



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 7, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 29.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Evening Shade to 48.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc. Highs ranged from 60.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 67.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Sparkman. 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 2.82 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 7, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	27	13	30	37
Corn, emerged	1	0	8	10
Rice, planted	11	6	9	15
Sorghum, planted	1	0	0	4
Soybeans, planted	4	3	5	4
Winter wheat, headed	10	5	21	16

Crop condition for week ending April 7, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, alfalfa	0	8	55	35	2
Hay, other	1	13	50	32	4
Livestock	3	11	48	32	6
Pasture	3	17	47	31	2
Winter wheat	1	8	41	44	6

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Corn planting was progressing rapidly before heavy rainfall. Rice planting was also taking place before the rain. Black gnats continued to plague livestock. No spring crops have emerged yet and spring pasture growth is delayed.”

- Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Corn planting continued and more farmers were getting started on rice. A good rain on Thursday night brought farmers to a stop following a good 10 day run of working ground and planting.”

- Dave Freeze, Greene County

“Rain on Thursday soaked the ground once again. Producers have fertilized and sprayed herbicides to some degree, but warm season grasses are struggling to get started due to cooler night time temperatures. Spring has been slow to get started, so we will jump right into summer.”

- Glenda Sutherlin, Union County

“Warm weather and rain is making for good pasture and hay. Producers were getting fertilizer on between rains. There is some pasture spraying going on now. The cold snap was on the borderline for fruit damage, but it is too early to evaluate.”

- Mike McClintock, Boone County

“Producers were working on spraying winter weeds in pastures and hay ground. The last few months of wet weather has everyone behind. Bermuda grass is beginning to green up in pastures and hay fields. Winter annuals still don't look good and aren't growing well. Most of the row crop ground has been worked up and planting should start next week after forecasted rain passes through.”

- Kevin Lawson, Faulkner County

“Major storms at the end of last week re-saturated pastures just as they were drying out some. We have many roads washed out throughout the county.”

