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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 Setting Pods, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			2001-2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	98	95	96	93
IL	97	92	98	95
IN	93	86	99	94
IA	99	97	99	98
KS	90	83	89	88
KY	84	76	81	83
LA	99	97	99	98
MI	98	93	100	94
MN	99	99	99	98
MS	100	100	100	100
MO	93	84	94	87
NE	100	97	100	98
NC	65	64	74	68
ND	100	100	100	99
OH	99	96	100	95
SD	100	97	95	97
TN	99	97	99	93
WI	94	87	96	88
18 Sts	96	93	97	94

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

Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			2001-2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	20	15	21	14
IL	1	1	4	2
IN	2	0	3	6
IA	2	0	2	1
KS	10	7	2	8
KY	3	0	5	4
LA	53	47	43	29
MI	0	0	1	1
MN	3	1	1	1
MS	72	60	50	43
MO	2	1	2	3
NE	0	0	1	2
NC	2	2	2	1
ND	16	3	1	3
OH	4	1	7	4
SD	16	7	10	17
TN	18	10	18	9
WI	0	0	0	0
18 Sts	7	4	6	5

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	67	57	48	60
IL	95	88	96	94
IN	91	83	93	88
IA	93	77	89	81
KS	96	86	97	96
KY	100	92	98	97
MI	89	77	85	56
MN	95	75	87	69
MO	99	97	97	95
NE	94	90	94	92
NC	100	99	98	97
ND	91	79	84	76
OH	91	78	89	83
PA	89	78	79	71
SD	89	73	83	81
TN	100	99	100	100
TX	99	98	99	98
WI	79	62	67	57
18 Sts	93	82	90	84

¹ These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	25	18	19	22
IL	74	53	72	64
IN	57	37	58	51
IA	63	37	54	45
KS	82	63	67	72
KY	90	60	82	84
MI	45	27	43	17
MN	67	25	52	30
MO	90	81	87	80
NE	68	53	66	57
NC	92	86	88	88
ND	59	34	25	28
OH	47	23	44	34
PA	64	42	41	35
SD	55	31	45	36
TN	97	93	96	97
TX	91	89	88	90
WI	33	18	24	14
18 Sts	65	44	58	50

¹ These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	1	0	2	2
IL	10	5	9	11
IN	3	0	7	8
IA	6	1	5	5
KS	38	24	24	28
KY	48	20	46	44
MI	2	0	3	1
MN	3	1	1	1
MO	52	35	50	38
NE	4	1	3	5
NC	70	52	61	59
ND	7	5	0	2
OH	1	0	1	1
PA	16	14	10	7
SD	4	2	2	5
TN	53	32	41	50
TX	70	67	68	69
WI	0	0	0	0
18 Sts	12	7	10	11

¹ These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	35	15	12	22
AZ	38	34	39	53
AR	30	17	39	23
CA	25	21	16	26
GA	34	16	8	22
KS	10	8	2	4
LA	79	57	33	43
MS	60	37	27	37
MO	21	10	13	18
NC	9	4	8	17
OK	14	12	2	13
SC	10	5	14	17
TN	12	5	11	18
TX	22	19	18	24
VA	25	20	58	32
15 Sts	29	20	19	25

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	99	100
CO	83	71	90	80
IL	98	95	98	96
KS	88	81	90	87
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	99	96	98	96
NE	96	90	98	93
NM	50	49	87	71
OK	81	69	79	81
SD	99	97	100	97
TX	88	85	89	87
11 Sts	88	83	90	88

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	98	96	97	95
CO	32	24	24	17
IL	64	51	68	61
KS	45	30	41	42
LA	99	98	97	97
MO	73	57	69	62
NE	45	24	44	36
NM	7	6	9	13
OK	40	33	46	46
SD	67	55	33	43
TX	70	69	57	66
11 Sts	55	45	48	51

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	82	64	59	65
CO	6	0	2	1
IL	2	2	11	5
KS	7	2	4	7
LA	83	78	83	87
MO	19	9	10	13
NE	0	0	0	1
NM	3	3	3	1
OK	14	14	11	18
SD	2	0	1	2
TX	66	65	52	55
11 Sts	28	25	22	24

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	99	96	97	97
CA	81	62	84	89
LA	100	99	100	100
MS	99	98	99	99
MO	99	95	97	92
TX	99	98	100	100
6 Sts	96	91	96	96

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	1	2	4
CA	0	0	1	1
LA	73	58	62	70
MS	8	3	2	7
MO	1	0	2	1
TX	87	76	68	75
6 Sts	19	14	15	18

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

**Spring Wheat: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	76	56	57	65
MN	97	89	73	70
MT	90	81	68	58
ND	90	78	71	64
SD	100	100	99	99
WA	88	69	82	83
6 Sts	92	82	74	69

¹ These 6 States harvested 99% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Aug 27, 2006	Aug 20, 2006	Aug 27, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	71	53	52	63
MN	99	95	98	82
MT	82	65	68	62
ND	96	88	87	76
WA	81	61	88	82
5 Sts	86	72	75	70

