Crop Progress

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On average, farmers had 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies were 22 percent very short, 56 percent short, 21 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 19 percent very short, 53 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Low temperatures ranged from 45 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock to 61 degrees Fahrenheit at Fort Smith. Highs ranged from 93 degrees Fahrenheit at Mena to 101 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora, Jonesboro, and Morrilton.

According to the September 10th U.S. Drought Monitor, over 62 percent of the state was under abnormally dry conditions.

By the end of last week, corn reached 100 percent in the dent stage, 98 percent in the mature stage, and 70 percent was harvested.

The cotton crop reached 60 percent opening bolls. Rice was 100 percent headed and 72 percent ripe.

Rice producers harvested 28 percent of the crop last week, 42 percent behind last year and 14 percent below the five-year average.

Sorghum coloring reached 100 percent and 87 percent was mature. Forty-two percent of the sorghum was harvested, 53 percent behind 2012 and 22 percent below the five-year average.

The soybean crop was 99 percent setting pods, 50 percent yellowing, and 30 percent shedding. Twenty-three percent of soybeans were mature and 11 percent were harvested. The major row crops were in mostly fair to good condition last week.

Local

Dry! That is the word that sums up conditions in Woodruff county this last week. Tonight (Thursday) and Friday will be the best chance of rain that we have had in some time. While this will shut down harvest for a while, it will help finish some of the late season soybeans.

Mark you calendar

November 6, 2013

Old Pesticide Collection Day

Woodruff County Fair Grounds

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The Arkansas Agricultural Abandoned Pesticide Program was developed as a way for farmers to safely and properly dispose of old or unwanted pesticides.

This program is conducted in cooperation with the Arkansas State Plant Board, the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, the Arkansas Farm Bureau, the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Representatives from these agencies make up the Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board. The Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board selects ten counties per year with a goal of holding at least one collection event in every county in Arkansas. The Advisory Board uses priority watersheds as a guiding principle when selecting counties for pesticide collections.

The pesticide collections began in 2005 in Northeast Arkansas targeting the Mississippi River Delta area of Eastern Arkansas. By the spring of 2009 at least one collection had been held in each county in Eastern Arkansas. At the conclusion of the spring 2011 pesticide collections the Abandoned Pesticide Program has collected over 744,000 pounds of unwanted pesticides from Arkansas farmers in 55 different counties.

The pesticide collections are paid for by the pesticide manufacturers through a fee added to the registration of each agricultural pesticide registered in Arkansas. There is no cost to the farmer and it is completely anonymous for those who wish to participate. The table below shows the counties where pesticide collections have been held along with the total pounds from each county.

What is Accepted?
Both known and unknown wastes will be accepted, including outdated, discontinued, or unwanted Agricultural Pesticides. Of particular interest are the older pesticides.

What is not Accepted?
Explosives and ordinance, petroleum products, paints, medical waste, and radioactive substances.

What do I need to participate?
Holders of old pesticides who plan to participate must fill out an inventory form to register for the collection. The forms are used for planning purposes only and strict confidentiality is maintained. These forms can be found at your local County Extension Office, Farm Bureau office and your seed and chemical dealers.

The completed forms should be returned to the Woodruff County Farm Bureau office.

When is it?
For Woodruff county the collection date is November 6th and will be held at the Woodruff County Fairgrounds from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

The Inventory Forms must be returned to the Woodruff County Farm Bureau by October 9th, 2013.