



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.

**Soybeans: Percent Setting Pods,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	91	74	87	82
IL	90	77	91	92
IN	82	63	83	93
IA	98	92	99	98
KS	81	70	88	90
KY	66	50	79	77
LA	88	82	97	98
MI	94	73	97	92
MN	99	95	99	98
MS	99	97	99	99
MO	83	60	82	80
NE	95	83	98	97
NC	55	28	58	57
ND	99	95	100	100
OH	88	71	87	95
SD	98	90	98	94
TN	81	60	92	81
WI	89	83	92	85
18 Sts	91	79	92	92

¹ These 18 States planted 96% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	7	NA	4	4
IL	0	NA	1	1
IN	1	NA	4	6
IA	2	NA	0	0
KS	13	NA	8	12
KY	1	NA	1	2
LA	12	NA	15	21
MI	0	NA	0	0
MN	1	NA	0	0
MS	32	NA	27	30
MO	3	NA	2	1
NE	2	NA	3	3
NC	1	NA	0	1
ND	3	NA	1	3
OH	0	NA	0	4
SD	16	NA	16	12
TN	4	NA	4	4
WI	0	NA	0	0
18 Sts	4	NA	3	4

¹ These 18 States planted 96% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Corn: Percent Dough,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	70	37	64	59
IL	88	74	88	90
IN	70	45	72	89
IA	71	45	81	77
KS	96	87	91	93
KY	94	70	97	94
MI	44	13	29	48
MN	61	35	70	74
MO	93	88	93	93
NE	87	74	90	89
NC	88	86	97	94
ND	79	62	86	88
OH	73	52	70	79
PA	49	30	70	67
SD	70	42	79	79
TN	100	97	100	98
TX	96	95	98	98
WI	57	35	65	60
18 Sts	76	57	80	82

¹ These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Dented,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	29	6	15	19
IL	42	24	45	56
IN	21	6	25	50
IA	27	7	43	41
KS	69	48	64	64
KY	71	42	81	77
MI	3	0	6	16
MN	23	7	25	31
MO	75	63	71	74
NE	42	16	56	50
NC	67	53	89	80
ND	24	10	20	40
OH	13	4	17	31
PA	7	6	33	26
SD	18	6	37	34
TN	94	79	95	88
TX	84	80	91	87
WI	7	2	20	17
18 Sts	34	18	42	46

¹ These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Mature,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	3	NA	0	0
IL	4	NA	7	10
IN	1	NA	1	5
IA	2	NA	3	3
KS	26	NA	21	21
KY	19	NA	30	25
MI	0	NA	0	0
MN	0	NA	0	0
MO	31	NA	22	30
NE	2	NA	7	5
NC	28	NA	57	48
ND	2	NA	1	2
OH	0	NA	0	2
PA	0	NA	8	4
SD	3	NA	12	6
TN	35	NA	49	42
TX	69	NA	67	64
WI	0	NA	0	0
18 Sts	7	NA	9	9

¹ These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Setting Bolls,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	100	98	100	98
AZ	99	97	100	100
AR	100	98	100	100
CA	96	95	99	89
GA	99	97	100	99
LA	100	100	100	100
MS	98	97	100	100
MO	100	99	97	99
NC	95	92	100	98
OK	91	80	89	96
SC	88	77	93	92
TN	100	97	100	100
TX	87	76	94	97
VA	93	85	100	100
14 Sts	93	87	97	98

¹ These 14 States planted 98% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Bolls Opening,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	10	6	36	26
AZ	44	29	58	44
AR	10	3	6	20
CA	13	10	29	14
GA	11	5	36	27
LA	33	24	35	54
MS	22	11	38	52
MO	8	2	17	22
NC	0	0	24	17
OK	17	7	7	8
SC	8	2	22	16
TN	13	3	14	19
TX	20	19	27	26
VA	0	0	26	13
14 Sts	16	12	27	27

¹ These 14 States planted 98% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Rice: Percent Headed,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	98	92	97	94
CA	80	65	87	76
LA	99	97	100	99
MS	98	96	100	94
MO	87	79	81	88
TX	100	100	100	99
6 Sts	95	88	95	92

¹ These 6 States planted 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Rice: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	2	1	2
CA	0	0	0	0
LA	64	51	74	71
MS	5	2	2	5
MO	0	0	0	0
TX	61	45	83	72
6 Sts	17	12	18	18

¹ These 6 States harvested 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Headed,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	99	100	100
CO	82	69	58	77
IL	86	67	97	94
KS	75	65	83	92
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	91	87	92	94
NE	82	72	88	93
NM	48	44	67	62
OK	79	70	78	81
SD	98	95	90	88
TX	74	68	89	92
11 Sts	77	69	85	91

¹ These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Coloring,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	99	91	90	86
CO	15	7	9	8
IL	23	15	52	48
KS	28	16	34	43
LA	95	92	92	98
MO	44	28	49	58
NE	25	9	40	30
NM	5	4	14	13
OK	41	30	49	39
SD	39	25	43	38
TX	57	54	70	73
11 Sts	41	33	49	53

¹ These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Mature,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	63	NA	47	36
CO	0	NA	0	0
IL	0	NA	1	1
KS	3	NA	4	9
LA	85	NA	69	85
MO	3	NA	11	13
NE	0	NA	2	1
NM	0	NA	0	0
OK	13	NA	15	10
SD	1	NA	3	2
TX	52	NA	54	58
11 Sts	23	NA	24	27

¹ These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Oats: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IA	100	100	100	100
MN	95	88	86	90
NE	99	97	100	100
ND	81	55	59	71
OH	96	84	98	100
PA	76	52	90	87
SD	100	99	100	99
WI	90	78	93	92
8 Sts	91	78	86	89

¹ These 8 States harvested 63% of last year's oat acreage.

