

# 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			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Nov 28, 2004	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 28, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	85	80	100	97
IL	98	*98	99	99
IN	98	96	97	99
IA	97	94	100	100
KS	99	97	100	100
KY	100	100	100	100
MI	91	83	88	94
MN	91	89	99	99
MO	98	94	100	100
NE	93	90	99	99
NC	100	100	100	99
ND	75	66	100	98
OH	95	90	98	98
PA	95	88	78	89
SD	93	87	100	99
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	100	99	100	100
WI	83	75	98	97
18 Sts	95	92	99	99

\* Revised.

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

**Winter Wheat: Percent Emerged,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Nov 28, 2004	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 28, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	71	54	94	85
CA	40	30	33	38
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	100	98	97	95
IL	97	*94	99	99
IN	94	89	100	99
KS	96	94	95	95
MI	100	99	100	99
MO	85	66	94	92
MT	98	98	89	92
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	56	48	62	55
OH	100	100	100	100
OK	94	93	99	90
OR	100	99	84	89
SD	100	100	100	95
TX	86	81	87	82
WA	100	97	99	100
18 Sts	93	90	94	91

\* Revised.

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Nov 28, 2004	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 28, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	91	83	98	90
AZ	75	70	71	82
AR	92	90	98	99
CA	95	90	98	97
GA	89	85	82	84
LA	100	100	100	99
MS	100	97	100	99
MO	95	90	95	98
NC	95	91	80	81
OK	56	55	91	81
SC	89	79	80	86
TN	89	85	95	98
TX	46	45	67	74
VA	82	80	81	86
14 Sts	75	72	83	85

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Nov 28, 2004	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 28, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	75	70	99	98
IL	96	95	99	100
KS	85	83	96	98
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	94	87	99	100
NE	98	93	100	100
NM	59	53	65	80
OK	69	68	96	94
SD	96	94	100	100
TX	82	79	84	93
11 Sts	85	82	92	96

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Nov 28, 2004	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 28, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	100	98	100	100
FL	99	99	100	100
GA	100	99	100	100
NC	100	100	100	99
OK	96	94	100	98
TX	75	74	92	85
VA	100	100	100	100
7 Sts	95	94	98	97

<sup>1</sup> These 7 States harvested 97% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Nov 28, 2004	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 28, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	100	99	100	93
KS	85	79	99	99
ND	91	85	100	96
SD	97	89	100	99
4 Sts	92	86	100	97

<sup>1</sup> These 4 States harvested 87% of last year's sunflowers acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States  
Week Ending Nov 28, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	9	42	48	1
CA	0	0	20	35	45
CO	3	4	17	41	35
ID	0	0	16	57	27
IL	1	9	25	55	10
IN	2	6	23	54	15
KS	1	3	19	59	18
MI	2	4	20	65	9
MO	0	4	35	56	5
MT	0	2	19	54	25
NE	1	2	30	55	12
NC	0	0	11	73	16
OH	0	5	20	45	30
OK	0	3	21	52	24
OR	0	0	20	71	9
SD	0	0	24	56	20
TX	0	1	14	51	34
WA	0	1	22	73	4
18 Sts	1	3	20	54	22
Prev Wk	1	2	21	54	22
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 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](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.

**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.

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