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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.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	5	2	4	2
CA	2	1	4	4
CO	72	52	79	69
ID	35	22	34	33
IL	5	3	4	4
IN	6	3	6	5
KS	30	16	28	28
MI	19	9	25	21
MO	8	4	5	5
MT	71	47	63	46
NE	69	51	65	68
NC	2	1	8	6
OH	7	2	4	3
OK	41	22	45	39
OR	12	7	2	11
SD	65	44	48	51
TX	41	32	57	44
WA	52	40	54	61
18 Sts	39	25	40	36

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	0	NA	0	0
CA	0	NA	0	0
CO	30	NA	35	28
ID	5	NA	8	7
IL	1	NA	0	0
IN	0	NA	0	0
KS	9	NA	9	10
MI	1	NA	3	2
MO	2	NA	1	0
MT	10	NA	12	8
NE	34	NA	35	33
NC	0	NA	2	1
OH	0	NA	0	0
OK	13	NA	15	16
OR	2	NA	0	1
SD	13	NA	15	16
TX	11	NA	24	18
WA	25	NA	32	36
18 Sts	12	NA	15	14

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	45	30	24	55
IL	91	74	87	84
IN	74	59	79	72
IA	81	59	56	78
KS	89	76	91	93
KY	95	90	91	94
MI	77	52	25	36
MN	56	34	13	60
MO	96	87	93	93
NE	72	45	48	71
NC	100	97	100	97
ND	55	26	5	55
OH	65	34	52	42
PA	73	51	58	43
SD	74	43	28	61
TN	97	92	98	98
TX	90	83	96	96
WI	57	46	11	34
18 Sts	76	57	56	71

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	3	1	2	6
IL	30	13	25	21
IN	13	7	16	13
IA	7	3	5	9
KS	43	30	35	52
KY	48	31	53	53
MI	8	6	1	3
MN	2	1	0	3
MO	56	44	48	53
NE	10	4	7	14
NC	76	60	76	66
ND	1	0	0	2
OH	5	1	4	4
PA	25	14	22	15
SD	8	2	1	6
TN	61	40	75	74
TX	73	69	72	77
WI	5	4	0	1
18 Sts	18	11	15	18

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

**Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	59	52	55	48
IL	86	69	76	73
IN	86	71	87	79
IA	90	70	81	76
KS	68	45	76	77
KY	58	36	70	61
LA	83	77	75	71
MI	91	79	36	54
MN	85	62	53	81
MS	94	89	96	86
MO	64	38	57	53
NE	92	62	79	77
NC	46	25	22	23
ND	83	59	49	81
OH	92	73	74	76
SD	95	86	79	88
TN	80	64	53	48
WI	85	76	43	56
18 Sts	83	64	69	72

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	32	26	32	19
IL	19	8	26	16
IN	13	6	31	14
IA	27	7	14	13
KS	8	2	19	21
KY	6	0	10	7
LA	73	62	54	44
MI	19	8	4	5
MN	16	2	0	16
MS	78	67	82	58
MO	5	0	10	8
NE	19	4	15	12
NC	0	0	2	0
ND	17	2	1	15
OH	12	5	20	10
SD	15	3	1	11
TN	20	14	14	8
WI	11	4	0	3
18 Sts	19	8	17	14

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sep 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	76	71	81	83
AZ	89	75	94	98
AR	95	88	87	89
CA	46	37	84	80
GA	71	54	82	78
KS	39	21	34	37
LA	98	97	87	93
MS	94	89	91	94
MO	85	67	78	77
NC	86	76	89	74
OK	67	41	76	69
SC	66	54	70	63
TN	90	74	72	83
TX	51	39	50	65
VA	93	84	85	60
15 Sts	68	56	69	75

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3	1	6	9
AZ	11	4	9	12
AR	15	5	7	12
CA	1	0	2	1
GA	3	1	7	9
KS	0	0	0	0
LA	39	20	9	29
MS	19	8	19	25
MO	9	1	5	13
NC	1	0	5	3
OK	0	0	3	4
SC	2	0	4	7
TN	9	2	5	13
TX	23	21	18	23
VA	5	0	6	4
15 Sts	15	11	12	16

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	64	41	70	67
CA	20	5	47	31
LA	92	88	99	95
MS	60	28	84	70
MO	26	16	54	43
TX	98	96	99	98
6 Sts	60	43	73	66

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	22	12	16	25
FL	25	10	29	33
GA	14	5	14	19
NC	6	1	14	8
OK	6	2	5	7
TX	4	2	8	12
VA	9	0	28	17
7 Sts	14	5	15	19

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	71	61	60	73
IL	94	93	99	95
KS	92	85	87	92
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	96	93	97	96
NE	99	95	91	94
NM	52	45	59	70
OK	88	73	77	82
SD	97	93	92	96
TX	86	78	86	89
11 Sts	89	82	86	90

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	97	95	99	99
CO	35	28	17	32
IL	86	70	85	72
KS	42	30	40	60
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	81	69	71	75
NE	65	29	36	60
NM	11	9	6	14
OK	48	32	43	56
SD	61	41	35	51
TX	66	61	72	78
11 Sts	53	42	50	64

