

Crop Progress

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	42	37	85	75
IL	86	81	87	89
IN	80	72	63	74
IA	62	47	87	82
KS	85	81	96	96
KY	95	92	93	96
MI	51	34	39	53
MN	45	28	95	84
MO	85	81	92	93
NE	59	45	75	78
NC	100	99	99	93
ND	13	9	92	79
OH	61	48	48	60
PA	63	55	46	57
SD	33	21	82	71
TN	99	99	99	99
TX	94	92	98	98
WI	41	26	65	61
18 Sts	65	55	81	80

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	68	63	73	71
IL	86	81	94	94
IN	90	87	90	90
IA	97	95	99	97
KS	74	73	71	86
KY	56	53	66	73
LA	92	83	89	90
MI	70	65	92	83
MN	93	91	99	97
MS	99	97	96	91
MO	62	57	72	80
NE	96	91	97	95
NC	15	12	16	22
ND	82	81	100	98
OH	80	73	90	89
SD	95	90	99	96
TN	49	45	57	61
WI	77	67	95	88
18 Sts	84	80	90	89

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28	17	67	56
CA	25	19	24	26
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	99	94	100	98
IL	80	61	90	91
IN	82	76	92	90
KS	93	88	95	95
MI	98	93	96	96
MO	48	39	75	77
MT	100	99	99	97
NE	99	98	100	100
NC	37	24	38	36
OH	90	82	92	94
OK	92	89	95	87
OR	94	85	81	83
SD	100	97	100	99
TX	83	82	88	82
WA	99	98	100	99
18 Sts	89	85	92	89

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.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	18	9	47	33
CA	11	7	9	11
CO	100	99	89	94
ID	65	54	69	68
IL	66	38	59	68
IN	62	44	69	69
KS	79	70	80	82
MI	76	56	74	75
MO	37	23	54	54
MT	90	82	83	76
NE	97	92	97	98
NC	15	10	20	21
OH	76	55	68	76
OK	82	76	85	73
OR	76	60	46	46
SD	91	78	79	83
TX	69	62	72	62
WA	92	85	89	91
18 Sts	77	68	76	74

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.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	99	98	99	100
AZ	100	100	100	100
AR	100	100	97	99
CA	99	99	100	100
GA	98	97	96	97
LA	100	100	100	100
MS	100	100	100	100
MO	100	100	98	100
NC	100	100	97	99
OK	95	94	98	98
SC	99	97	91	96
TN	100	100	97	99
TX	87	75	93	96
VA	100	100	93	97
14 Sts	94	89	96	98

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	54	41	63	64
AZ	50	28	41	52
AR	65	56	72	81
CA	75	60	58	65
GA	57	44	46	54
LA	89	75	97	90
MS	85	78	90	85
MO	57	48	65	81
NC	64	53	32	40
OK	43	34	48	52
SC	53	45	34	48
TN	51	42	56	77
TX	31	26	38	47
VA	51	40	37	45
14 Sts	53	44	53	60

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	98
CO	89	82	100	99
IL	100	100	99	99
KS	94	90	90	97
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	99	97	98	100
NE	99	95	100	100
NM	44	32	63	90
OK	75	71	90	92
SD	100	97	100	100
TX	92	89	82	94
11 Sts	93	89	89	96

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	40	25	63	65
IL	82	79	65	86
KS	52	43	64	80
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	70	64	82	88
NE	61	43	79	83
NM	11	5	25	38
OK	60	54	68	73
SD	71	54	94	84
TX	69	66	69	84
11 Sts	62	55	70	82

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	87	75	93	89
FL	94	91	97	96
GA	85	72	90	90
NC	95	91	85	79
OK	76	62	83	79
TX	39	33	43	49
VA	98	87	93	95
7 Sts	77	68	81	81

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	84	64	78	76
MI	68	36	89	78
MN	98	94	99	99
ND	97	96	100	100
4 Sts	90	80	94	92

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 31, 2004	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 31, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	55	41	77	60
KS	47	32	78	81
ND	14	12	93	75
SD	35	28	87	82
4 Sts	25	19	89	76

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

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition
by Percent, Selected States
Week Ending Oct 31, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	1	35	55	9
CA	0	0	40	20	40
CO	1	3	17	45	34
ID	0	0	19	64	17
IL	1	2	27	66	4
IN	1	2	34	53	10
KS	1	2	15	66	16
MI	3	9	36	44	8
MO	0	0	26	69	5
MT	0	3	25	55	17
NE	0	3	34	52	11
NC	0	0	8	66	26
OH	0	2	23	57	18
OK	0	3	17	55	25
OR	0	0	17	69	14
SD	0	4	23	61	12
TX	0	2	17	45	36
WA	0	2	28	62	8
18 Sts	0	2	20	57	21
Prev Wk	0	2	22	56	20
Prev Yr	6	13	32	41	8

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 31, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	10	16	26	30	18
AZ	0	0	22	45	33
AR	0	1	16	42	41
CA	0	0	5	55	40
GA	9	19	39	29	4
LA	1	12	34	47	6
MS	1	6	17	49	27
MO	0	1	24	54	21
NC	0	1	20	66	13
OK	2	1	35	52	10
SC	0	5	21	63	11
TN	0	1	10	53	36
TX	3	8	22	48	19
VA	0	7	25	53	15
14 Sts	3	7	22	47	21
Prev Wk	3	8	23	47	19
Prev Yr	8	12	27	38	15

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

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

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 31, 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	2	12	38	44	4	NJ	0	0	75	25	0
AZ	42	21	18	14	5	NM	6	14	38	39	3
AR	4	13	36	42	5	NY	1	10	42	39	8
CA	55	30	15	0	0	NC	1	2	17	65	15
CO	5	20	46	26	3	ND	18	19	35	26	2
CT	0	8	32	60	0	OH	3	8	25	49	15
DE	0	0	11	83	6	OK	1	6	28	55	10
FL	0	15	45	39	1	OR	4	28	35	32	1
GA	1	6	37	51	5	PA	2	11	23	48	16
ID	1	11	43	45	0	RI	0	0	10	90	0
IL	2	10	39	42	7	SC	0	2	27	64	7
IN	4	18	40	35	3	SD	11	20	33	31	5
IA	5	20	35	34	6	TN	0	4	23	62	11
KS	5	20	37	33	5	TX	2	7	31	47	13
KY	1	9	32	48	10	UT	3	13	38	44	2
LA	4	17	42	36	1	VT	0	18	50	32	0
ME	0	0	40	55	5	VA	0	3	20	48	29
MD	2	7	20	45	26	WA	0	4	34	61	1
MA	0	0	10	90	0	WV	1	8	31	53	7
MI	7	27	39	24	3	WI	4	10	39	41	6
MN	2	10	36	45	7	WY	36	23	24	13	4
MS	10	21	37	29	3						
MO	1	9	33	49	8	48 Sts	8	14	32	39	7
MT	19	26	34	17	4						
NE	16	26	30	27	1	Prev Wk	9	15	32	38	6
NV	5	21	50	24	0	Prev Yr	16	23	29	27	5
NH	0	0	8	92	0						

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

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

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