



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 1, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 39.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Kingston to 54.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Portland and Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 56.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Lead Hill to 76.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Heavy precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the northwest part of the State with an average of 6.07 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 1, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	24	18	28	22
Corn, emerged	4	0	4	3
Rice, planted	6	4	8	5
Soybeans, planted	2	0	3	1
Winter wheat, headed	18	9	24	5

Crop condition for week ending April 1, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Hay, alfalfa	0	19	61	20	0
Hay, other	1	8	53	35	3
Livestock	1	6	42	46	5
Pasture	5	21	43	28	3
Winter wheat	2	7	39	45	7

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Continued rains have fields flooded. If rains continue next week, planting intentions may be adjusted in some cases.”

- Ray Benson, Mississippi County

“Corn planting continued early last week until rainfall occurred. Field preparation continued as well. Pasture and hay meadows were sprayed with herbicides to control winter weeds. Black gnats increased in population and were harassing all living things.”

- Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Last week’s rainfall and cold temperatures put farmers on hold.”

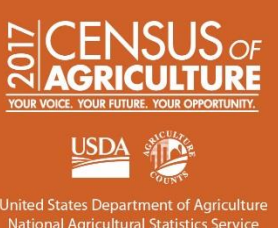
- Dave Freeze, Greene County

“Rain continued to slow row crop progress. Cool temperatures slowed emergence of planted crops. Cool season forages made slow growth during the week. Dry, warmer conditions are needed for row crop planting to continue.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

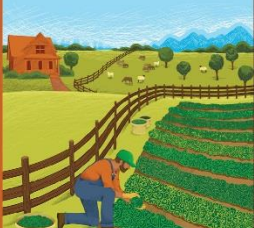
“Spring rains continued to keep surface soil moisture high and made management of weeds and nutrition challenging. Bright sun continued to green the landscape.”

