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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			1999-2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	57	44	37	46
IL	78	62	68	76
IN	88	78	70	83
IA	84	64	84	77
KS	79	59	67	77
KY	75	37	59	65
LA	77	66	63	74
MI	39	15	68	68
MN	57	29	95	90
MS	97	91	84	84
MO	60	40	50	56
NE	83	57	71	78
NC	23	15	28	24
ND	53	27	90	85
OH	77	58	69	81
SD	82	60	94	89
TN	55	38	43	51
WI	46	27	76	67
18 Sts	72	52	73	75

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

Soybeans: Percent Harvested, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	33	26	17	16
IL	29	11	12	15
IN	34	14	8	14
IA	16	3	16	14
KS	21	6	6	19
KY	11	1	4	11
LA	55	47	40	45
MI	5	0	4	8
MN	0	0	26	20
MS	84	73	65	53
MO	11	4	4	9
NE	17	6	9	12
NC	2	0	0	0
ND	1	0	21	19
OH	22	6	5	12
SD	1	0	17	14
TN	15	8	4	9
WI	0	0	8	7
18 Sts	18	8	14	15

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	88	75	99	97
IL	98	97	98	99
IN	99	95	96	99
IA	97	92	99	99
KS	100	99	100	100
KY	100	98	100	100
MI	73	55	85	90
MN	86	66	99	98
MO	99	98	99	100
NE	96	90	97	99
NC	100	100	100	100
ND	68	54	99	99
OH	96	90	92	94
PA	93	87	69	81
SD	88	75	99	99
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	100	99	100	100
WI	59	43	92	89
18 Sts	92	85	97	98

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	25	17	75	63
IL	90	72	80	87
IN	82	64	55	77
IA	59	38	86	87
KS	94	76	94	90
KY	92	82	93	96
MI	28	10	32	50
MN	15	1	89	76
MO	94	85	92	94
NE	51	32	66	80
NC	100	97	97	97
ND	5	3	83	65
OH	55	31	29	50
PA	59	55	24	41
SD	29	19	73	69
TN	98	95	98	99
TX	98	84	95	96
WI	12	5	49	51
18 Sts	58	43	73	78

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	2	1	10	6
IL	27	10	14	23
IN	17	8	7	16
IA	5	2	9	11
KS	37	22	52	53
KY	56	38	49	62
MI	1	0	2	5
MN	0	0	8	5
MO	51	30	52	55
NE	7	4	10	15
NC	78	66	82	64
ND	0	0	6	2
OH	4	1	2	6
PA	22	21	4	13
SD	1	0	8	8
TN	77	60	70	80
TX	73	66	78	78
WI	0	0	5	4
18 Sts	16	9	16	19

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	18	5	38	32
FL	30	25	41	38
GA	15	7	22	25
NC	16	4	2	7
OK	5	2	6	7
TX	9	4	4	13
VA	30	15	9	14
7 Sts	16	8	20	22

¹ These 7 States harvested 97% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	1	3	2
CA	4	3	3	3
CO	82	62	78	71
ID	37	18	37	32
IL	5	1	4	4
IN	6	3	6	6
KS	29	21	38	32
MI	28	9	26	20
MO	5	3	4	6
MT	66	44	45	47
NE	68	48	77	73
NC	8	5	2	6
OH	5	0	2	4
OK	47	34	52	39
OR	5	2	23	12
SD	49	39	59	56
TX	61	34	51	42
WA	55	48	67	65
18 Sts	42	29	44	38

¹ These 18 States planted 91% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	0	1	0
CA	0	0	0	0
CO	38	18	27	32
ID	9	2	6	7
IL	0	0	0	0
IN	0	0	1	0
KS	10	3	13	11
MI	4	0	1	2
MO	1	0	0	0
MT	14	3	1	10
NE	39	14	43	36
NC	2	1	1	0
OH	0	0	0	0
OK	18	8	24	16
OR	0	0	6	2
SD	17	6	14	18
TX	26	10	19	18
WA	33	24	33	39
18 Sts	17	7	16	15

