



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 8, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 39 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 15 percent very short, 47 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 67.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 76.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc and Pine Bluff. Highs ranged from 86.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Winslow to 97.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Prescott. Light precipitation was scattered throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the southwest part of the State with an average of 0.96 inch.

Crop progress for week ending July 8, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, silked	93	88	94	95
Corn, dough	48	21	54	42
Corn, dent	4	0	18	(NA)
Cotton, squaring	92	83	96	97
Cotton, setting bolls	60	35	47	31
Peanuts, pegging	55	19	48	(NA)
Rice, headed	10	6	8	9
Sorghum, headed	34	15	39	46
Soybeans, emerged	100	99	98	95
Soybeans, blooming	81	69	78	57
Soybeans, setting pods	45	30	51	27

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending July 8, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	6	23	49	21
Cotton	0	2	10	44	44
Hay, alfalfa	3	4	73	18	2
Hay, other	5	24	38	29	4
Livestock	1	5	36	50	8
Pasture	9	28	44	17	2
Peanuts	0	0	11	47	42
Rice	2	7	26	47	18
Sorghum	0	1	41	45	13
Soybeans	2	8	26	47	17

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“The drought continued in Boone County. Ranchers were starting to cull their cow herds due to lack of pasture growth and poor hay production.”

- Mike McClintock, Boone County

“Growing season reached the hot and dry phase. Most crops have received at least one irrigation. Insect pressure has been light in all crops. Cotton has fared very well with favorable weather since planting. Corn is maturing rapidly. Condition of soybeans is varied with some abiotic concerns.”

- Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“It is incredibly dry in Carroll County. Optimistically, hay yields are 50% of normal with chances looking poor of getting a second cutting. Ponds and streams are drying up. Producers are selling cattle that they had not intended to sell and shipping in hay and grains from wherever they can find them. The body condition scores of livestock are decreasing rapidly.”

- Olivia Foster, Carroll County

“Parts of Yell County received a much needed rain with totals up to 3", but other parts of the county remained extremely dry. We have already had some cattle farmers reduce their herd size because of poor pasture and hay conditions.”

- Bob Powell, Yell County

“Farmers continued irrigation with surface water depletion nearing. Non-irrigated or untimely irrigated crops are showing severe stress from heat and moisture. Rice began to head, and corn started reaching dent stage. Pastures and hay fields are depleted with hay being fed. Worms are beginning to show up in soybeans and pasture.”