- Glenda Sutherlin, Union County



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Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 1, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	57.3	39.0	48.1	50.9	-2.7	6.57	6	(NA)	6.84	(NA)
Lead Hill	56.4	41.1	48.8	50.1	-1.3	5.88	5	4.83	6.35	2.44
Winslow	60.3	44.4	52.4	(NA)	(NA)	5.76	6	(NA)	6.20	(NA)
Extreme/Average	58.0	41.5	49.8	50.5	-2.0	6.07	6	4.83	6.46	2.44
North Central										
Calico Rock	62.0	42.9	52.4	51.7	0.7	2.63	4	1.51	3.26	-0.92
Evening Shade	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Gilbert	63.0	44.9	53.9	52.7	1.2	4.07	5	3.00	4.34	0.28
Mammoth Spring	61.9	43.3	52.6	51.6	1.0	3.10	5	2.00	4.48	0.43
Mountain Home	60.0	42.9	51.4	53.0	-1.5	4.85	5	3.70	5.40	1.12
Mountain View	64.1	46.6	55.4	54.0	1.4	2.22	3	1.15	3.49	-0.60
Extreme/Average	62.2	44.1	53.1	52.8	0.5	3.37	5	2.27	4.19	0.06
Northeast										
Corning	63.1	44.7	53.9	54.4	-0.5	1.55	6	0.48	2.34	-1.26
Jonesboro	65.3	46.0	55.6	53.9	1.8	1.51	3	0.48	3.47	-0.47
Keiser	66.0	50.8	58.4	55.5	3.3	1.72	2	1.07	3.63	-0.05
Newport	66.3	48.4	57.4	54.9	2.4	1.57	4	0.49	2.14	-1.59
Pocahontas	63.4	45.0	54.2	52.9	1.3	1.69	3	0.66	2.47	-1.54
Searcy	66.0	54.0	60.0	55.3	5.3	1.48	2	1.17	2.93	-0.49
Extreme/Average	65.0	48.1	56.6	54.5	2.3	1.59	6	0.73	2.83	-0.90
West Central										
Booneville	68.3	48.4	58.4	54.7	3.6	2.83	5	1.84	3.16	-0.63
Dardanelle	69.7	49.3	59.5	57.3	2.2	2.49	3	(NA)	3.63	(NA)
Mena	68.0	48.8	58.4	53.7	4.6	2.85	6	1.66	3.34	-1.28
Subiaco	69.3	48.3	58.8	55.8	3.0	2.65	4	1.69	4.80	1.29
Waldron	68.7	47.3	58.0	54.3	3.8	1.75	2	0.92	1.86	-1.89
Extreme/Average	68.8	48.4	58.6	55.2	3.5	2.51	6	1.53	3.36	-0.63
Central										
Alum Fork	68.3	47.9	58.1	54.8	3.3	1.12	3	-0.03	2.69	-2.06
Cabot	72.9	47.7	60.3	55.7	4.6	1.42	3	0.39	2.44	-1.08
Conway	69.6	48.4	59.0	55.6	3.4	1.15	4	-0.05	3.19	-1.16
Hot Springs	70.2	53.2	61.7	57.0	5.0	1.17	3	0.32	1.80	-2.55
Morrilton	69.6	50.3	59.9	54.8	5.1	1.91	4	0.83	3.89	-0.35
Extreme/Average	70.1	49.5	59.8	55.6	4.3	1.35	4	0.29	2.80	-1.44
East Central										
Brinkley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Des Arc	70.5	50.3	60.4	56.9	3.5	2.00	1	1.01	2.81	-1.41
Keo	70.1	50.4	60.3	58.0	2.3	2.79	3	1.69	4.29	0.14
Stuttgart	74.0	54.4	64.2	56.3	8.2	2.55	2	1.75	3.22	-0.64
West Memphis	65.4	49.6	57.5	55.7	1.8	1.81	3	0.68	2.80	-1.34
Extreme/Average	70.0	51.2	60.6	56.5	3.9	2.29	3	1.28	3.28	-0.81
Southwest										
Ashdown	71.4	46.1	58.8	(NA)	(NA)	1.78	3	0.72	2.42	-2.23
De Queen	71.2	53.0	62.1	56.1	6.3	2.60	3	1.71	3.50	-0.73
Hope	72.8	51.7	62.3	57.1	5.3	2.23	2	1.32	2.85	-1.40
Murfreesboro	70.2	50.5	60.3	55.1	5.3	1.62	3	0.56	2.45	-2.10
Nashville	73.4	49.3	61.4	57.9	3.5	2.33	4	1.21	2.80	-1.76
Extreme/Average	71.8	50.1	61.0	56.5	5.1	2.11	4	1.10	2.80	-1.64
South Central										
Camden	72.3	50.9	61.6	58.2	3.4	3.67	2	2.59	4.61	0.54
Fordyce	71.6	50.4	61.0	55.9	5.1	3.30	2	2.13	4.42	-0.35
Magnolia	73.9	49.1	61.5	57.9	3.6	3.60	3	2.44	4.47	0.60
Prescott	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.13	-0.87
Sparkman	73.0	51.0	62.0	56.6	5.4	3.29	2	2.11	3.92	-0.33
Extreme/Average	72.7	50.4	61.5	57.0	4.4	3.47	3	2.32	3.51	-0.08
Southeast										
Crossett	75.4	52.4	63.9	57.6	6.3	4.16	3	3.05	5.18	0.71
Eudora	76.8	54.0	65.4	60.1	5.4	4.73	2	4.10	6.36	2.82
Pine Bluff	74.5	51.5	63.0	57.8	5.2	3.43	3	2.46	4.92	0.87
Portland	72.0	54.4	63.2	58.0	5.5	3.91	3	3.19	5.98	2.10
Rohwer	68.4	53.4	60.9	57.8	3.2	2.54	3	1.54	5.76	2.46
Extreme/Average	73.4	53.1	63.3	58.2	5.1	3.75	3	2.87	5.64	1.79
State	68.1	48.6	58.4	55.3	3.1	2.84	4	1.81	3.75	-0.24

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