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	82	76	89	87
CO	4	1	3	4
IL	25	20	16	14
KS	13	9	11	28
LA	99	99	100	96
MO	41	25	33	38
NE	5	1	3	16
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	22	18	29	35
SD	12	3	4	11
TX	59	57	58	67
11 Sts	30	26	28	40

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 25, 2005	Sep 18, 2005	Sep 25, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	6	1	6	6
MI	3	1	1	1
MN	8	4	6	8
ND	6	3	4	7
4 Sts	6	3	5	6

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

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 25, 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	23	42	22
IL	21	27	31	18	3
IN	5	14	37	39	5
IA	3	7	20	49	21
KS	3	11	34	47	5
KY	4	13	26	39	18
MI	2	7	26	46	19
MN	3	5	23	46	23
MO	22	21	26	26	5
NE	5	8	22	45	20
NC	2	10	27	41	20
ND	2	6	23	49	20
OH	5	14	35	38	8
PA	6	12	31	39	12
SD	6	13	24	44	13
TN	2	9	31	46	12
TX	12	16	31	30	11
WI	5	13	29	38	15
18 Sts	8	13	27	38	14
Prev Wk	8	13	27	39	13
Prev Yr	3	6	20	48	23

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 25, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	10	19	34	30	7
IL	11	18	38	29	4
IN	4	10	33	45	8
IA	2	6	18	51	23
KS	1	9	37	47	6
KY	1	10	25	45	19
LA	7	14	41	35	3
MI	5	10	34	37	14
MN	2	4	23	49	22
MS	4	9	23	52	12
MO	11	21	35	27	6
NE	4	10	29	42	15
NC	6	20	33	37	4
ND	2	6	19	53	20
OH	3	11	32	44	10
SD	5	12	25	45	13
TN	3	8	29	48	12
WI	4	14	30	37	15
18 Sts	5	11	29	42	13
Prev Wk	5	12	30	40	13
Prev Yr	3	7	24	48	18

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 25, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4	8	25	55	8
AZ	2	7	33	52	6
AR	0	2	22	51	25
CA	0	0	20	50	30
GA	3	7	34	46	10
KS	3	6	28	51	12
LA	10	23	47	18	2
MS	12	18	36	32	2
MO	4	14	23	54	5
NC	5	16	29	47	3
OK	7	8	22	57	6
SC	0	4	25	68	3
TN	0	3	22	58	17
TX	6	11	25	45	13
VA	0	10	30	55	5
15 Sts	5	10	27	46	12
Prev Wk	4	10	24	48	14
Prev Yr	2	6	21	48	23

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 25, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	16	38	35	7
CO	3	20	41	34	2
IL	2	15	26	55	2
KS	3	11	40	40	6
LA	1	10	31	48	10
MO	11	20	44	22	3
NE	4	10	26	46	14
NM	0	15	43	41	1
OK	0	4	31	41	24
SD	11	12	37	39	1
TX	7	9	33	42	9
11 Sts	5	11	36	40	8
Prev Wk	5	11	36	41	7
Prev Yr	3	9	27	46	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 25, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	6	30	41	22
CA	0	0	55	40	5
LA	0	0	34	48	18
MS	7	11	32	47	3
MO	0	1	17	56	26
TX	0	1	31	51	17
6 Sts	1	4	35	43	17
Prev Wk	1	4	32	46	17
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 25, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3	9	34	47	7
FL	0	1	35	40	24
GA	3	10	38	43	6
NC	6	11	29	49	5
OK	0	3	24	65	8
TX	0	1	26	49	24
VA	1	2	33	59	5
7 Sts	2	7	34	46	11
Prev Wk	1	6	30	52	11
Prev Yr	2	6	27	52	13

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 25, 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	6	14	37	39	4	NJ	0	50	50	0	0
AZ	18	30	33	16	3	NM	0	16	38	42	4
AR	31	30	32	7	0	NY	10	32	29	25	4
CA	60	26	14	0	0	NC	13	27	36	24	0
CO	10	26	39	23	2	ND	4	14	33	46	3
CT	42	29	22	7	0	OH	8	19	40	30	3
DE	23	14	50	13	0	OK	7	12	32	44	5
FL	0	20	35	40	5	OR	12	25	37	26	0
GA	6	24	43	26	1	PA	31	47	17	5	0
ID	1	16	40	33	10	RI	50	50	0	0	0
IL	20	26	36	17	1	SC	9	26	40	22	3
IN	9	20	47	22	2	SD	10	17	32	37	4
IA	19	28	31	21	1	TN	6	18	42	33	1
KS	5	17	40	35	3	TX	16	32	34	16	2
KY	14	25	34	23	4	UT	0	3	17	63	17
LA	25	51	19	5	0	VT	0	18	58	16	8
ME	0	8	15	76	1	VA	26	32	30	12	0
MD	10	27	43	19	1	WA	13	26	31	30	0
MA	0	15	62	23	0	WV	8	28	46	16	2
MI	12	32	39	16	1	WI	10	29	37	22	2
MN	4	10	27	51	8	WY	5	16	30	45	4
MS	16	32	25	21	6	48 Sts	14	24	33	26	3
MO	18	25	38	18	1	Prev Wk	14	23	33	27	3
MT	10	22	39	26	3	Prev Yr	10	16	29	37	8
NE	8	22	36	31	3						
NV	0	4	11	40	45						
NH	2	7	29	45	17						

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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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