¹ These 18 States planted 91% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	84	64	86	85
AZ	95	90	98	98
AR	90	71	82	91
CA	85	80	71	78
GA	83	77	72	78
LA	88	81	94	96
MS	92	84	88	96
MO	80	63	66	83
NC	90	83	61	71
OK	76	73	77	72
SC	71	61	44	65
TN	75	54	68	89
TX	53	35	54	71
VA	85	82	51	55
14 Sts	72	58	67	79

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	7	2	4	13
AZ	10	4	7	12
AR	8	2	9	16
CA	2	0	0	1
GA	8	4	7	10
LA	10	6	29	39
MS	21	7	26	30
MO	6	2	2	22
NC	6	1	0	3
OK	3	0	4	5
SC	5	1	1	8
TN	6	2	6	19
TX	18	17	20	23
VA	7	3	0	3
14 Sts	12	8	13	18

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	62	51	95	80
IL	99	99	91	95
KS	88	78	88	95
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	97	95	95	97
NE	93	82	92	95
NM	60	55	72	76
OK	78	68	87	86
SD	93	84	99	97
TX	88	75	75	91
11 Sts	88	78	85	93

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	95	99	99
CO	18	13	56	35
IL	86	78	40	70
KS	43	25	46	63
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	73	56	64	76
NE	39	15	45	65
NM	6	5	7	15
OK	44	40	56	58
SD	36	28	62	57
TX	74	61	61	80
11 Sts	56	41	54	69

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	90	80	84	88
CO	3	0	4	6
IL	18	3	4	14
KS	12	6	15	30
LA	100	99	96	96
MO	35	19	33	42
NE	3	1	6	18
NM	0	0	1	1
OK	30	21	28	32
SD	4	3	13	12
TX	58	56	58	72
11 Sts	34	29	35	47

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	73	53	69	70
CA	50	30	22	25
LA	99	97	95	95
MS	86	73	72	69
MO	58	29	41	44
TX	99	98	97	98
6 Sts	75	59	65	66

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

**Spring Wheat: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	99	97	100	99
MN	90	69	99	98
MT	88	84	100	95
ND	84	76	100	98
SD	100	100	100	100
WA	100	99	100	100
6 Sts	88	81	100	98

¹ These 6 States harvested 99% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	96	94	99	98
MN	93	88	99	99
MT	97	94	100	97
ND	95	91	100	99
WA	100	100	100	100
5 Sts	96	93	100	98

¹ These 5 States harvested 85% of last year's barley acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	10	NA	11	7
KS	8	NA	14	20
ND	0	NA	2	1
SD	1	NA	12	9
4 Sts	2	NA	6	5

¹ These 4 States harvested 87% of last year's sunflowers acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Sep 26, 2004	Sep 19, 2004	Sep 26, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	7	2	5	7
MI	1	0	1	21
MN	6	4	10	9
ND	4	4	10	9
4 Sts	5	3	8	11

¹ These 4 States harvested 84% of last year's sugarbeets acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 26, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	2	4	11	43	40
IL	1	2	13	57	27
IN	2	4	13	48	33
IA	2	6	18	51	23
KS	4	8	18	48	22
KY	1	3	14	40	42
MI	4	12	36	36	12
MN	2	8	30	51	9
MO	1	4	14	53	28
NE	5	6	21	42	26
NC	1	3	26	59	11
ND	7	16	34	38	5
OH	3	7	23	48	19
PA	1	2	7	36	54
SD	4	8	25	46	17
TN	0	2	9	47	42
TX	0	2	13	49	36
WI	5	13	26	43	13
18 Sts	3	6	20	48	23
Prev Wk	3	7	20	47	23
Prev Yr	8	14	29	38	11

