

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 Dropping Leaves, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	20	15	24	26
IL	25	5	25	37
IN	33	12	36	57
IA	39	13	46	36
KS	46	35	40	55
KY	8	3	34	34
LA	46	28	41	59
MI	10	1	28	34
MN	62	28	49	44
MS	70	52	62	66
MO	18	8	25	28
NE	19	10	40	35
NC	8	6	11	13
ND	55	27	57	48
OH	24	12	42	53
SD	66	47	66	57
TN	22	13	29	30
WI	39	*15	27	29
18 Sts	35	16	39	41

* Revised.

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

Winter Wheat: Percent Planted, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	1	0	0	0
CA	1	0	1	0
CO	32	11	20	26
ID	10	3	14	10
IL	0	0	0	0
IN	2	0	2	1
KS	8	2	8	7
MI	6	0	8	5
MO	0	0	0	0
MT	9	2	16	10
NE	31	12	27	30
NC	0	0	1	1
OH	0	0	1	0
OK	17	7	21	13
OR	5	0	3	1
SD	21	10	23	22
TX	22	13	19	20
WA	45	36	61	50
18 Sts	16	7	16	14

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	91	75	60	73
IL	91	75	90	93
IN	78	53	80	92
IA	93	80	96	93
KS	98	94	95	97
KY	92	88	98	98
MI	51	32	71	74
MN	97	84	92	93
MO	96	92	96	98
NE	89	78	93	95
NC	95	92	99	97
ND	94	84	81	89
OH	71	49	71	84
PA	51	39	78	67
SD	93	71	91	87
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	98	95	98	98
WI	69	51	71	74
18 Sts	88	74	89	91

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	38	14	15	24
IL	40	20	41	57
IN	23	7	31	50
IA	50	27	56	58
KS	80	65	69	75
KY	68	60	87	83
MI	2	0	19	28
MN	40	16	20	30
MO	83	67	81	81
NE	25	14	47	47
NC	86	77	91	89
ND	35	18	22	30
OH	6	2	22	27
PA	12	5	39	25
SD	33	14	35	32
TN	91	79	96	93
TX	87	82	85	89
WI	17	0	13	22
18 Sts	40	23	43	49

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	0	NA	0	0
IL	3	NA	4	6
IN	2	NA	3	6
IA	3	NA	4	3
KS	33	NA	25	29
KY	22	NA	45	38
MI	0	NA	2	2
MN	1	NA	0	0
MO	30	NA	40	33
NE	2	NA	7	6
NC	50	NA	29	37
ND	1	NA	0	0
OH	0	NA	1	2
PA	1	NA	16	7
SD	1	NA	2	1
TN	36	NA	64	59
TX	67	NA	65	65
WI	0	NA	0	1
18 Sts	7	NA	9	9

¹ These 18 States harvested 94% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	66	45	75	68
AZ	83	71	94	88
AR	63	44	60	72
CA	40	30	49	42
GA	55	40	73	67
LA	75	62	82	90
MS	74	56	86	92
MO	36	21	52	71
NC	27	17	63	52
OK	61	43	39	51
SC	22	17	49	50
TN	36	29	70	80
TX	34	29	51	57
VA	33	25	63	50
14 Sts	45	35	61	64

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0	NA	4	5
AZ	2	NA	9	6
AR	1	NA	0	3
CA	0	NA	1	0
GA	2	NA	7	7
LA	6	NA	9	15
MS	9	NA	8	11
MO	0	NA	3	4
NC	0	NA	1	1
OK	0	NA	1	1
SC	0	NA	4	4
TN	0	NA	4	5
TX	17	NA	19	20
VA	0	NA	3	1
14 Sts	8	NA	10	11

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	32	16	37	40
CA	3	2	5	7
LA	89	82	86	88
MS	52	*35	36	42
MO	9	0	19	15
TX	89	86	97	94
6 Sts	41	30	43	45

* Revised.

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0	NA	13	11
FL	15	NA	4	13
GA	5	NA	9	8
NC	0	NA	3	2
OK	1	NA	1	1
TX	0	NA	4	8
VA	1	NA	0	1
7 Sts	3	NA	7	8

¹ These 7 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	95	93	94	97
IL	97	96	100	99
KS	96	90	100	100
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	100	100	100	100
NE	98	94	99	100
NM	95	75	96	90
OK	95	90	95	96
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	91	85	96	98
11 Sts	95	89	98	99

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	99	98	98
CO	74	57	44	59
IL	73	71	85	86
KS	69	59	79	90
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	85	69	86	92
NE	63	52	78	85
NM	48	21	55	58
OK	75	67	77	76
SD	91	81	89	86
TX	64	62	83	90
11 Sts	69	62	80	88

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	97	91	91	90
CO	36	27	9	13
IL	6	1	45	43
KS	26	16	37	44
LA	98	96	98	100
MO	38	20	54	58
NE	12	2	33	32
NM	2	1	3	3
OK	39	32	55	37
SD	17	9	25	27
TX	57	56	72	78
11 Sts	40	33	51	55

