

Corn and Grain Sorghum Weekly Update – August 16, 2019

2019 Update

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

The Monroe and White County Fields are still being irrigated, and we have terminated irrigation on the Mississippi County Field. All the other fields have been at black layer for almost a week or more. We are just waiting on harvest for seven of the fields. Like most areas around the state, we have some verification producers that have bins that can harvest a little early while others will have to let it dry down more in the field.

Table 1.

County	Heat Units	Crop Stage	Crop Notes
Arkansas	2818	R6	Reached black layer on 8-7-19.
Chicot	2832	R6	Reached Black layer on 8-6-19.
Clay	2826	R6	Reached Black layer on 8-6-19.
Desha	2858	R6	The field does have some lodging. The insurance company has been there to evaluate.
Jefferson	2828	R6	Reached Black layer on 8-7-19.
Lawrence	2901	R6	Reached Black layer on 8-10-19.
Mississippi	2721	R5	The field is past 80% starch and had over an inch of available soil water this Monday when I was there. Irrigation was terminated.
Monroe	2409	R5	Majority of the field is at R5. Southern rust has built up some over the past week. With current crop stage, we are not going to apply a fungicide.
Prairie	2778	R6	Reached Black layer on 7-29-19.
White	2394	R5	The field is at 30-40% starch. We have an inch of available soil moisture as of today according to soil moisture sensors. We need about 3” of water to finish out the crop, so we will have at least one more irrigation.

River Valley Update – Kevin Lawson – Faulkner County Extension Agent/Staff Chair

We are anywhere from beginning tassel to being a few weeks away from harvest. Corn looks good as we received enough rain to terminate irrigation on several fields. Silage harvest should start this week.