

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 Mature, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	85	50	66	69
IL	87	61	83	91
IN	62	38	71	86
IA	91	74	93	92
KS	97	86	93	92
KY	94	90	96	96
MI	37	20	67	65
MN	94	77	81	83
MO	94	88	95	95
NE	73	50	82	88
NC	98	94	99	98
ND	90	64	66	74
OH	35	15	49	62
PA	26	20	67	49
SD	82	50	75	77
TN	99	96	100	99
TX	96	93	96	98
WI	55	35	48	63
18 Sts	79	60	80	84

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 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	12	5	3	7
IL	17	8	18	28
IN	8	5	13	19
IA	10	5	9	14
KS	56	41	60	57
KY	52	41	62	66
MI	2	1	7	8
MN	10	4	4	8
MO	55	44	66	56
NE	11	6	16	21
NC	85	73	42	65
ND	7	2	3	6
OH	3	1	7	9
PA	5	1	36	16
SD	10	3	8	11
TN	75	58	87	85
TX	79	75	74	81
WI	7	0	2	6
18 Sts	18	12	19	23

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	40	28	45	51
IL	75	50	76	81
IN	75	57	79	90
IA	89	71	91	82
KS	69	63	76	85
KY	70	30	72	69
LA	66	56	58	80
MI	75	50	83	75
MN	98	87	96	94
MS	86	78	83	85
MO	58	31	63	63
NE	78	54	83	87
NC	31	21	23	26
ND	95	78	98	90
OH	74	55	87	89
SD	97	85	95	92
TN	47	34	58	58
WI	84	56	77	76
18 Sts	78	59	80	81

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	19	13	16	16
IL	15	4	11	20
IN	9	5	9	20
IA	20	5	14	20
KS	7	3	17	23
KY	5	0	8	15
LA	43	32	29	49
MI	5	1	16	11
MN	33	10	22	28
MS	65	59	49	52
MO	5	1	13	13
NE	12	3	15	17
NC	0	0	0	1
ND	27	5	30	30
OH	6	2	13	18
SD	22	3	21	20
TN	5	2	9	11
WI	11	0	7	10
18 Sts	17	6	15	20

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

**Winter Wheat: Percent Planted,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	1	2	2
CA	4	2	4	3
CO	85	62	68	75
ID	41	27	43	34
IL	4	3	4	4
IN	7	4	7	8
KS	45	22	46	35
MI	33	10	25	22
MO	5	0	7	7
MT	54	23	71	51
NE	82	65	79	78
NC	3	0	4	8
OH	3	1	8	8
OK	58	38	53	37
OR	26	14	12	13
SD	66	43	66	65
TX	55	40	50	45
WA	72	55	78	69
18 Sts	49	31	47	40

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

**Winter Wheat: Percent Emerged,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	0	0	0
CA	0	0	0	0
CO	32	16	24	40
ID	8	2	12	9
IL	0	0	0	0
IN	1	0	1	1
KS	17	4	17	13
MI	2	0	5	4
MO	0	0	0	0
MT	2	0	28	14
NE	50	26	50	43
NC	0	0	1	1
OH	0	0	1	0
OK	29	13	26	14
OR	8	0	2	2
SD	17	7	27	28
TX	21	13	25	20
WA	36	24	52	48
18 Sts	20	9	21	17

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	89	79	90	86
AZ	99	96	100	98
AR	84	77	93	92
CA	75	60	85	78
GA	74	68	86	81
LA	95	90	95	98
MS	90	*82	95	98
MO	70	57	75	92
NC	65	52	90	80
OK	80	68	63	79
SC	47	35	68	75
TN	73	55	93	96
TX	57	46	76	78
VA	54	42	80	68
14 Sts	70	59	83	84

* Revised.

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 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	5	3	13	18
AZ	8	4	16	13
AR	11	5	6	20
CA	0	0	3	1
GA	8	5	13	12
LA	34	15	26	43
MS	30	17	20	35
MO	3	0	14	29
NC	0	0	8	6
OK	5	0	7	7
SC	1	0	12	14
TN	7	2	12	25
TX	21	19	24	27
VA	0	0	16	6
14 Sts	15	10	17	22

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 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	73	58	68	74
CA	25	15	41	29
LA	96	93	94	97
MS	75	65	72	74
MO	49	21	47	51
TX	98	95	99	98
6 Sts	69	58	69	71

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 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	44	22	27	33
FL	45	30	33	38
GA	26	12	23	28
NC	3	1	12	9
OK	7	3	17	10
TX	4	3	7	17
VA	10	5	21	21
7 Sts	22	11	20	24

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	97	91	70	81
IL	93	87	97	96
KS	90	83	92	98
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	96	91	97	99
NE	94	88	95	98
NM	73	71	80	77
OK	89	82	85	90
SD	100	96	97	97
TX	76	72	90	95
11 Sts	86	81	91	96

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 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	98	98	98
CO	58	50	35	33
IL	48	20	80	73
KS	50	36	63	73
LA	100	99	100	100
MO	69	52	78	82
NE	51	30	73	78
NM	7	6	17	18
OK	60	47	74	58
SD	71	39	52	65
TX	61	60	78	85
11 Sts	57	48	69	75