- Brent Griffin, Prairie County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending July 8, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	87.7	67.7	77.7	76.1	1.7	0.83	4	(NA)	2.02	(NA)
Lead Hill	92.6	67.0	79.8	76.1	3.7	0.10	1	-0.76	2.36	-1.10
Winslow	86.6	70.6	78.6	(NA)	(NA)	0.97	3	(NA)	3.60	(NA)
Extreme/Average	89.0	68.4	78.7	76.1	2.7	0.63	4	-0.76	2.66	-1.10
North Central										
Calico Rock	90.4	67.1	78.8	76.6	2.2	0.00	0	-0.84	0.69	-2.60
Evening Shade	91.0	69.9	80.4	79.5	0.9	0.87	3	-0.07	2.42	-0.72
Gilbert	93.6	70.4	82.0	78.1	3.9	(NA)	0	-0.74	1.08	-2.33
Mammoth Spring	92.4	68.9	80.6	77.0	3.6	0.00	0	-0.85	2.13	-1.06
Mountain Home	92.7	71.0	81.9	78.5	3.4	0.00	0	-0.91	1.55	-1.94
Mountain View	95.7	70.1	82.9	79.3	3.7	0.44	1	-0.24	1.28	-2.00
Extreme/Average	92.6	69.6	81.1	78.2	2.9	0.26	3	-0.61	1.53	-1.78
Northeast										
Corning	93.8	75.2	84.5	80.6	4.0	0.08	1	-0.49	4.02	1.28
Jonesboro	93.2	71.6	82.4	79.9	2.5	0.48	1	-0.08	3.03	0.29
Keiser	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.79	0.22
Newport	92.8	74.2	83.5	80.9	2.5	0.00	0	-0.73	0.30	-2.66
Pocahontas	92.0	70.9	81.4	79.1	2.3	0.29	2	-0.50	4.03	1.19
Searcy	95.3	76.0	85.8	80.9	4.9	1.43	1	0.62	2.66	-0.08
Extreme/Average	93.4	73.6	83.5	80.6	3.3	0.46	2	-0.24	2.64	0.04
West Central										
Booneville	93.0	71.6	82.3	79.8	2.5	0.25	2	-0.43	2.94	-0.36
Dardanelle	95.6	72.0	83.8	80.8	3.0	1.04	3	(NA)	2.14	(NA)
Mena	93.0	67.4	80.2	77.8	2.4	0.15	3	-0.99	2.72	-1.56
Subiaco	95.1	73.6	84.4	80.2	4.2	0.29	3	-0.42	2.66	-0.84
Waldron	91.9	69.6	80.7	78.9	1.8	0.53	5	-0.34	2.59	-1.47
Extreme/Average	93.7	70.8	82.3	79.5	2.8	0.45	5	-0.55	2.61	-1.06
Central										
Alum Fork	92.9	72.0	82.4	78.8	3.6	0.24	3	-0.66	1.20	-2.61
Cabot	95.5	72.8	84.2	80.4	3.8	0.54	2	-0.15	1.79	-1.12
Conway	94.7	73.9	84.3	80.1	4.2	1.42	3	0.69	3.04	-0.29
Hot Springs	95.0	74.7	84.9	81.0	3.9	1.19	2	0.20	1.85	-2.02
Morrilton	95.4	72.7	84.1	80.0	4.1	0.11	2	-0.74	1.56	-1.86
Extreme/Average	94.7	73.2	84.0	80.1	3.9	0.70	3	-0.13	1.89	-1.58
East Central										
Brinkley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Des Arc	95.0	76.1	85.6	81.8	3.7	0.03	1	-0.64	0.86	-1.90
Keo	92.6	75.1	83.9	81.0	2.8	0.01	1	-0.84	0.95	-2.38
Stuttgart	96.0	76.0	86.0	81.5	4.7	0.00	0	-0.11	0.80	-1.58
West Memphis	92.5	75.2	83.8	81.5	2.4	0.25	3	-0.44	1.39	-1.37
Extreme/Average	94.0	75.6	84.8	81.3	3.4	0.07	3	-0.51	1.00	-1.81
Southwest										
Ashdown	95.0	73.9	84.4	(NA)	(NA)	0.63	3	-0.26	4.26	0.54
De Queen	92.4	73.6	83.0	79.9	3.2	0.10	2	-0.59	4.26	0.37
Hope	95.0	73.8	84.4	80.6	3.9	0.41	2	-0.25	2.13	-1.65
Murfreesboro	92.0	69.7	80.9	78.0	2.9	2.31	3	1.29	4.93	1.16
Nashville	95.6	73.3	84.4	81.6	2.8	1.35	4	0.38	3.28	-0.77
Extreme/Average	94.0	72.9	83.4	80.0	3.2	0.96	4	0.11	3.77	-0.07
South Central										
Camden	92.2	71.8	82.0	81.0	1.0	1.13	3	0.36	4.03	0.59
Fordyce	91.4	73.4	82.4	79.3	3.2	0.45	2	-0.53	3.39	-0.69
Magnolia	93.4	72.3	82.9	80.5	2.4	0.89	4	0.05	1.22	-0.53
Prescott	97.0	72.5	84.8	79.5	5.5	0.00	0	-0.28	1.67	-1.70
Sparkman	90.7	72.6	81.6	80.4	1.3	1.10	3	0.05	3.41	-0.43
Extreme/Average	92.9	72.5	82.7	80.1	2.7	0.71	4	-0.07	2.74	-0.55
Southeast										
Crossett	95.3	75.5	85.2	80.1	5.0	0.76	2	-0.15	5.76	1.86
Eudora	94.0	71.4	82.7	82.9	-0.1	0.27	1	-0.42	4.26	0.80
Pine Bluff	93.6	76.1	84.9	81.7	3.2	0.27	2	-0.56	2.11	-1.22
Portland	87.6	75.2	81.4	81.2	0.2	0.31	3	-0.38	3.83	0.46
Rohwer	89.7	74.7	82.2	81.9	0.3	0.71	2	-0.15	3.01	-0.39
Extreme/Average	92.0	74.6	83.3	81.6	1.7	0.46	3	-0.33	3.79	0.30
State	93.1	72.5	82.8	79.8	3.0	0.51	3	-0.34	2.45	-0.86

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.