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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 Emerged, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 13, 2005	Nov 20, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	85	67	52	71
CA	25	15	29	32
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	89	85	98	92
IL	98	97	93	96
IN	99	96	88	95
KS	98	95	93	94
MI	100	100	99	97
MO	90	83	65	81
MT	95	94	98	91
NE	100	99	100	100
NC	48	29	46	46
OH	98	94	99	98
OK	96	95	93	88
OR	74	68	98	84
SD	97	95	100	93
TX	76	70	81	79
WA	94	93	97	98
18 Sts	91	88	90	89

<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			2000-2004 Avg.
	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 13, 2005	Nov 20, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	87	82	82	83
AZ	73	66	69	75
AR	100	99	89	94
CA	90	78	89	92
GA	81	71	84	78
KS	67	51	12	43
LA	100	100	100	96
MS	100	100	97	96
MO	100	100	88	92
NC	87	75	91	79
OK	66	57	55	66
SC	81	69	77	74
TN	99	98	83	90
TX	59	56	44	61
VA	88	76	79	79
15 Sts	77	73	69	76

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States harvested 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 13, 2005	Nov 20, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	99	91	69	89
IL	99	99	94	98
KS	97	92	83	91
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	100	96	86	96
NE	100	98	92	97
NM	37	25	50	60
OK	81	64	68	84
SD	100	100	93	98
TX	86	82	79	87
11 Sts	92	88	82	90

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 98% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 13, 2005	Nov 20, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	99	98	98	97
FL	100	99	99	99
GA	98	96	99	99
NC	100	98	100	98
OK	100	99	93	94
TX	95	80	72	76
VA	100	100	100	100
7 Sts	98	94	94	95

<sup>1</sup> These 7 States harvested 96% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 13, 2005	Nov 20, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	96	90	96	93
KS	97	92	79	93
ND	96	91	83	91
SD	99	96	87	96
4 Sts	97	92	85	93

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

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States  
Week Ending Nov 20, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	10	44	40	3
CA	0	0	25	50	25
CO	0	2	16	51	31
ID	0	1	7	84	8
IL	0	1	18	63	18
IN	0	2	16	66	16
KS	2	5	28	57	8
MI	2	3	28	55	12
MO	0	9	50	36	5
MT	0	1	50	37	12
NE	2	5	29	59	5
NC	0	4	33	62	1
OH	0	1	20	63	16
OK	4	11	39	43	3
OR	5	11	54	29	1
SD	2	14	36	41	7
TX	16	21	36	21	6
WA	2	2	38	42	16
18 Sts	4	8	33	46	9
Prev Wk	3	8	33	48	8
Prev Yr	1	2	21	54	22

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2004 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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