¹ These 5 States harvested 81% of last year's barley acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 27, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	4	15	30	42	9
IL	3	7	21	47	22
IN	2	5	20	52	21
IA	3	8	24	45	20
KS	12	20	34	28	6
KY	0	2	16	44	38
MI	1	5	23	47	24
MN	8	11	23	44	14
MO	6	15	33	40	6
NE	7	13	27	38	15
NC	0	2	16	49	33
ND	9	22	36	30	3
OH	1	8	23	47	21
PA	3	7	28	45	17
SD	25	27	21	23	4
TN	5	10	23	45	17
TX	34	18	28	17	3
WI	6	9	28	41	16
18 Sts	7	11	25	41	16
Prev Wk	7	11	24	41	17
Prev Yr	8	14	26	39	13

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 27, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	9	17	31	33	10
IL	2	5	23	49	21
IN	1	5	21	57	16
IA	2	6	23	50	19
KS	6	18	42	28	6
KY	0	1	19	52	28
LA	2	14	33	42	9
MI	1	6	26	47	20
MN	5	11	23	44	17
MS	13	23	32	28	4
MO	8	19	33	34	6
NE	3	12	33	39	13
NC	1	5	31	53	10
ND	4	17	38	36	5
OH	3	9	27	46	15
SD	10	15	33	34	8
TN	4	8	22	51	15
WI	2	6	26	50	16
18 Sts	4	10	27	45	14
Prev Wk	4	11	27	44	14
Prev Yr	5	12	30	41	12

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 27, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	35	32	24	9	0
AZ	0	1	47	44	8
AR	1	6	27	48	18
CA	0	0	13	69	18
GA	16	27	32	23	2
KS	5	15	25	50	5
LA	4	12	29	48	7
MS	13	21	28	32	6
MO	0	5	22	65	8
NC	4	10	32	49	5
OK	26	33	26	15	0
SC	0	12	45	38	5
TN	1	4	20	59	16
TX	30	25	24	15	6
VA	0	11	23	41	25
15 Sts	18	19	26	30	7
Prev Wk	16	20	26	31	7
Prev Yr	3	7	25	51	14

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 27, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	13	38	39	7
CO	1	10	29	59	1
IL	5	12	28	48	7
KS	8	24	38	25	5
LA	1	5	26	58	10
MO	1	8	45	42	4
NE	4	10	36	39	11
NM	20	26	19	30	5
OK	9	21	30	28	12
SD	27	29	35	7	2
TX	34	21	24	20	1
11 Sts	17	21	32	26	4
Prev Wk	18	22	30	26	4
Prev Yr	4	12	37	40	7

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2005 planted acres.

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 27, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	5	27	51	16
CA	0	2	84	12	2
LA	0	5	47	44	4
MS	1	7	23	59	10
MO	0	3	11	53	33
TX	0	11	44	40	5
6 Sts	1	5	39	43	12
Prev Wk	1	5	38	44	12
Prev Yr	1	4	34	46	15

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 27, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	5	31	46	18	0
FL	15	33	26	19	7
GA	9	23	38	28	2
NC	1	4	21	67	7
OK	1	15	47	34	3
SC	0	2	34	58	6
TX	5	7	39	35	14
VA	0	6	27	43	24
8 Sts	7	20	37	31	5
Prev Wk	8	20	34	32	6
Prev Yr	1	4	20	56	19

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 27, 2006**

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	34	34	23	8	1	NJ	0	15	40	35	10
AZ	41	28	19	9	3	NM	4	16	30	35	15
AR	20	37	30	12	1	NY	0	7	33	41	19
CA	27	33	26	14	0	NC	2	12	41	41	4
CO	17	29	37	16	1	ND	32	31	24	13	0
CT	0	6	23	67	4	OH	4	13	36	40	7
DE	16	17	38	28	1	OK	45	36	14	4	1
FL	5	10	40	40	5	OR	16	23	32	24	5
GA	14	34	34	17	1	PA	12	31	28	22	7
ID	1	3	50	42	4	RI	0	0	10	60	30
IL	7	17	23	45	8	SC	6	15	32	43	4
IN	3	11	30	51	5	SD	31	33	24	11	1
IA	3	15	37	36	9	TN	15	23	35	25	2
KS	21	31	35	13	0	TX	57	24	14	4	1
KY	2	10	38	44	6	UT	3	12	35	45	5
LA	14	23	34	28	1	VT	0	0	40	60	0
ME	0	1	16	46	37	VA	22	33	27	15	3
MD	14	37	38	11	0	WA	6	7	42	45	0
MA	0	0	11	79	10	WV	6	20	36	36	2
MI	8	21	37	27	7	WI	5	14	35	41	5
MN	18	23	31	27	1	WY	44	28	23	5	0
MS	36	34	24	6	0						
MO	34	31	23	11	1	48 Sts	25	25	27	20	3
MT	17	35	31	13	4	Prev Wk	25	26	27	19	3
NE	35	31	26	8	0	Prev Yr	11	20	34	31	4
NV	24	36	29	11	0						
NH	0	1	28	63	8						

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2005 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 National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Field 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 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 Field 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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