

Corn and Grain Sorghum Weekly Update – May 4, 2018

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

The Corn Research Verification Program Fields are progressing well again this week with the warmer temperatures. Hopefully, all fields including the Grain Sorghum Research Verification fields will be planted as of today 5-4-18.

County	Crop	Planting Date	Crop Stage	Crop Update
Clay	Corn	4-11-18	Emerged	Cold temperatures coupled with soil compaction after a few rains, the field has taken a while to emerge.
Jackson	Corn	4-10-18	Emerged	Emerged this past week and is progressing well.
Prairie	Corn	3-21-18	V3	Waiting a week or two, then we will apply post emerge nitrogen and herbicide applications.
Desha	Corn	3-20-18	V4	This field is further along than others in the program. Getting close to nitrogen and herbicide application.
Jefferson	Corn	4-19-18	Emerged	Coming along well and will get final stand count next week.
Arkansas	Corn	4-20-18	Emerged	Coming along well and will get final stand count next week.
Chicot	Corn	4-21-18	Emerged	Similar to Jefferson and Arkansas Counties.
Mississippi	Corn	5-4-18		The planting has been delayed due to leveling and plans were to have it bedded 5-3 and planting starting this morning 5-4-18
Cross	GS	5-3-18	Planted	Land leveling has been completed and planted Thursday 5-3-18
Arkansas	GS	5-1-18		This will be a dryland grain sorghum field.

River Valley Update – Kevin VanPelt (Conway County)

Producers in the River Valley have finished up with corn planting this week and the majority of it that is up looks good with the stands being uniform and consistent. It should start progressing a little faster with the warmer temperatures forecast for the next week.

Central Update – Brett Gordon (Woodruff County)

The corn crop is responding positively to the warm sunny temperatures. Unfortunately, weeds are liking the warm weather too. There has not been many opportunities to spray due to windy conditions. There was a corn hybrid demonstration as well as a corn planter speed demonstration established in the county this week.

North East Update – Stewart Runsick (Clay County)

Corn planting in Clay County is about finished. We received close to 1 inch of rain this morning. A few fields will need to be replanted due to uneven emergence, bird damage etc. For the most part stands are decent. Some producers are talking about putting out some urea just to get the corn growing. We could still use some warmer temperatures.

South East Update – Kevin Norton (Ashley County)

Corn is progressing well with recent warmer temperatures. Side dress fertilizer is being applied, along with first shot of herbicides. Populations are a little lower than most would like but should be enough.

South Central Update – Steven Stone (Lincoln County)

All the corn I've looked at this week is finally starting to turn around. Still seeing some injury from the cold weather but new growth looks good. Will be thinking about weed control applications and side-dress N next week.