

# Crop Progress

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Note: These data are preliminary and will be released after 4:00 p.m. each Monday, except for holidays. See tomorrow's Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin for final progress and condition estimates.

## Corn: Percent Harvested, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

State	Week Ending			1997-2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	78	70	99	95
IL	98	95	98	98
IN	96	90	93	96
IA	96	89	97	98
KS	97	96	100	99
KY	100	99	100	99
MI	93	89	82	81
MN	93	86	98	98
MO	100	97	98	97
NE	88	75	97	95
NC	92	87	100	100
ND	91	85	100	94
OH	91	85	90	88
PA	89	86	90	79
SD	84	69	98	94
TN	100	99	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	78	58	86	88
18 Sts	93	86	96	96

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 95% of last year's corn acreage.

## Soybeans: Percent Harvested, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

State	Week Ending			1997-2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	79	65	97	92
IL	99	97	99	99
IN	98	96	99	99
IA	100	99	100	100
KS	93	83	100	96
KY	82	70	99	93
LA	76	69	100	100
MI	100	100	94	96
MN	99	97	99	99
MS	85	81	99	97
MO	91	87	95	95
NE	98	92	100	99
NC	18	17	78	52
ND	100	99	100	100
OH	96	95	100	100
SD	98	95	100	100
TN	72	55	91	87
WI	96	89	97	99
18 Sts	94	91	98	97

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 96% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	70	54	89	87
CA	50	45	44	45
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	100	100	100	100
IL	99	98	99	99
IN	99	98	100	100
KS	98	97	100	98
MI	100	100	100	100
MO	91	88	93	94
MT	100	100	100	100
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	32	31	77	67
OH	100	100	99	100
OK	97	94	99	93
OR	90	85	100	97
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	90	88	97	91
WA	100	100	100	100
18 Sts	94	92	98	95

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Emerged,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	57	43	72	71
CA	32	30	32	22
CO	100	100	100	99
ID	83	75	95	91
IL	96	93	94	96
IN	96	90	92	94
KS	94	91	98	94
MI	97	90	89	97
MO	80	72	80	81
MT	92	89	89	89
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	29	25	48	44
OH	97	94	93	97
OK	93	91	89	82
OR	55	37	93	84
SD	100	96	97	93
TX	84	80	78	76
WA	95	93	99	98
18 Sts	89	85	90	87

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	63	54	78	86
AZ	77	68	74	75
AR	83	70	98	97
CA	98	94	92	82
GA	62	57	82	76
LA	77	69	99	99
MS	79	65	99	99
MO	82	73	99	96
NC	57	56	85	75
OK	55	43	68	74
SC	55	51	79	79
TN	79	65	95	96
TX	52	44	76	71
VA	79	76	88	77
14 Sts	67	59	86	83

<sup>1</sup> These 14 States harvested 98% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	88	78	90	72
IL	98	96	99	98
KS	80	68	100	96
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	97	95	99	97
NE	94	83	99	98
NM	48	38	79	72
OK	85	80	90	86
SD	95	87	100	96
TX	85	81	94	93
11 Sts	84	76	97	94

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 98% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Peanuts: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	94	87	94	97
FL	97	97	99	99
GA	95	92	100	99
NC	93	88	99	95
OK	91	79	96	93
TX	60	44	90	78
VA	98	98	100	100
7 Sts	87	80	97	93

<sup>1</sup> These 7 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

**Sunflowers: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 10, 2002	Nov 17, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	76	71	99	79
KS	89	77	99	96
ND	84	75	100	93
SD	91	85	100	97
4 Sts	86	78	100	94

<sup>1</sup> These 4 States harvested 89% of last year's sunflowers acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	5	41	45	9
CA	0	10	30	50	10
CO	2	7	51	34	6
ID	0	6	31	61	2
IL	0	1	25	69	5
IN	0	2	32	56	10
KS	1	6	30	55	8
MI	0	3	31	52	14
MO	0	4	41	51	4
MT	3	7	31	57	2
NE	9	7	29	52	3
NC	4	14	28	51	3
OH	0	2	22	56	20
OK	0	2	25	52	21
OR	30	15	40	15	0
SD	6	7	34	45	8
TX	1	2	21	51	25
WA	4	15	49	30	2
18 Sts	2	5	31	50	12
Prev Wk	2	5	31	50	12
Prev Yr	6	15	36	37	6

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2001 planted acres.

## Crop Progress and Condition Survey and Estimating Procedures

**Survey Procedures:** Crop progress and condition estimates are based on survey data that are collected each week from early April to the end of November. The Crop progress and condition surveys are non-probability surveys that include a sample of more than 5,000 reporters whose occupations provide them opportunities to make visual observations and frequently bring them in contact with farmers in their counties. Based on standard definitions, these reporters subjectively estimate progress of farmers' activities and progress of crops through their stages of development. They also provide subjective evaluations of crop conditions.

Most reporters complete their questionnaire on Friday or early Monday morning and submit it to the Agricultural Statistics Service's office in their State by mail, telephone, fax, e-mail, or through a secured internet website. A small number of reports are completed on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Regardless of the time that the questionnaire is completed, reporters are asked to report for the week ending on Sunday. For reports submitted prior to the Sunday reference date, a degree of uncertainty is introduced into the projections for weekend progress and crop condition changes. By the end of the 2001 season, nearly two-thirds of the data were being submitted through the internet website. As a result, about one-half of all data are submitted on Monday morning, which has significantly reduced this projection uncertainty.

Reporters are sent written reporting instructions at the beginning of each season and are contacted periodically to ensure proper reporting. Terms and definitions of crop stages and condition categories that are used as reporting guidelines are available on the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) website at: [www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm](http://www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm).

**Estimating Procedures:** Reported data are reviewed for reasonableness and consistency by comparing with data reported the previous week and data reported in surrounding counties for the current week. Each State Statistical Office summarizes the reported data to district and State levels, weighting each county's reported data by NASS county acreage estimates. Summarized indications are compared with previous week estimates, and progress items are compared with earlier stages of development and historical averages to ensure reasonableness. Weather events and reporter comments are also taken into consideration. State estimates are submitted to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) along with supporting comments, where they are compared with surrounding States and compiled into a National level summary by weighting each State by its acreage estimates.

**Revision Policy:** Progress and condition estimates in the "**Crop Progress**" report are released at 4:00 pm ET on the first business day of the week. These estimates are preliminary and subject to corrections or updates in the "**Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin**" National Summary that is released at 12:00 pm ET on the second business day of the week. These estimates are then subject to revision the following week.

The next "Crop Progress" report will be released after 4 p.m. ET on November 25, 2002.

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