**Spring Wheat: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	62	37	57	54
MN	88	62	66	73
MT	78	39	26	53
ND	80	51	45	59
SD	99	96	100	97
WA	90	73	72	68
6 Sts	82	53	49	62

¹ These 6 States harvested 99% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

**Barley: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Aug 24, 2003	Aug 17, 2003	Aug 24, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	63	40	56	54
MN	96	81	72	80
MT	79	54	38	56
ND	92	70	53	67
WA	90	69	60	63
5 Sts	82	60	51	61

¹ These 5 States harvested 82% of last year's barley acreage.

**Corn: 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>
CO	6	10	22	47	15
IL	2	6	27	49	16
IN	5	11	28	43	13
IA	5	14	35	39	7
KS	24	31	28	16	1
KY	2	6	28	37	27
MI	1	10	25	53	11
MN	6	14	38	37	5
MO	29	29	23	16	3
NE	15	16	24	29	16
NC	1	4	17	55	23
ND	4	9	27	51	9
OH	2	6	24	46	22
PA	2	7	20	45	26
SD	6	12	24	47	11
TN	2	3	14	55	26
TX	17	19	32	28	4
WI	14	18	33	30	5
18 Sts	8	13	29	39	11
Prev Wk	6	10	24	44	16
Prev Yr	13	16	29	33	9

**Soybeans: 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	4	9	28	45	14
IL	2	7	33	46	12
IN	5	9	29	47	10
IA	6	16	35	37	6
KS	22	37	33	8	0
KY	0	4	19	50	27
LA	6	20	32	36	6
MI	1	7	30	54	8
MN	6	15	39	33	7
MS	0	3	19	43	35
MO	32	29	23	13	3
NE	17	22	34	20	7
NC	1	4	27	62	6
ND	2	10	31	50	7
OH	3	7	27	47	16
SD	4	8	25	52	11
TN	0	2	13	61	24
WI	15	16	32	28	9
18 Sts	8	13	31	38	10
Prev Wk	5	11	28	43	13
Prev Yr	9	15	30	37	9

**Cotton: 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>
AL	3	4	22	53	18
AZ	0	3	17	40	40
AR	1	5	33	42	19
CA	0	0	20	70	10
GA	0	3	21	55	21
LA	1	3	26	56	14
MS	3	6	16	49	26
MO	2	20	41	32	5
NC	4	6	26	58	6
OK	8	15	49	26	2
SC	0	3	27	65	5
TN	0	4	20	63	13
TX	13	24	38	21	4
VA	0	7	24	43	26
14 Sts	6	13	30	40	11
Prev Wk	5	11	29	43	12
Prev Yr	4	12	30	41	13

**Sorghum: 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	7	33	48	12
CO	20	28	38	12	2
IL	0	20	49	31	0
KS	24	37	32	7	0
LA	0	2	23	66	9
MO	15	25	36	21	3
NE	17	33	37	12	1
NM	30	27	40	3	0
OK	7	31	39	23	0
SD	28	9	29	31	3
TX	9	23	33	28	7
11 Sts	16	29	33	19	3
Prev Wk	13	26	34	23	4
Prev Yr	20	25	33	20	2

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2002 planted acres.

**Rice: 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	2	5	28	43	22
CA	0	5	50	35	10
LA	0	1	20	57	22
MS	0	1	11	56	32
MO	2	4	22	37	35
TX	0	2	13	72	13
6 Sts	1	4	28	46	21
Prev Wk	1	3	25	51	20
Prev Yr	1	3	32	46	18

**Peanuts: 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>
AL	0	2	12	66	20
FL	1	1	8	80	10
GA	0	3	15	60	22
NC	0	2	20	71	7
OK	0	8	44	44	4
TX	0	5	21	51	23
VA	0	7	13	60	20
7 Sts	0	4	17	60	19
Prev Wk	0	3	17	57	23
Prev Yr	3	10	34	38	15

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX	State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0	2	10	61	27	NJ	0	10	22	68	0
AZ	16	31	28	22	3	NM	57	26	16	1	0
AR	7	18	38	30	7	NY	0	6	23	54	17
CA	30	30	30	10	0	NC	0	2	15	64	19
CO	18	28	42	12	0	ND	14	30	37	18	1
CT	0	0	28	58	14	OH	2	5	21	56	16
DE	0	0	11	68	21	OK	9	30	43	17	1
FL	1	9	25	45	20	OR	11	32	40	17	0
GA	0	1	15	63	21	PA	2	7	24	50	17
ID	5	30	46	15	4	RI	0	0	0	40	60
IL	9	22	46	21	2	SC	0	0	15	58	27
IN	3	7	23	61	6	SD	14	24	35	23	4
IA	37	37	20	6	0	TN	0	2	16	61	21
KS	35	40	22	3	0	TX	15	27	34	20	4
KY	1	3	24	55	17	UT	7	22	39	32	0
LA	0	11	46	39	4	VT	2	10	25	55	8
ME	0	5	10	38	47	VA	0	1	12	60	27
MD	2	5	22	47	24	WA	3	25	58	14	0
MA	0	0	15	80	5	WV	0	3	19	53	25
MI	8	25	41	24	2	WI	42	35	16	7	0
MN	20	33	36	11	0	WY	11	23	49	16	1
MS	0	5	20	59	16						
MO	46	30	16	7	1	48 Sts	17	23	29	25	6
MT	33	32	23	10	2						
NE	34	32	27	6	1	Prev Wk	14	21	30	28	7
NV	9	18	41	30	2	Prev Yr	25	23	28	21	3
NH	0	1	18	67	14						

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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.

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 after 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 after 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 September 2, 2003.

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