

Corn and Grain Sorghum Weekly Update – May 24, 2019

2019 Update

Corn and Grain Sorghum Research Verification – Chuck Capps (Corn & GS Verification Coordinator)

The Corn and Grain Sorghum Research Verification Program has not been exempt from the rough start to the 2019 growing season. All 10 fields have finally been planted. Earliest planted field is Prairie County (3-27-19) with White County and Monroe County ending up planting this past weekend (5-18-19). Chicot County field was planted on 3-28 but received over 17 inches of rain within 20 days of planting and was replanted 4-23. Desha County field was planted on 3-25, but did not come up to adequate stand like 75-80% of corn planted in that March 25 through March 31 window that had to be replanted. We moved across the turn-row there on Pickens to a new field planted on 4-24. Corn growth stages range from V8/V9 in Prairie County to just sprouting in White and Monroe Counties.

As seen in Table 1 below, planting dates are much later than typical. You may notice a difference in heat unit accumulation among fields planted within a day or two of each other. This is often due to the day of the field visit when weather data is collected at the weather station placed at that field.

Table 1.

County	Planting Date	Heat Units	Crop Stage	Producer
Arkansas	4/24	546	V4-5	Kris Keller – Bent Knee Farms
Chicot	4/23	636	V6	E & E Farms
Clay	4/1	733	V7	Tyler & Tanner Huckabay
Desha	4/24	609	V6	Frederick Black – R.A. Pickens & Sons
Jefferson	4/23	598	V6	Matt Tucker & Todd Dutton
Lawrence	4/6	682	V7	JD & Jarod Beary
Mississippi	4/29	413	V4	Trey Coffman
Monroe	5/18	79	Sprouted	Mike Richardson
Prairie	3/27	857	V8-9	Chad Tallent
White	5/18	76	Sprouted	Brandon Cain