- Jerri Lephiew, Columbia County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 7, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	60.3	37.9	49.1	52.8	-3.8	0.65	3	(NA)	3.90	(NA)
Lead Hill	62.0	36.9	49.4	51.7	-2.3	0.75	3	-0.18	3.01	-0.91
Winslow	60.4	42.6	51.5	(NA)	(NA)	0.61	3	(NA)	4.32	(NA)
Extreme/Average	60.9	39.1	50.0	52.3	-3.0	0.67	3	-0.18	3.74	-0.91
North Central										
Calico Rock	63.1	34.4	48.8	53.5	-4.7	1.11	3	0.04	3.17	-1.08
Evening Shade	63.8	29.8	46.8	55.3	-8.1	0.30	1	-0.27	2.26	-1.54
Gilbert	65.1	36.1	50.6	54.5	-3.8	1.16	3	0.18	2.93	-1.11
Mammoth Spring	64.1	37.6	50.9	53.4	-2.5	0.77	3	-0.31	3.32	-0.87
Mountain Home	63.6	41.4	52.5	54.8	-2.3	0.95	3	-0.07	3.58	-0.73
Mountain View	63.6	41.7	52.6	55.8	-3.2	1.11	3	0.07	3.64	-0.48
Extreme/Average	63.9	36.8	50.4	54.6	-4.1	0.90	3	-0.06	3.15	-0.97
Northeast										
Corning	62.9	40.6	51.7	56.4	-4.7	0.59	3	-0.44	2.44	-1.36
Jonesboro	63.1	41.4	52.3	55.9	-3.6	1.06	3	0.03	4.64	0.62
Keiser	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.00	-0.18
Newport	65.3	44.0	54.6	56.8	-2.2	1.62	3	0.56	3.39	-0.83
Pocahontas	63.7	41.3	52.5	54.7	-2.2	0.82	3	-0.17	3.69	-0.34
Searcy	62.5	40.5	51.5	57.0	-5.3	1.32	1	0.69	3.32	-0.58
Extreme/Average	63.5	41.6	52.5	56.4	-3.6	1.08	3	0.13	3.41	-0.45
West Central										
Booneville	64.7	41.7	53.2	56.5	-3.4	1.61	3	0.87	3.51	0.36
Dardanelle	66.6	43.6	55.1	59.0	-3.9	2.89	3	(NA)	4.20	(NA)
Mena	64.1	39.3	51.7	55.3	-3.6	2.54	3	1.44	6.71	2.15
Subiaco	65.3	41.3	53.3	57.4	-4.2	1.26	3	0.38	3.04	-0.68
Waldron	65.4	39.6	52.5	56.0	-3.5	1.68	3	0.83	3.84	0.10
Extreme/Average	65.2	41.1	53.2	56.8	-3.7	2.00	3	0.88	4.26	0.48
Central										
Alum Fork	63.0	39.4	51.2	56.5	-5.2	2.81	3	1.70	5.33	0.69
Cabot	65.4	40.0	52.7	57.2	-4.5	1.93	3	0.94	4.26	0.21
Conway	65.1	41.7	53.4	57.2	-3.8	1.92	3	0.81	3.61	-0.97
Hot Springs	66.0	41.9	53.9	58.6	-4.7	2.08	2	0.89	4.42	0.01
Morrilton	65.3	39.6	52.4	56.5	-4.1	2.05	3	1.06	3.83	-0.36
Extreme/Average	65.0	40.5	52.7	57.2	-4.5	2.16	3	1.08	4.29	-0.08
East Central										
Brinkley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Des Arc	65.1	48.1	56.6	58.8	-2.1	1.77	3	0.60	4.68	0.34
Keo	62.7	43.7	53.2	59.8	-6.6	2.93	3	1.81	5.95	1.71
Stuttgart	67.0	44.5	55.8	58.1	-2.1	2.15	2	1.49	5.38	2.04
West Memphis	66.6	45.6	56.1	57.4	-1.4	4.44	3	3.35	8.32	4.21
Extreme/Average	65.3	45.5	55.4	58.3	-3.0	2.82	3	1.81	6.08	2.08
Southwest										
Ashdown	65.3	43.4	54.4	(NA)	(NA)	1.90	3	1.00	4.44	0.10
De Queen	62.8	37.8	50.3	57.6	-7.0	1.49	3	0.72	7.43	3.05
Hope	64.6	41.1	52.9	58.6	-5.7	1.72	3	0.75	4.29	0.07
Murfreesboro	62.3	38.6	50.4	56.6	-6.2	2.40	3	1.27	5.10	0.39
Nashville	64.7	42.6	53.6	59.4	-5.7	2.55	3	1.53	5.47	1.05
Extreme/Average	63.9	40.7	52.3	58.0	-6.2	2.01	3	1.05	5.35	0.93
South Central										
Camden	62.5	39.7	51.1	59.7	-8.6	2.52	3	1.65	4.38	0.72
Fordyce	64.3	41.7	53.0	57.5	-4.5	2.94	3	1.83	7.32	2.66
Magnolia	65.4	41.6	53.5	59.4	-5.9	1.98	3	1.41	2.13	-0.60
Prescott	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.07	0.50
Sparkman	67.1	38.4	52.8	58.1	-5.3	3.02	3	1.84	5.61	1.60
Extreme/Average	64.8	40.4	52.6	58.6	-6.1	2.61	3	1.68	4.30	0.98
Southeast										
Crossett	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.52	0.71
Eudora	64.5	46.8	55.6	61.6	-5.8	1.79	2	1.09	3.20	-0.40
Pine Bluff	64.3	46.4	55.4	59.5	-4.1	3.86	3	2.79	7.28	2.96
Portland	61.0	39.6	50.3	59.7	-9.1	1.37	2	0.58	3.34	-0.52
Rohwer	62.1	46.9	54.5	59.4	-4.9	2.88	3	1.81	6.89	2.87
Extreme/Average	63.0	44.9	53.9	59.8	-6.0	2.48	3	1.57	4.45	1.12
State	64.1	41.3	52.7	57.0	-4.4	1.88	3	0.90	4.35	0.39

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.