

# 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 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	28	20	33	36
IL	50	25	48	61
IN	57	33	60	78
IA	71	39	73	62
KS	63	46	56	71
KY	30	8	53	54
LA	56	46	49	70
MI	50	10	57	56
MN	87	62	78	75
MS	78	70	76	77
MO	31	18	41	45
NE	54	19	65	64
NC	21	8	17	19
ND	78	55	88	74
OH	55	24	68	75
SD	85	66	85	79
TN	34	22	43	42
WI	56	39	51	53
18 Sts	59	35	61	64

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	13	NA	11	10
IL	4	NA	2	8
IN	5	NA	3	9
IA	5	NA	4	6
KS	3	NA	6	14
KY	0	NA	4	6
LA	32	NA	22	36
MI	1	NA	5	4
MN	10	NA	6	10
MS	59	NA	44	41
MO	1	NA	3	5
NE	3	NA	5	6
NC	0	NA	0	0
ND	5	NA	10	10
OH	2	NA	7	8
SD	3	NA	5	6
TN	2	NA	5	5
WI	0	NA	0	2
18 Sts	6	NA	6	8

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

**Corn: Percent Dented,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	97	91	88	90
IL	97	91	96	97
IN	89	78	91	97
IA	97	93	99	97
KS	99	98	98	99
KY	100	92	100	99
MI	77	51	91	87
MN	99	97	97	97
MO	97	96	100	99
NE	96	89	97	98
NC	100	95	100	99
ND	98	94	93	97
OH	88	71	84	92
PA	60	51	88	79
SD	98	93	96	96
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	99	98	99	99
WI	87	69	86	85
18 Sts	95	88	95	96

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Mature,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	50	38	34	43
IL	61	40	63	77
IN	38	23	50	71
IA	74	50	77	79
KS	86	80	86	85
KY	90	68	93	92
MI	20	2	44	45
MN	77	40	49	58
MO	88	83	91	89
NE	50	25	67	71
NC	94	86	96	94
ND	64	35	42	50
OH	15	6	34	44
PA	20	12	49	33
SD	50	33	54	54
TN	96	91	100	97
TX	93	87	89	94
WI	35	17	27	40
18 Sts	60	40	62	69

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	5	0	1	3
IL	8	3	8	15
IN	5	2	7	11
IA	5	3	6	7
KS	41	33	42	43
KY	41	22	55	54
MI	1	0	4	4
MN	4	1	1	3
MO	44	30	51	44
NE	6	2	10	11
NC	73	50	35	52
ND	2	1	0	2
OH	1	0	4	5
PA	1	1	21	11
SD	3	1	5	5
TN	58	36	77	74
TX	75	67	69	74
WI	0	0	0	2
18 Sts	12	7	13	15

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 94% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	58	32	52	58
CA	15	3	16	16
LA	93	89	90	92
MS	65	52	63	63
MO	21	9	25	31
TX	95	89	98	97
6 Sts	58	41	55	58

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States harvested 100% of last year's rice acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	1	2	1
CA	2	1	3	1
CO	62	32	48	53
ID	27	10	28	20
IL	3	0	1	1
IN	4	2	3	4
KS	22	8	20	15
MI	10	6	17	12
MO	0	0	3	2
MT	23	9	46	30
NE	65	31	57	57
NC	0	0	2	5
OH	1	0	2	2
OK	38	17	32	22
OR	14	5	5	5
SD	43	21	41	42
TX	40	22	34	32
WA	55	45	67	59
18 Sts	31	16	29	25

<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			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	NA	0	0
CA	0	NA	0	0
CO	16	NA	8	30
ID	2	NA	6	4
IL	0	NA	0	0
IN	0	NA	0	0
KS	4	NA	7	5
MI	0	NA	0	0
MO	0	NA	0	0
MT	0	NA	9	3
NE	26	NA	28	21
NC	0	NA	0	0
OH	0	NA	0	0
OK	13	NA	14	8
OR	0	NA	0	0
SD	7	NA	13	15
TX	13	NA	14	12
WA	24	NA	41	32
18 Sts	9	NA	11	10

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	79	66	80	78
AZ	96	83	98	95
AR	77	63	84	86
CA	60	40	71	63
GA	68	55	81	76
LA	90	75	90	94
MS	80	74	91	97
MO	57	36	65	83
NC	52	27	78	69
OK	68	61	47	66
SC	35	22	58	64
TN	55	36	84	91
TX	46	34	62	67
VA	42	33	75	59
14 Sts	59	45	73	75

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3	0	7	11
AZ	4	2	13	9
AR	5	1	3	9
CA	0	0	2	0
GA	5	2	10	9
LA	15	6	14	27
MS	17	9	16	22
MO	0	0	4	15
NC	0	0	3	2
OK	0	0	3	2
SC	0	0	7	8
TN	2	0	8	14
TX	19	17	21	23
VA	0	0	7	2
14 Sts	10	8	13	15

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	99	100
CO	91	74	61	72
IL	87	73	93	91
KS	83	69	86	95
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	91	85	92	96
NE	88	63	89	94
NM	71	48	70	70
OK	82	75	81	83
SD	96	91	94	94
TX	72	64	87	93
11 Sts	81	69	86	93

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	98	97	96	95
CO	50	36	21	22
IL	20	6	68	58
KS	36	26	48	59
LA	99	98	100	100
MO	52	38	65	71
NE	30	12	59	55
NM	6	2	7	9
OK	47	39	62	45
SD	39	17	39	45
TX	60	57	75	82
11 Sts	48	40	59	65