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 7, 2003	Sep 14, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	63	53	65	69
CO	0	0	0	0
IL	0	0	3	3
KS	10	7	9	18
LA	87	78	82	86
MO	12	0	23	22
NE	0	0	7	6
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	17	14	34	20
SD	2	1	6	4
TX	54	53	62	67
11 Sts	29	26	33	38

¹ These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum 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	11	23	46	14
IL	3	9	28	49	11
IN	6	11	26	44	13
IA	9	21	37	30	3
KS	24	28	31	14	3
KY	1	4	17	43	35
MI	3	9	31	43	14
MN	11	23	42	23	1
MO	25	25	28	17	5
NE	16	14	22	33	15
NC	1	5	29	45	20
ND	9	17	35	37	2
OH	2	7	24	45	22
PA	2	7	19	47	25
SD	7	14	30	41	8
TN	2	3	15	56	24
TX	17	19	32	28	4
WI	20	28	30	19	3
18 Sts	10	16	30	35	9
Prev Wk	11	16	29	35	9
Prev Yr	14	17	27	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	2	7	27	43	21
IL	4	9	39	41	7
IN	5	9	27	47	12
IA	12	24	39	23	2
KS	19	33	35	12	1
KY	0	1	14	51	34
LA	6	11	33	43	7
MI	2	10	38	42	8
MN	12	24	40	23	1
MS	0	4	19	46	31
MO	22	28	30	17	3
NE	19	24	30	22	5
NC	1	5	28	58	8
ND	7	16	37	38	2
OH	3	8	27	46	16
SD	6	16	33	41	4
TN	0	2	14	57	27
WI	24	27	28	17	4
18 Sts	9	17	33	33	8
Prev Wk	9	17	31	35	8
Prev Yr	11	17	28	35	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	4	6	25	47	18
AZ	0	3	23	32	42
AR	1	6	25	52	16
CA	0	0	15	50	35
GA	1	5	29	50	15
LA	2	3	29	52	14
MS	2	6	15	52	25
MO	2	14	36	41	7
NC	3	6	23	61	7
OK	6	14	44	30	6
SC	0	3	25	70	2
TN	0	4	19	60	17
TX	16	23	38	18	5
VA	0	6	17	54	23
14 Sts	8	13	30	37	12
Prev Wk	7	12	31	37	13
Prev Yr	6	13	28	39	14

**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	4	22	54	20
CO	11	41	38	8	2
IL	2	8	39	44	7
KS	20	38	31	10	1
LA	0	0	24	66	10
MO	9	25	39	23	4
NE	22	33	33	12	0
NM	24	24	47	3	2
OK	4	33	35	27	1
SD	36	20	20	21	3
TX	10	24	34	27	5
11 Sts	15	30	32	20	3
Prev Wk	17	29	31	20	3
Prev Yr	20	25	34	19	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	1	3	20	49	27
CA	0	5	45	40	10
LA	0	1	20	61	18
MS	0	2	9	53	36
MO	2	5	21	37	35
TX	0	2	13	72	13
6 Sts	1	3	23	50	23
Prev Wk	1	3	23	50	23
Prev Yr	1	3	26	46	24

**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	6	19	51	24
FL	1	1	18	70	10
GA	0	2	19	58	21
NC	0	3	13	79	5
OK	0	10	46	39	5
TX	1	5	23	47	24
VA	0	5	17	52	26
7 Sts	0	4	21	55	20
Prev Wk	1	4	22	53	20
Prev Yr	4	11	38	37	10

**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	2	4	27	52	15	NJ	0	0	23	77	0
AZ	13	28	29	21	9	NM	47	29	22	2	0
AR	1	9	33	50	7	NY	0	4	19	64	13
CA	30	40	25	5	0	NC	0	2	14	72	12
CO	19	31	33	17	0	ND	22	36	30	12	0
CT	0	9	34	44	13	OH	2	4	21	54	19
DE	0	3	9	68	20	OK	7	21	44	26	2
FL	0	5	20	60	15	OR	15	26	41	16	2
GA	0	5	23	63	9	PA	2	7	25	49	17
ID	8	41	46	5	0	RI	0	0	5	65	30
IL	4	20	43	29	4	SC	0	1	18	55	26
IN	3	8	27	54	8	SD	21	34	27	16	2
IA	55	28	11	6	0	TN	0	4	19	59	18
KS	27	35	30	7	1	TX	14	22	37	22	5
KY	1	2	21	58	18	UT	7	21	38	33	1
LA	0	10	49	38	3	VT	0	9	65	26	0
ME	0	13	39	34	14	VA	0	1	15	60	24
MD	2	6	22	46	24	WA	4	23	54	19	0
MA	0	0	15	76	9	WV	0	2	20	55	23
MI	15	25	40	18	2	WI	58	27	12	3	0
MN	32	38	24	6	0	WY	14	26	44	16	0
MS	0	4	30	55	11						
MO	17	31	36	14	2	48 Sts	17	22	31	25	5
MT	36	37	23	4	0						
NE	35	32	29	4	0	Prev Wk	18	22	29	25	6
NV	4	25	46	22	3	Prev Yr	26	26	26	19	3
NH	0	1	23	40	36						

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

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

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 22, 2003.

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