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 28, 2003	Sep 21, 2003	Sep 28, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	86	78	88	90
CO	5	1	6	7
IL	5	0	17	16
KS	17	11	25	34
LA	97	94	91	97
MO	36	24	46	46
NE	7	2	23	20
NM	2	0	0	0
OK	30	23	52	33
SD	16	4	14	15
TX	58	57	68	73
11 Sts	36	32	45	50

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	5	11	22	48	14
IL	2	6	24	52	16
IN	5	10	23	46	16
IA	7	15	38	33	7
KS	20	25	34	18	3
KY	1	4	21	37	37
MI	3	10	27	49	11
MN	8	21	40	30	1
MO	23	24	29	19	5
NE	14	14	22	33	17
NC	1	5	29	45	20
ND	8	20	34	35	3
OH	2	5	23	48	22
PA	5	9	17	51	18
SD	9	13	26	40	12
TN	2	3	15	56	24
TX	17	19	32	28	4
WI	12	22	36	27	3
18 Sts	8	14	29	38	11
Prev Wk	9	15	30	36	10
Prev Yr	13	17	27	34	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	26	43	22
IL	5	12	37	40	6
IN	6	10	30	45	9
IA	14	29	41	15	1
KS	14	32	39	14	1
KY	0	1	16	53	30
LA	3	10	30	48	9
MI	4	15	35	40	6
MN	10	23	41	24	2
MS	0	2	17	46	35
MO	21	27	31	17	4
NE	15	24	34	20	7
NC	5	7	32	51	5
ND	5	14	41	36	4
OH	2	7	28	47	16
SD	10	16	36	35	3
TN	0	1	14	57	28
WI	15	31	35	16	3
18 Sts	9	18	34	32	7
Prev Wk	9	18	33	33	7
Prev Yr	10	17	30	34	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	5	8	23	47	17
AZ	0	4	29	24	43
AR	1	6	25	51	17
CA	0	0	15	50	35
GA	1	6	30	49	14
LA	1	2	28	42	27
MS	3	7	17	51	22
MO	2	8	37	45	8
NC	7	9	48	34	2
OK	8	13	49	25	5
SC	0	2	25	71	2
TN	0	3	19	60	18
TX	17	22	37	18	6
VA	1	2	33	57	7
14 Sts	8	12	31	36	13
Prev Wk	8	13	30	36	13
Prev Yr	6	14	29	37	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	10	42	40	6	2
IL	1	19	38	35	7
KS	21	34	32	12	1
LA	0	2	34	59	5
MO	6	23	43	24	4
NE	23	33	34	10	0
NM	24	35	19	20	2
OK	4	30	38	28	0
SD	31	12	29	26	2
TX	10	24	34	27	5
11 Sts	15	28	34	20	3
Prev Wk	16	30	31	20	3
Prev Yr	20	25	33	19	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.

**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	3	7	24	40	26
FL	1	1	13	65	20
GA	0	2	22	56	20
NC	0	1	48	51	0
OK	0	10	40	45	5
TX	1	5	25	47	22
VA	0	12	42	36	10
7 Sts	1	4	26	50	19
Prev Wk	1	3	24	55	17
Prev Yr	4	12	38	36	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	6	27	50	15	NJ	0	0	40	60	0
AZ	14	25	30	22	9	NM	48	31	20	1	0
AR	0	7	32	54	7	NY	1	5	24	54	16
CA	30	50	20	0	0	NC	0	2	17	75	6
CO	21	30	33	16	0	ND	22	36	30	12	0
CT	0	0	37	56	7	OH	1	4	19	53	23
DE	0	4	8	69	19	OK	5	18	40	33	4
FL	0	5	25	60	10	OR	10	28	47	14	1
GA	1	8	31	54	6	PA	1	5	11	65	18
ID	8	37	43	12	0	RI	0	0	5	80	15
IL	3	14	38	39	6	SC	0	9	17	66	8
IN	4	7	27	54	8	SD	20	38	25	16	1
IA	31	30	29	9	1	TN	1	4	19	60	16
KS	27	28	34	11	0	TX	13	18	32	29	8
KY	1	2	21	59	17	UT	8	20	40	32	0
LA	0	7	43	45	5	VT	6	22	53	18	1
ME	0	6	33	42	19	VA	0	1	15	56	28
MD	2	5	23	47	23	WA	14	29	41	16	0
MA	0	0	12	88	0	WV	0	2	25	52	21
MI	16	25	38	19	2	WI	18	30	31	20	1
MN	21	34	33	12	0	WY	11	24	44	20	1
MS	0	6	28	55	11						
MO	8	21	41	26	4	48 Sts	14	22	29	29	6
MT	41	34	20	5	0						
NE	31	28	31	10	0	Prev Wk	15	22	31	27	5
NV	7	28	45	18	2	Prev Yr	23	24	29	21	3
NH	0	1	26	55	18						

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 October 6, 2003.

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