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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			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	52	41	43	36
IL	69	40	58	51
IN	71	45	75	62
IA	70	37	59	56
KS	45	25	56	62
KY	36	17	35	38
LA	77	63	65	63
MI	79	42	14	32
MN	62	31	26	58
MS	89	79	90	77
MO	38	17	38	35
NE	62	25	52	53
NC	25	12	14	15
ND	59	35	24	61
OH	73	37	55	57
SD	86	62	57	72
TN	64	49	37	35
WI	76	39	25	35
18 Sts	64	37	49	53

¹ These 18 States planted 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

Soybeans: Percent Harvested, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	26	NA	25	12
IL	8	NA	10	5
IN	6	NA	13	5
IA	7	NA	3	3
KS	2	NA	5	11
KY	0	NA	1	1
LA	62	NA	46	34
MI	8	NA	0	1
MN	2	NA	0	5
MS	67	NA	72	49
MO	0	NA	4	3
NE	4	NA	5	5
NC	0	NA	0	0
ND	2	NA	0	5
OH	5	NA	5	3
SD	3	NA	0	2
TN	14	NA	8	4
WI	4	NA	0	0
18 Sts	8	NA	8	6

¹ These 18 States harvested 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	70	50	73	83
IL	97	95	97	96
IN	95	87	95	93
IA	98	88	90	94
KS	98	92	98	98
KY	99	95	98	99
MI	96	85	53	69
MN	96	91	62	89
MO	99	98	98	98
NE	97	94	88	94
NC	100	96	100	99
ND	91	79	51	86
OH	96	83	89	85
PA	91	77	86	76
SD	96	92	72	90
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	97	95	99	99
WI	91	74	41	68
18 Sts	96	89	84	91

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	30	15	16	34
IL	74	54	68	66
IN	59	38	62	52
IA	59	34	35	60
KS	76	53	73	82
KY	90	76	81	87
MI	52	28	9	19
MN	34	12	1	36
MO	87	76	83	86
NE	45	24	29	52
NC	97	88	97	94
ND	26	9	3	35
OH	34	14	29	26
PA	51	34	52	33
SD	43	21	17	39
TN	92	84	94	95
TX	83	77	83	90
WI	46	21	4	18
18 Sts	57	36	40	53

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	1	0	1	2
IL	13	6	9	10
IN	7	2	7	7
IA	3	1	2	5
KS	30	14	21	38
KY	31	15	36	38
MI	6	0	0	1
MN	1	0	0	1
MO	44	29	29	39
NE	4	2	4	8
NC	60	41	65	51
ND	0	0	0	0
OH	1	0	1	1
PA	14	7	19	10
SD	2	0	0	2
TN	40	22	56	59
TX	69	65	65	69
WI	4	0	0	0
18 Sts	11	6	9	11

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	2	1	1	1
CA	1	0	3	1
CO	52	20	58	45
ID	22	11	17	18
IL	3	0	1	1
IN	3	2	3	3
KS	16	4	19	14
MI	9	5	8	9
MO	4	1	3	1
MT	47	17	41	24
NE	51	21	45	45
NC	1	0	4	3
OH	2	0	0	1
OK	22	12	32	25
OR	7	4	2	5
SD	44	29	36	30
TX	32	19	33	27
WA	40	24	45	52
18 Sts	25	12	27	22

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	71	52	61	71
AZ	75	65	89	93
AR	88	84	68	77
CA	37	30	78	68
GA	54	35	75	71
KS	21	11	32	29
LA	97	90	78	87
MS	89	75	83	89
MO	67	42	61	63
NC	76	64	82	59
OK	41	24	71	58
SC	54	38	59	50
TN	74	55	52	71
TX	39	25	34	53
VA	84	75	81	51
15 Sts	56	43	56	64

¹ These 15 States planted 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1	0	2	4
AZ	4	1	3	8
AR	5	1	2	5
CA	0	0	0	0
GA	1	0	4	6
KS	0	0	0	0
LA	20	15	5	16
MS	8	2	6	13
MO	1	0	2	5
NC	0	0	1	1
OK	0	0	0	2
SC	0	0	1	3
TN	2	0	2	6
TX	21	20	17	20
VA	0	0	3	2
15 Sts	11	9	9	12

¹ These 15 States harvested 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	41	23	50	48
CA	5	3	28	17
LA	88	84	96	91
MS	28	16	71	55
MO	16	8	26	23
TX	96	95	98	96
6 Sts	43	33	57	52

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	12	0	5	12
FL	10	2	24	20
GA	5	1	7	10
NC	1	1	3	3
OK	2	0	2	2
TX	2	1	4	5
VA	0	0	14	7
7 Sts	5	1	8	10

¹ These 7 States harvested 96% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	99
CO	61	48	50	61
IL	93	90	99	90
KS	85	77	76	86
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	93	90	94	93
NE	95	90	80	86
NM	45	40	53	62
OK	73	68	66	75
SD	93	83	82	90
TX	78	66	74	84
11 Sts	82	74	75	84

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	95	87	94	95
CO	28	15	13	22
IL	70	58	77	54
KS	30	20	24	46
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	69	55	53	62
NE	29	6	14	39
NM	9	5	5	6
OK	32	26	39	48
SD	41	15	26	32
TX	61	56	60	73
11 Sts	42	32	37	53

