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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 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001-2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	29	20	31	21
IL	3	1	13	9
IN	6	2	13	16
IA	8	2	11	7
KS	13	10	8	17
KY	5	3	10	8
LA	62	53	49	37
MI	3	0	7	4
MN	13	3	7	7
MS	80	72	63	54
MO	5	2	6	6
NE	3	0	4	7
NC	6	2	5	4
ND	36	16	7	9
OH	11	4	11	12
SD	22	16	27	30
TN	25	18	34	17
WI	3	0	11	3
18 Sts	13	7	13	12

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Bolls Opening, Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001-2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	49	35	26	33
AZ	60	38	49	65
AR	47	30	58	41
CA	32	25	22	35
GA	54	34	18	36
KS	12	10	3	9
LA	83	79	56	58
MS	88	60	51	55
MO	26	21	23	31
NC	19	9	23	29
OK	22	14	9	25
SC	32	10	25	26
TN	34	12	27	33
TX	31	22	21	28
VA	50	25	70	42
15 Sts	42	29	29	35

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

**Corn: Percent Dough,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	79	67	60	77
IL	98	95	99	97
IN	96	91	97	94
IA	97	93	96	92
KS	99	96	99	98
KY	100	100	100	99
MI	93	89	94	73
MN	98	95	97	89
MO	100	99	100	99
NE	99	94	97	96
NC	100	100	100	99
ND	97	91	92	86
OH	94	91	95	91
PA	90	89	87	81
SD	97	89	95	91
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	100	99	99	99
WI	87	79	86	72
18 Sts	97	93	96	92

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Dented,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	39	25	32	39
IL	87	74	86	79
IN	72	57	76	68
IA	84	63	79	69
KS	91	82	83	84
KY	92	90	88	90
MI	69	45	72	36
MN	85	67	75	54
MO	96	90	93	89
NE	87	68	82	74
NC	97	92	92	93
ND	77	59	49	50
OH	64	47	65	52
PA	65	64	59	52
SD	77	55	69	56
TN	100	97	99	99
TX	98	91	92	93
WI	51	33	53	31
18 Sts	81	65	77	67

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Mature,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	10	1	5	6
IL	20	10	25	22
IN	10	3	17	16
IA	14	6	14	14
KS	53	38	40	43
KY	60	48	56	61
MI	10	2	17	5
MN	7	3	4	4
MO	68	52	66	56
NE	17	4	6	10
NC	84	70	79	76
ND	12	7	3	6
OH	6	1	4	4
PA	17	16	21	16
SD	7	4	5	9
TN	77	53	64	70
TX	72	70	71	75
WI	3	0	6	1
18 Sts	20	12	19	19

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	90	83	95	89
IL	99	98	99	98
KS	93	88	96	93
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	100	99	100	99
NE	96	96	100	96
NM	60	50	93	81
OK	89	81	87	86
SD	100	99	100	99
TX	95	88	93	91
11 Sts	94	88	95	92

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	99	98	99	98
CO	38	32	31	32
IL	81	64	86	74
KS	53	45	58	58
LA	100	99	99	99
MO	83	73	81	76
NE	71	45	70	55
NM	23	7	27	23
OK	55	40	55	55
SD	80	67	57	65
TX	72	70	60	70
11 Sts	62	55	60	62

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	90	82	74	80
CO	8	6	4	6
IL	29	2	36	20
KS	9	7	5	13
LA	92	83	90	94
MO	31	19	32	28
NE	3	0	1	2
NM	5	3	4	1
OK	21	14	19	29
SD	7	2	4	6
TX	67	66	54	60
11 Sts	31	28	24	30

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	59	NA	32	40
CO	0	NA	0	0
IL	0	NA	2	0
KS	3	NA	0	4
LA	82	NA	70	69
MO	5	NA	4	6
NE	0	NA	0	0
NM	0	NA	0	0
OK	2	NA	7	14
SD	0	NA	0	0
TX	63	NA	53	55
11 Sts	24	NA	19	22

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	14	4	7	12
CA	0	0	2	2
LA	79	73	79	79
MS	16	8	5	16
MO	4	1	2	3
TX	92	87	88	85
6 Sts	26	19	22	25

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States harvested 100% of last year's rice acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	90	76	81	83
MN	100	97	91	81
MT	93	90	82	73
ND	98	90	87	77
SD	100	100	100	100
WA	94	88	94	96
6 Sts	97	92	88	80

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

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

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Sep 3, 2006	Aug 27, 2006	Sep 3, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	86	71	72	79
MN	100	99	99	89
MT	89	82	82	77
ND	100	96	96	86
WA	93	81	96	95
5 Sts	93	86	87	83