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	78	63	80	81
CO	1	0	1	1
IL	0	0	9	8
KS	11	10	15	25
LA	94	87	87	92
MO	24	12	30	33
NE	2	0	10	12
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	23	17	42	26
SD	4	2	11	8
TX	57	54	65	70
11 Sts	32	29	38	43

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 14, 2003	Sep 21, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	22	0	18	20
FL	30	15	18	27
GA	12	5	17	18
NC	1	0	6	5
OK	3	1	4	2
TX	3	0	5	13
VA	5	1	5	8
7 Sts	11	3	13	16

<sup>1</sup> These 7 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut 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	4	17	24	45	10
IL	2	6	24	52	16
IN	6	11	25	44	14
IA	8	20	38	30	4
KS	23	27	33	14	3
KY	1	4	21	37	37
MI	3	10	31	42	14
MN	9	20	40	29	2
MO	23	24	29	19	5
NE	14	15	23	33	15
NC	1	5	29	45	20
ND	13	19	33	32	3
OH	3	6	22	47	22
PA	6	9	18	46	21
SD	7	14	31	39	9
TN	2	3	15	56	24
TX	17	19	32	28	4
WI	16	25	33	23	3
18 Sts	9	15	30	36	10
Prev Wk	10	16	30	35	9
Prev Yr	13	17	28	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	5	12	37	40	6
IN	6	10	28	46	10
IA	12	27	42	18	1
KS	19	34	35	11	1
KY	0	1	16	49	34
LA	5	14	30	45	6
MI	6	10	37	40	7
MN	10	24	38	27	1
MS	0	2	17	46	35
MO	21	27	30	18	4
NE	18	26	31	19	6
NC	2	4	21	65	8
ND	9	16	37	35	3
OH	4	8	24	46	18
SD	6	17	32	41	4
TN	0	1	15	56	28
WI	17	28	33	19	3
18 Sts	9	18	33	33	7
Prev Wk	9	17	33	33	8
Prev Yr	10	16	30	36	8

**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	5	7	22	48	18
AZ	0	5	29	24	42
AR	1	6	25	51	17
CA	0	0	15	45	40
GA	1	6	28	49	16
LA	1	2	25	53	19
MS	2	7	14	48	29
MO	2	14	32	44	8
NC	6	8	31	49	6
OK	7	15	45	28	5
SC	0	2	25	70	3
TN	0	3	18	61	18
TX	17	22	38	18	5
VA	0	15	30	55	0
14 Sts	8	13	30	36	13
Prev Wk	8	13	30	37	12
Prev Yr	5	13	30	38	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	42	37	8	2
IL	1	19	38	35	7
KS	23	37	29	10	1
LA	0	2	31	62	5
MO	9	23	38	27	3
NE	23	33	34	10	0
NM	25	30	39	4	2
OK	4	32	37	27	0
SD	18	12	36	26	8
TX	10	24	34	27	5
11 Sts	16	30	31	20	3
Prev Wk	15	30	32	20	3
Prev Yr	18	25	34	20	3

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	2	20	48	29
CA	0	5	50	35	10
LA	0	2	20	56	22
MS	0	2	9	53	36
MO	2	5	19	40	34
TX	0	2	13	72	13
6 Sts	1	3	24	47	25
Prev Wk	1	3	23	50	23
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**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	2	5	22	48	23
FL	1	1	10	78	10
GA	0	2	21	56	21
NC	8	1	30	57	4
OK	0	10	41	43	6
TX	1	3	26	50	20
VA	5	15	30	50	0
7 Sts	1	3	24	55	17
Prev Wk	0	4	21	55	20
Prev Yr	4	12	36	38	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	10	33	43	12	NJ	0	0	32	68	0
AZ	11	26	36	18	9	NM	44	29	24	3	0
AR	0	9	32	51	8	NY	1	4	18	64	13
CA	30	45	25	0	0	NC	1	2	16	76	5
CO	10	24	45	21	0	ND	23	35	29	13	0
CT	0	0	35	55	10	OH	2	4	19	55	20
DE	4	8	13	65	10	OK	6	19	40	30	5
FL	1	5	15	70	9	OR	10	46	37	7	0
GA	1	6	33	52	8	PA	3	7	28	47	15
ID	9	41	45	5	0	RI	0	0	0	50	50
IL	5	15	39	39	2	SC	0	8	14	64	14
IN	4	10	25	53	8	SD	21	33	29	15	2
IA	43	28	22	6	1	TN	1	5	20	59	15
KS	30	33	29	7	1	TX	13	18	32	29	8
KY	1	3	21	55	20	UT	8	21	39	32	0
LA	0	8	40	47	5	VT	4	10	65	20	1
ME	0	13	27	44	16	VA	0	1	18	54	27
MD	2	5	22	48	23	WA	2	32	50	16	0
MA	0	0	4	96	0	WV	0	1	19	59	21
MI	18	28	34	18	2	WI	35	30	28	7	0
MN	24	33	32	11	0	WY	11	24	46	19	0
MS	0	4	27	57	12						
MO	11	25	40	21	3	48 Sts	15	22	31	27	5
MT	33	36	25	6	0						
NE	30	31	32	7	0	Prev Wk	17	22	31	25	5
NV	5	25	48	20	2	Prev Yr	24	25	28	20	3
NH	0	3	25	49	23						

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](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 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 29, 2003.

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