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 26, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	7	23	44	25
IL	1	4	18	54	23
IN	3	5	17	49	26
IA	2	7	20	51	20
KS	1	5	18	59	17
KY	1	4	15	46	34
LA	3	17	41	34	5
MI	3	8	35	43	11
MN	5	11	36	41	7
MS	0	5	15	45	35
MO	3	7	27	48	15
NE	5	11	26	43	15
NC	1	2	18	70	9
ND	5	14	36	40	5
OH	4	9	24	46	17
SD	3	7	24	53	13
TN	2	4	17	52	25
WI	3	10	26	41	20
18 Sts	3	7	24	48	18
Prev Wk	3	8	25	47	17
Prev Yr	9	18	34	32	7

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 26, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	16	23	24	35	2
AZ	1	2	23	42	32
AR	0	4	22	46	28
CA	0	0	0	35	65
GA	8	20	39	30	3
LA	5	19	38	36	2
MS	3	4	19	53	21
MO	0	1	24	60	15
NC	1	3	26	59	11
OK	2	1	40	45	12
SC	0	5	28	62	5
TN	0	1	12	61	26
TX	1	3	17	51	28
VA	0	3	13	53	31
14 Sts	2	6	21	48	23
Prev Wk	4	7	23	46	20
Prev Yr	8	12	31	36	13

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 26, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	2	35	51	11
CO	1	12	34	43	10
IL	0	1	9	68	22
KS	4	11	25	45	15
LA	0	6	52	42	0
MO	0	4	23	60	13
NE	5	12	43	35	5
NM	0	16	53	27	4
OK	0	11	16	56	17
SD	12	20	37	29	2
TX	1	7	24	49	19
11 Sts	3	9	27	46	15
Prev Wk	2	9	27	47	15
Prev Yr	15	28	34	20	3

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2003 planted acres.

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 26, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4	8	36	46	6
FL	0	1	19	80	0
GA	4	11	34	44	7
NC	0	2	33	57	8
OK	0	1	13	74	12
TX	0	1	15	50	34
VA	0	3	7	55	35
7 Sts	2	6	27	52	13
Prev Wk	3	7	27	47	16
Prev Yr	1	4	26	50	19

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 26, 2004**

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	1	9	27	53	10	NJ	0	0	10	90	0
AZ	25	34	22	13	6	NM	4	15	40	37	4
AR	12	30	38	15	5	NY	0	4	20	62	14
CA	55	45	0	0	0	NC	0	2	14	69	15
CO	4	16	39	37	4	ND	23	21	26	27	3
CT	0	0	27	73	0	OH	3	8	26	49	14
DE	0	2	10	78	10	OK	2	8	30	48	12
FL	0	5	15	45	35	OR	4	19	35	37	5
GA	0	5	32	56	7	PA	5	4	14	58	19
ID	1	12	38	48	1	RI	0	0	20	80	0
IL	2	9	39	43	7	SC	0	2	26	67	5
IN	4	13	31	47	5	SD	15	22	31	27	5
IA	4	9	32	44	11	TN	1	5	19	60	15
KS	8	19	33	34	6	TX	4	16	33	38	9
KY	2	11	24	44	19	UT	5	11	42	40	2
LA	7	24	48	20	1	VT	0	20	52	17	11
ME	0	0	6	59	35	VA	0	2	18	59	21
MD	0	6	31	36	27	WA	5	12	34	49	0
MA	0	0	21	79	0	WV	0	3	30	58	9
MI	10	23	43	20	4	WI	6	18	43	31	2
MN	2	8	29	54	7	WY	40	24	23	9	4
MS	6	14	43	35	2						
MO	10	18	24	41	7	48 Sts	10	16	29	37	8
MT	23	25	34	15	3						
NE	27	23	33	16	1	Prev Wk	10	15	29	37	9
NV	16	22	34	27	1	Prev Yr	14	22	29	29	6
NH	0	1	8	75	16						

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

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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.

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