

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 ¹

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Nov 16, 2003	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 16, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	98	97	77	91
IL	98	95	98	98
IN	90	83	95	97
IA	98	96	95	97
KS	99	99	97	99
KY	99	97	100	100
MI	71	51	92	88
MN	100	99	92	97
MO	98	96	100	98
NE	96	90	86	94
NC	100	100	91	98
ND	99	98	90	93
OH	86	74	90	91
PA	76	68	89	83
SD	98	94	82	90
TN	100	99	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	88	79	75	87
18 Sts	95	91	92	95

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

Winter Wheat: Percent Emerged, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Nov 16, 2003	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 16, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	83	68	55	67
CA	15	12	32	24
CO	97	93	100	99
ID	87	79	82	88
IL	98	87	96	95
IN	97	90	95	94
KS	92	88	94	93
MI	97	92	96	96
MO	79	74	79	78
MT	89	86	92	89
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	49	33	28	39
OH	99	94	97	97
OK	93	90	93	83
OR	68	60	52	76
SD	90	85	99	93
TX	81	77	83	75
WA	97	96	95	97
18 Sts	88	84	88	86

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 16, 2003	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 16, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	100	100	100	100
IL	100	100	100	100
KS	97	95	100	100
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	100	100	100	100
NE	100	100	100	100
NM	96	91	100	98
OK	96	94	96	99
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	91	88	98	99
11 Sts	95	93	99	100

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 16, 2003	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 16, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	88	84	87	85
IL	96	88	98	99
KS	87	79	78	94
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	95	93	97	97
NE	96	93	92	97
NM	42	35	47	63
OK	84	79	84	88
SD	100	97	94	95
TX	77	73	84	92
11 Sts	84	79	83	93

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 16, 2003	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 16, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	86	77	62	83
AZ	60	53	76	72
AR	95	85	81	95
CA	90	75	97	82
GA	67	57	61	75
LA	100	99	76	95
MS	99	97	77	95
MO	85	79	81	95
NC	63	47	57	73
OK	61	56	53	71
SC	58	48	54	76
TN	84	71	77	94
TX	53	49	51	66
VA	60	48	79	79
14 Sts	71	64	64	78

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 16, 2003	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 16, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	100	97	93	96
FL	100	99	97	99
GA	99	97	95	98
NC	98	94	92	95
OK	99	94	89	91
TX	80	68	58	72
VA	100	100	98	100
7 Sts	95	91	86	92

¹ These 7 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut 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	1	3	25	60	11
CA	0	0	10	80	10
CO	8	20	35	33	4
ID	0	4	37	57	2
IL	0	0	19	67	14
IN	0	2	19	68	11
KS	2	13	31	44	10
MI	0	1	35	57	7
MO	0	0	24	67	9
MT	5	17	43	34	1
NE	5	12	36	42	5
NC	0	0	26	72	2
OH	0	2	16	63	19
OK	7	11	29	43	10
OR	4	35	47	13	1
SD	14	19	38	25	4
TX	15	17	36	28	4
WA	3	13	59	25	0
18 Sts	6	13	33	41	7
Prev Wk	6	13	32	43	6
Prev Yr	2	5	31	50	12

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 November 24, 2003.

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