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	76	52	78	78
CO	1	0	0	1
IL	20	6	3	5
KS	9	4	6	21
LA	99	85	99	91
MO	25	13	18	25
NE	1	0	1	10
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	18	12	20	28
SD	3	0	3	5
TX	57	55	56	64
11 Sts	26	22	24	34

¹ These 11 States harvested 98% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 11, 2005	Sep 18, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	1	NA	2	2
MI	1	NA	0	0
MN	4	NA	3	5
ND	3	NA	3	4
4 Sts	3	NA	2	3

¹ These 4 States harvested 82% of last year's sugarbeets acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 18, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	3	10	25	44	18
IL	21	27	31	18	3
IN	6	14	37	38	5
IA	3	8	21	47	21
KS	4	14	42	37	3
KY	4	13	26	39	18
MI	1	6	23	51	19
MN	2	4	19	51	24
MO	22	21	26	26	5
NE	5	9	23	44	19
NC	2	10	27	41	20
ND	2	6	23	49	20
OH	6	15	36	36	7
PA	3	9	32	47	9
SD	6	13	25	41	15
TN	2	9	31	46	12
TX	12	16	31	30	11
WI	6	17	33	32	12
18 Sts	8	13	27	39	13
Prev Wk	8	14	27	37	14
Prev Yr	3	7	20	47	23

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 18, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	10	21	35	29	5
IL	11	18	38	29	4
IN	4	11	33	44	8
IA	2	6	21	50	21
KS	2	11	41	40	6
KY	2	10	24	44	20
LA	7	14	41	35	3
MI	3	9	29	43	16
MN	2	4	23	46	25
MS	4	9	23	52	12
MO	13	21	36	25	5
NE	4	12	30	42	12
NC	5	22	30	38	5
ND	2	6	22	49	21
OH	3	11	32	43	11
SD	4	12	27	42	15
TN	4	8	29	47	12
WI	5	12	30	42	11
18 Sts	5	12	30	40	13
Prev Wk	5	12	29	41	13
Prev Yr	3	8	25	47	17

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 18, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1	6	19	66	8
AZ	0	5	28	60	7
AR	1	4	22	52	21
CA	0	0	15	50	35
GA	2	7	31	50	10
KS	1	4	41	45	9
LA	6	17	37	35	5
MS	6	14	30	37	13
MO	6	13	25	51	5
NC	2	18	37	42	1
OK	7	8	22	58	5
SC	0	6	31	61	2
TN	0	3	20	59	18
TX	6	12	21	46	15
VA	6	11	22	57	4
15 Sts	4	10	24	48	14
Prev Wk	3	9	23	50	15
Prev Yr	4	7	23	46	20

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 18, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	5	20	39	31	5
CO	4	21	41	33	1
IL	2	15	26	55	2
KS	3	12	40	40	5
LA	1	10	31	48	10
MO	11	21	47	19	2
NE	4	9	26	47	14
NM	0	12	44	43	1
OK	0	4	29	43	24
SD	10	10	36	42	2
TX	7	9	33	42	9
11 Sts	5	11	36	41	7
Prev Wk	5	11	37	40	7
Prev Yr	2	9	27	47	15

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2004 planted acres.

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 18, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	7	29	44	19
CA	0	0	51	42	7
LA	0	0	34	48	18
MS	4	13	10	55	18
MO	0	2	18	55	25
TX	0	1	31	51	17
6 Sts	1	4	32	46	17
Prev Wk	1	4	34	46	15
Prev Yr	0	2	25	47	26

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 18, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0	5	26	59	10
FL	0	5	33	53	9
GA	2	9	34	46	9
NC	0	5	39	54	2
OK	0	3	26	61	10
TX	0	3	20	53	24
VA	0	9	23	68	0
7 Sts	1	6	30	52	11
Prev Wk	1	5	24	55	15
Prev Yr	3	7	27	47	16

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 18, 2005**

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	9	25	58	6	NJ	0	50	50	0	0
AZ	20	25	33	18	4	NM	4	17	34	42	3
AR	38	35	22	5	0	NY	8	31	37	21	3
CA	51	35	14	0	0	NC	10	21	37	27	5
CO	11	26	37	23	3	ND	1	11	36	46	6
CT	38	33	23	6	0	OH	12	18	38	29	3
DE	7	17	57	19	0	OK	7	14	30	43	6
FL	0	15	35	45	5	OR	6	30	43	20	1
GA	3	18	39	37	3	PA	37	34	19	9	1
ID	1	15	41	33	10	RI	50	50	0	0	0
IL	28	28	30	14	0	SC	5	19	36	40	0
IN	9	23	45	22	1	SD	8	18	36	33	5
IA	17	27	31	23	2	TN	6	18	42	32	2
KS	6	15	42	35	2	TX	13	27	37	21	2
KY	10	20	41	26	3	UT	0	1	20	60	19
LA	27	40	26	6	1	VT	0	33	43	19	5
ME	2	9	16	71	2	VA	18	31	34	17	0
MD	8	20	42	30	0	WA	11	27	32	30	0
MA	1	12	64	23	0	WV	12	11	50	26	1
MI	16	32	34	18	0	WI	19	22	34	22	3
MN	5	9	31	47	8	WY	5	17	31	43	4
MS	14	30	40	15	1	48 Sts	14	23	33	27	3
MO	22	30	33	14	1	Prev Wk	13	23	32	28	4
MT	7	20	42	29	2	Prev Yr	10	15	29	37	9
NE	8	19	35	35	3						
NV	0	0	10	52	38						
NH	2	5	32	59	2						

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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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