<sup>1</sup> These 5 States harvested 81% of last year's barley acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 3, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	4	14	22	44	16
IL	3	5	19	52	21
IN	2	6	21	49	22
IA	3	8	24	45	20
KS	11	20	40	25	4
KY	1	2	11	44	42
MI	1	4	29	45	21
MN	6	12	27	45	10
MO	5	13	31	45	6
NE	7	11	26	40	16
NC	0	2	20	48	30
ND	7	20	36	34	3
OH	2	7	23	45	23
PA	2	5	29	50	14
SD	22	24	25	23	6
TN	5	10	23	45	17
TX	34	18	28	17	3
WI	6	8	27	39	20
18 Sts	6	10	25	43	16
Prev Wk	7	11	25	41	16
Prev Yr	9	14	26	39	12

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 3, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	9	15	33	34	9
IL	1	4	21	53	21
IN	1	6	20	55	18
IA	1	6	22	49	22
KS	7	18	41	29	5
KY	0	2	18	44	36
LA	4	14	34	43	5
MI	1	6	24	52	17
MN	5	9	27	46	13
MS	10	22	37	28	3
MO	6	19	34	36	5
NE	3	11	28	44	14
NC	1	4	30	56	9
ND	5	14	40	36	5
OH	2	8	26	45	19
SD	10	16	28	34	12
TN	4	9	22	50	15
WI	2	8	30	40	20
18 Sts	4	10	27	44	15
Prev Wk	4	10	27	45	14
Prev Yr	5	12	29	42	12

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 3, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	33	36	22	9	0
AZ	0	1	47	43	9
AR	1	7	27	47	18
CA	0	0	8	71	21
GA	16	28	32	22	2
KS	5	10	30	50	5
LA	4	13	35	42	6
MS	10	17	30	35	8
MO	0	5	20	68	7
NC	5	10	34	46	5
OK	23	32	30	15	0
SC	1	10	42	39	8
TN	1	4	19	59	17
TX	23	26	28	18	5
VA	0	12	34	42	12
15 Sts	14	19	28	32	7
Prev Wk	18	19	26	30	7
Prev Yr	4	9	23	50	14

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 3, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	11	39	38	9
CO	1	11	28	59	1
IL	1	9	37	50	3
KS	9	25	40	23	3
LA	1	5	26	58	10
MO	1	10	40	44	5
NE	3	9	32	43	13
NM	17	17	28	30	8
OK	10	17	31	29	13
SD	22	26	38	12	2
TX	34	21	24	20	1
11 Sts	17	21	32	26	4
Prev Wk	17	21	32	26	4
Prev Yr	4	12	37	39	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.

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 3, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	4	27	53	15
CA	0	1	80	14	5
LA	0	5	47	44	4
MS	0	4	18	64	14
MO	0	2	10	57	31
TX	0	11	44	40	5
6 Sts	0	4	38	46	12
Prev Wk	1	5	39	43	12
Prev Yr	1	5	37	43	14

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 3, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4	31	43	21	1
FL	25	30	26	15	4
GA	8	22	39	29	2
NC	3	5	21	68	3
OK	1	13	44	42	0
SC	0	3	37	55	5
TX	2	5	49	34	10
VA	0	3	44	21	32
8 Sts	7	19	39	31	4
Prev Wk	7	20	37	31	5
Prev Yr	1	4	21	55	19

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 3, 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	33	24	7	2	NJ	0	10	30	40	20
AZ	41	26	19	11	3	NM	5	13	16	50	16
AR	15	34	32	18	1	NY	0	4	30	47	19
CA	30	35	24	11	0	NC	1	9	36	50	4
CO	17	25	35	20	3	ND	31	30	25	14	0
CT	0	4	21	63	12	OH	2	12	33	44	9
DE	11	20	35	32	2	OK	39	35	20	5	1
FL	0	5	55	35	5	OR	28	21	32	15	4
GA	12	32	34	21	1	PA	9	17	41	28	5
ID	1	4	54	40	1	RI	0	0	0	50	50
IL	6	10	26	48	10	SC	2	12	35	49	2
IN	3	10	28	52	7	SD	26	30	27	15	2
IA	3	12	35	39	11	TN	13	19	37	28	3
KS	17	33	37	13	0	TX	49	29	16	6	0
KY	1	8	31	49	11	UT	1	13	39	43	4
LA	24	21	32	22	1	VT	0	13	47	40	0
ME	0	1	10	36	53	VA	13	27	33	24	3
MD	10	29	36	22	3	WA	6	8	40	46	0
MA	0	0	0	70	30	WV	3	16	33	44	4
MI	2	15	31	45	7	WI	5	11	40	38	6
MN	14	24	33	27	2	WY	46	27	22	5	0
MS	21	28	37	14	0	48 Sts	23	24	29	21	3
MO	35	29	22	13	1	Prev Wk	25	25	27	20	3
MT	20	28	38	13	1	Prev Yr	12	22	32	30	4
NE	30	35	28	7	0						
NV	22	36	35	7	0						
NH	0	3	20	69	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](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 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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