



# Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 10, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 8 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 53.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 66.0 degrees Fahrenheit at West Memphis and Eudora. Highs ranged from 73.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Winslow to 87.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest region of the state with an average of 4.46 inches.

**Crop progress for week ending May 10, 2015**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	96	92	93	95
Corn, emerged	88	73	82	89
Cotton, planted	69	20	51	46
Cotton, emerged	20	7	19	24
Rice, planted	86	64	79	77
Rice, emerged	53	33	56	63
Sorghum, planted	80	65	69	78
Sorghum, emerged	55	41	40	64
Soybeans, planted	46	27	39	38
Soybeans, emerged	29	16	19	24
Winter Wheat, headed	95	82	83	94
Winter Wheat, coloring	10	5	NA	NA

**Crop condition for week ending May 10, 2015**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	5	2	25	52	16
Hay, alfalfa	1	5	60	29	5
Hay, other	2	20	38	34	6
Livestock	2	1	31	56	10
Pasture	1	9	33	45	12
Rice	0	11	23	55	11
Sorghum	3	2	28	57	10
Soybeans	0	0	0	0	0
Winter Wheat	3	7	32	46	12

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Rainfall saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in flushing costs in rice, alleviated drying conditions, and allowed for other crops to emerge.”

-Branon Thiesse, Craighead County

“Field conditions were becoming dry toward the end of the week. Rain, beginning Friday and continuing through the weekend, now has many areas saturated. With no additional rain, fieldwork may be possible by the end of the week.”

-Ray Benson, Mississippi County

“Over 6” of rain last week. Arkansas River is on rampage from not only local precipitation, but run-off from Oklahoma as well. Expecting flood damage. Some fields were flushed or rotary-hoed to help with the stand establishment. Planting and field preparation was at full force. Corn was being side dressed.”

-Hank Chaney, Faulkner County

“Farmers putting 10-12 hour days planting. Ideal conditions for land prep and planting. Corn and rice has struggled with wet conditions and cool nights, but much has turned around. Corn is receiving fertilizer and herbicides. We do need rain now to activate herbicides, fertilizers, and keep crops growing. Few have turned their center pivots on for this purpose. If we don’t receive rain, rice will need to be flushed. Wheat is looking much better with dry conditions. Haven’t seen any turning color.”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

“Widespread flooding and downed trees will keep ranchers busy with fence repairs.”

-Mike McCarter, Pike County

“Roads and fields are flooded. Potatoes are rotten, and everyone’s vegetable garden is well behind normal.”

