

# 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			1998-2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	81	54	53	61
IL	81	65	82	81
IN	52	35	63	68
IA	78	55	58	72
KS	93	87	91	93
KY	89	82	92	94
MI	27	18	52	49
MN	91	70	49	72
MO	88	83	94	88
NE	59	42	56	72
NC	98	97	82	92
ND	86	65	52	63
OH	36	20	54	51
PA	38	30	64	51
SD	70	44	43	56
TN	98	95	99	99
TX	96	92	98	98
WI	52	35	34	50
18 Sts	72	56	64	72

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	63	43	49	62
IL	90	79	91	88
IN	84	64	87	85
IA	98	94	95	94
KS	55	33	77	82
KY	60	33	55	68
LA	83	69	64	88
MI	88	69	88	74
MN	99	98	85	94
MS	92	89	74	87
MO	58	39	75	73
NE	95	85	85	91
NC	14	8	12	19
ND	100	97	90	94
OH	82	64	84	85
SD	97	92	86	91
TN	47	32	40	54
WI	92	77	67	79
18 Sts	85	74	82	84

<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			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	54	33	31	42
CA	20	10	28	17
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	99	95	98	95
IL	79	57	92	85
IN	88	59	87	81
KS	92	85	94	94
MI	94	77	97	91
MO	66	53	72	65
MT	99	98	98	96
NE	100	99	100	100
NC	28	22	22	30
OH	87	72	94	91
OK	93	87	91	83
OR	76	65	66	77
SD	100	97	100	98
TX	84	80	82	77
WA	99	98	99	98
18 Sts	88	82	88	85

<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.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	30	16	18	20
CA	6	3	9	7
CO	87	84	92	91
ID	58	49	55	60
IL	47	26	67	56
IN	56	24	60	55
KS	71	63	79	76
MI	63	35	72	68
MO	43	31	49	40
MT	80	64	80	72
NE	96	91	95	96
NC	13	11	16	16
OH	52	24	70	70
OK	81	73	81	63
OR	40	32	21	43
SD	75	62	88	84
TX	67	60	69	54
WA	85	82	89	90
18 Sts	70	61	73	67

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	98	96	96	98
CA	85	70	94	91
LA	99	99	99	100
MS	99	97	93	96
MO	97	92	86	92
TX	100	100	100	100
6 Sts	96	92	96	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	90	82	81	82
FL	95	90	94	93
GA	86	73	80	84
NC	77	47	73	71
OK	71	48	70	69
TX	29	17	35	46
VA	85	60	80	91
7 Sts	73	59	70	75

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	98	95	100	99
AZ	100	100	100	100
AR	96	92	100	100
CA	100	100	100	100
GA	95	93	97	95
LA	100	100	100	100
MS	100	100	100	100
MO	93	91	100	100
NC	96	92	100	99
OK	98	97	100	98
SC	88	81	92	97
TN	96	95	100	100
TX	89	80	95	96
VA	89	81	100	97
14 Sts	94	89	97	98

<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.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	53	39	44	61
AZ	31	21	51	47
AR	63	46	54	77
CA	40	20	63	45
GA	41	30	45	48
LA	93	81	62	87
MS	85	71	51	81
MO	52	37	60	75
NC	28	12	42	42
OK	42	22	34	51
SC	28	17	40	49
TN	47	32	46	78
TX	34	28	39	48
VA	29	11	58	47
14 Sts	46	35	46	57

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	49	35	52	62
MI	77	26	44	50
MN	99	98	94	97
ND	100	99	100	99
4 Sts	86	75	80	83

<sup>1</sup> These 4 States harvested 82% of last year's sugarbeets acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	66	40	46	37
KS	65	46	59	78
ND	87	63	42	60
SD	81	67	72	72
4 Sts	83	61	50	63

<sup>1</sup> These 4 States harvested 91% of last year's sunflowers acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	100	94	93	96
IL	97	95	99	98
KS	84	74	90	97
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	96	94	100	99
NE	100	98	100	99
NM	58	54	79	87
OK	89	86	89	93
SD	100	100	99	99
TX	78	73	92	96
11 Sts	85	78	92	97

<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.
	Oct 26, 2003	Oct 19, 2003	Oct 26, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	99	99	99
CO	51	41	50	52
IL	51	33	87	78
KS	51	37	55	79
LA	100	100	97	99
MO	76	67	87	84
NE	64	49	70	76
NM	19	12	25	30
OK	64	54	76	68
SD	90	82	63	72
TX	65	62	78	85
11 Sts	61	52	68	81

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum 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	2	21	63	14
CA	0	0	15	70	15
CO	7	20	40	30	3
ID	1	8	46	43	2
IL	0	0	11	78	11
IN	1	1	23	69	6
KS	2	14	25	48	11
MI	5	3	35	47	10
MO	0	0	25	70	5
MT	6	19	56	19	0
NE	3	11	33	46	7
NC	0	1	29	66	4
OH	1	5	26	57	11
OK	7	11	19	51	12
OR	0	30	49	21	0
SD	14	24	35	23	4
TX	12	10	33	34	11
WA	2	5	41	50	2
18 Sts	5	12	30	44	9
Prev Wk	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**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	1	6	24	58	11
AZ	1	8	24	21	46
AR	1	5	22	47	25
CA	0	0	10	60	30
GA	1	7	26	49	17
LA	0	1	15	56	28
MS	4	6	13	47	30
MO	2	6	32	43	17
NC	3	5	36	53	3
OK	9	16	37	31	7
SC	0	4	25	67	4
TN	0	2	15	63	20
TX	17	21	35	20	7
VA	1	8	31	46	14
14 Sts	8	12	28	37	15
Prev Wk	8	13	29	36	14
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

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

**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	3	9	38	48	2	NJ	0	0	53	47	0
AZ	21	22	23	23	11	NM	51	27	21	1	0
AR	1	10	30	51	8	NY	1	11	28	49	11
CA	45	50	5	0	0	NC	0	4	24	62	10
CO	33	24	30	13	0	ND	29	39	25	7	0
CT	0	2	55	39	4	OH	1	4	25	54	16
DE	0	0	13	75	12	OK	8	17	37	33	5
FL	0	5	35	50	10	OR	14	41	39	6	0
GA	2	15	44	36	3	PA	6	14	21	52	7
ID	14	48	35	3	0	RI	0	1	8	81	10
IL	4	16	38	37	5	SC	0	12	19	65	4
IN	2	6	29	55	8	SD	24	34	27	14	1
IA	30	29	32	8	1	TN	0	5	23	61	11
KS	20	27	34	16	3	TX	10	16	32	30	12
KY	2	4	21	60	13	UT	12	31	40	17	0
LA	2	12	49	35	2	VT	5	32	50	12	1
ME	0	12	25	45	18	VA	0	3	18	58	21
MD	3	6	20	56	15	WA	14	33	40	13	0
MA	0	4	23	73	0	WV	0	3	34	55	8
MI	11	31	37	20	1	WI	20	36	28	16	0
MN	23	35	33	9	0	WY	14	26	42	18	0
MS	3	15	33	43	6						
MO	5	17	36	37	5	48 Sts	16	23	29	27	5
MT	45	34	17	4	0						
NE	33	31	28	8	0	Prev Wk	15	22	29	28	6
NV	15	29	37	19	0	Prev Yr	20	21	30	25	4
NH	0	3	24	38	35						

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.

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The next "*Crop Progress*" report will be released after 4 p.m. ET on November 3, 2003.

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