgart	67.0	47.2	57.1	52.0	5.4	2.68	2	2.12	5.94	3.21
West Memphis	62.5	44.8	53.7	51.5	2.2	2.90	4	1.94	6.98	3.40
Extreme/Average	63.7	45.6	54.6	52.1	2.4	2.55	4	1.66	7.30	3.71
Southwest										
Ashdown	63.3	44.3	53.8	(NA)	(NA)	2.48	4	1.28	7.46	3.15
De Queen	64.8	47.4	56.1	52.3	4.1	5.15	4	4.36	9.37	5.44
Hope	64.0	41.0	52.5	53.1	-0.6	1.63	2	0.84	6.68	2.32
Murfreesboro	62.0	39.0	50.5	51.2	-0.7	1.90	4	0.77	10.07	5.60
Nashville	63.8	41.3	52.6	54.1	-1.5	0.53	4	-0.43	6.65	2.35
Extreme/Average	63.6	42.6	53.1	52.7	0.3	2.34	4	1.36	8.05	3.77
South Central										
Camden	63.4	42.9	53.1	54.1	-1.0	1.35	2	0.28	6.50	2.62
Fordyce	64.1	42.4	53.3	52.1	1.2	2.41	3	1.23	7.11	2.38
Magnolia	60.0	33.0	46.5	54.2	-8.5	0.00	0	-0.17	0.00	-0.17
Prescott	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sparkman	65.0	43.0	54.0	52.4	1.6	2.01	3	1.04	7.09	2.90
Extreme/Average	63.1	40.3	51.7	53.0	-1.7	1.44	3	0.59	5.17	1.93
Southeast										
Crossett	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.8	(NA)	1.52	4	0.71	9.56	5.34
Eudora	72.5	53.8	63.1	56.2	7.2	0.25	3	-0.36	7.52	3.56
Pine Bluff	64.0	43.8	53.9	53.3	0.5	2.06	3	1.15	8.91	4.81
Portland	67.8	49.0	58.4	53.7	5.0	1.13	3	0.37	14.23	9.57
Rohwer	62.7	45.6	54.1	53.8	0.3	2.13	3	1.11	10.27	6.03
Extreme/Average	66.8	48.0	57.4	54.2	3.2	1.42	4	0.60	10.10	5.86
State	61.6	41.6	51.6	50.9	0.6	1.57	4	0.62	5.87	2.12

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.