-Jerri Lephiew, Columbia County

## Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending May 10, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Kingston	73.9	57.1	65.5	61.8	3.7	2.80	4	NA	4.63	NA
Lead Hill	77.4	58.1	67.8	61.2	6.5	1.85	3	0.73	5.48	1.50
Winslow	73.6	59.7	66.6	NA	NA	4.21	5	NA	6.65	NA
Extreme/Average	75.0	58.3	66.6	61.5	5.1	2.95	5	0.73	5.59	1.50
<b>North Central</b>										
Calico Rock	78.3	53.1	65.7	63.2	2.5	2.65	2	1.49	5.67	1.20
Evening Shade	80.1	54.1	67.1	64.7	2.5	1.51	3	0.33	5.10	0.56
Gilbert	79.6	54.1	66.9	64.0	2.8	2.46	3	1.32	6.74	2.40
Mammoth Spring	81.3	56.9	69.1	62.8	6.3	1.53	2	0.55	5.18	0.74
Mountain Home	80.0	60.6	70.3	64.0	6.3	2.20	3	0.99	4.72	0.07
Mountain View	79.7	60.3	70.0	64.8	5.2	1.82	2	0.60	5.49	0.63
Extreme/Average	79.8	56.5	68.2	63.9	4.3	2.03	3	0.88	5.48	0.93
<b>Northeast</b>										
Corning	83.1	61.7	72.4	66.6	5.9	1.49	2	0.35	4.67	0.26
Jonesboro	84.8	60.2	72.5	66.0	6.4	3.06	2	2.14	7.05	2.51
Keiser	87.8	64.4	76.1	68.2	8.2	0.00	0	-0.92	3.23	-1.17
Newport	81.4	62.0	71.7	66.9	4.8	2.82	2	1.62	6.28	1.56
Pocahontas	85.1	58.1	71.6	64.8	6.8	2.21	2	1.05	5.05	0.55
Searcy	84.9	61.4	73.1	67.0	6.2	1.53	2	0.14	4.90	0.18
Extreme/Average	84.5	61.3	72.9	66.6	6.4	1.85	2	0.73	5.20	0.65
<b>West Central</b>										
Booneville	80.3	60.4	70.4	66.2	4.2	4.27	4	2.93	9.90	5.14
Dardanelle	83.4	61.6	72.5	67.6	4.9	2.99	3	NA	6.48	
Mena	77.9	60.6	69.2	64.4	4.8	4.96	4	3.37	10.93	6.00
Subiaco	80.6	61.6	71.1	66.6	4.5	3.93	4	2.80	7.45	3.05
Waldron	79.6	59.6	69.6	65.7	3.9	4.90	4	3.47	9.64	4.54
Extreme/Average	80.4	60.8	70.5	66.1	4.4	4.21	4	3.14	8.88	4.68
<b>Central</b>										
Alum Fork	79.1	58.4	68.8	65.4	3.4	1.60	3	0.35	7.67	2.68
Cabot	81.0	61.4	71.2	66.6	4.4	1.27	2	0.29	5.36	0.78
Conway	83.6	60.3	71.9	66.3	5.6	2.70	3	1.53	6.66	2.04
Hot Springs	78.9	64.0	71.4	67.4	4.1	0.16	1	-0.83	7.90	3.24
Morrilton	82.7	60.3	71.5	65.7	5.8	1.78	3	0.49	5.09	0.38
Extreme/Average	81.1	60.9	71.0	66.3	4.7	1.50	3	0.37	6.54	1.82
<b>East Central</b>										
Brinkley	81.6	61.3	71.4	67.4	4.1	2.15	2	0.81	6.85	1.81
Des Arc	84.4	65.9	75.1	68.4	6.7	1.41	2	0.12	5.93	0.93
Keo	82.0	63.1	72.6	69.0	3.6	2.13	2	0.96	5.64	1.11
Stuttgart	82.9	64.9	73.9	68.2	5.7	0.00	0	-1.31	5.13	0.01
West Memphis	84.6	66.0	75.3	67.8	7.5	1.21	2	-0.19	6.42	1.47
Extreme/Average	83.1	64.2	73.7	68.2	5.5	1.38	2	0.08	5.99	1.07
<b>Southwest</b>										
Ashdown	81.7	62.3	72.0	NA	NA	3.59	3	2.26	11.36	6.76
Dequeen	78.4	61.6	70.0	66.7	3.3	6.38	4	4.87	8.88	4.81
Hope	81.6	62.7	72.1	67.5	4.6	2.74	3	1.39	12.36	7.57
Murfreesboro	79.9	55.4	67.6	65.0	2.6	5.94	3	4.54	10.64	5.82
Nashville	82.0	61.7	71.9	68.4	3.4	3.67	3	2.21	9.29	4.24
Extreme/Average	80.7	60.7	70.7	66.9	3.5	4.46	4	3.05	10.51	5.84
<b>South Central</b>										
Camden	83.3	54.1	68.7	68.1	0.6	1.43	3	0.28	6.40	2.16
Fordyce	82.1	62.0	72.1	66.5	5.6	0.98	3	-0.33	6.97	2.37
Prescott	82.2	59.4	70.8	67.0	4.1	0.45	1	-0.53	7.17	2.81
Sparkman	81.3	60.7	71.0	66.5	4.5	2.59	3	1.29	9.24	4.84
Extreme/Average	82.2	59.0	70.6	67.0	3.7	1.36	3	0.18	7.45	3.04
<b>Southeast</b>										
Crossett	83.2	61.3	72.3	67.6	4.5	0.57	2	-0.50	3.19	-0.75
Eudora	86.8	66.0	76.4	71.0	5.4	0.06	1	-0.98	3.91	-1.01
Pine Bluff	84.1	63.9	74.0	68.8	5.2	2.04	2	0.78	7.62	2.78
Portland	83.1	62.3	72.7	69.1	3.6	0.19	1	-0.99	3.65	-0.78
Rohwer	82.9	65.6	74.2	69.5	4.7	1.60	1	0.40	6.29	1.63
Extreme/Average	84.0	63.8	73.9	69.2	4.7	0.89	2	-0.26	4.93	0.37
<b>State</b>	81.4	60.7	71.1	66.3	4.7	2.27	3	0.99	6.73	2.21

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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

NA = Not Available.