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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.

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

State	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Nov 27, 2005	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 27, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	92	87	90	89
AZ	77	73	74	81
AR	100	100	92	97
CA	95	90	94	96
GA	88	81	88	84
KS	75	67	14	50
LA	100	100	100	99
MS	100	100	100	99
MO	100	100	94	97
NC	92	87	94	85
OK	71	66	56	74
SC	91	81	88	84
TN	100	99	88	95
TX	70	59	46	67
VA	94	88	82	85
15 Sts	84	77	72	81

<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 27, 2005	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 27, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	100	99	74	94
IL	100	99	96	99
KS	99	97	85	95
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	100	100	93	98
NE	100	100	97	99
NM	67	37	58	71
OK	93	81	69	87
SD	100	100	96	99
TX	90	86	82	90
11 Sts	96	92	84	93

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

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

State	Week Ending			2000- 2004 Avg.
	Nov 27, 2005	Nov 20, 2005	Nov 27, 2004	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	92	85	69	80
CA	30	25	39	40
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	97	89	100	96
IL	99	98	97	98
IN	100	99	93	98
KS	99	98	96	96
MI	100	100	100	99
MO	100	90	82	90
MT	97	95	98	92
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	64	48	55	55
OH	100	98	100	99
OK	97	96	94	90
OR	84	74	100	90
SD	100	97	100	95
TX	81	76	85	83
WA	95	94	100	99
18 Sts	94	91	93	92

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

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States  
Week Ending Nov 27, 2005**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	7	41	44	5
CA	0	0	25	50	25
CO	0	2	16	51	31
ID	0	1	7	84	8
IL	0	0	14	72	14
IN	0	2	16	67	15
KS	2	6	29	57	6
MI	1	1	25	64	9
MO	0	9	50	36	5
MT	0	1	49	35	15
NE	2	5	29	59	5
NC	0	3	42	54	1
OH	0	1	20	63	16
OK	5	12	42	39	2
OR	5	11	54	29	1
SD	2	14	36	41	7
TX	24	25	34	16	1
WA	2	3	38	42	15
18 Sts	6	9	33	44	8
Prev Wk	4	8	33	46	9
Prev Yr	1	3	20	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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