

Crop Progress

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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.

Corn: Percent Dough, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	93	60	84	71
IL	91	82	99	97
IN	89	72	97	94
IA	75	53	91	90
KS	91	89	99	97
KY	93	82	100	99
MI	85	75	86	79
MN	73	44	98	86
MO	85	79	99	98
NE	92	85	96	95
NC	97	95	100	98
ND	58	32	95	82
OH	78	69	89	90
PA	86	73	83	81
SD	83	62	92	88
TN	100	99	100	100
TX	97	96	99	99
WI	61	46	86	74
18 Sts	83	68	95	91

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

Corn: Percent Dented, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	42	26	36	32
IL	48	29	89	78
IN	42	22	74	64
IA	33	13	72	64
KS	68	53	90	81
KY	78	54	94	89
MI	47	18	48	39
MN	24	8	84	59
MO	57	46	87	89
NE	63	42	75	69
NC	88	78	95	92
ND	14	2	57	47
OH	44	20	61	52
PA	50	39	53	49
SD	36	12	63	51
TN	95	88	99	99
TX	89	82	96	92
WI	20	4	51	34
18 Sts	45	26	75	65

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	4	NA	2	4
IL	2	NA	36	19
IN	0	NA	21	12
IA	1	NA	13	9
KS	15	NA	35	35
KY	29	NA	74	57
MI	4	NA	6	4
MN	0	NA	10	4
MO	9	NA	49	53
NE	2	NA	8	6
NC	67	NA	82	72
ND	0	NA	8	5
OH	5	NA	6	3
PA	18	NA	21	14
SD	1	NA	5	4
TN	38	NA	94	68
TX	65	NA	71	72
WI	0	NA	4	2
18 Sts	6	NA	21	16

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	93	81	98	98
CA	90	80	90	89
LA	100	99	100	100
MS	95	88	100	100
MO	97	93	99	98
TX	100	99	100	100
6 Sts	94	85	97	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	2	0	15	8
CA	0	0	1	1
LA	45	44	73	75
MS	2	1	16	13
MO	0	0	6	3
TX	80	66	76	80
6 Sts	12	10	23	20

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

**Soybeans: Percent Setting Pods,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	94	86	100	97
IL	95	92	99	98
IN	93	78	99	97
IA	95	89	100	99
KS	88	78	91	91
KY	88	74	91	87
LA	99	97	100	99
MI	100	98	100	97
MN	99	97	100	99
MS	99	98	100	100
MO	69	57	93	94
NE	96	93	99	99
NC	76	67	76	76
ND	100	100	100	100
OH	100	96	100	99
SD	99	95	99	99
TN	93	87	95	96
WI	98	90	99	95
18 Sts	94	88	98	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	99	96	97	98
AZ	100	97	100	100
AR	100	100	100	100
CA	94	92	98	98
GA	96	96	100	100
KS	100	90	100	90
LA	100	100	100	100
MS	100	100	100	100
MO	100	100	100	100
NC	96	95	100	100
OK	98	88	91	96
SC	97	95	97	96
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	89	79	92	94
VA	100	100	100	100
15 Sts	94	89	96	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	44	30	39	29
AZ	60	45	57	53
AR	18	7	56	37
CA	20	12	36	29
GA	19	11	19	27
KS	10	0	0	7
LA	57	45	52	53
MS	25	12	69	55
MO	16	4	62	27
NC	11	8	41	24
OK	11	5	8	16
SC	7	3	23	21
TN	11	3	71	32
TX	20	19	17	21
VA	18	10	45	44
15 Sts	21	16	32	28

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	99	95	99	90
IL	94	86	100	98
KS	86	80	96	90
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	88	83	92	97
NE	98	91	100	96
NM	81	74	44	65
OK	68	58	90	85
SD	93	87	100	99
TX	87	86	97	89
11 Sts	88	84	96	90

¹ These 11 States planted 95% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	93	87	100	98
CO	87	81	41	32
IL	37	31	82	71
KS	40	24	57	47
LA	100	100	99	99
MO	38	34	54	68
NE	30	17	56	47
NM	38	28	25	17
OK	39	28	33	45
SD	54	34	78	60
TX	67	66	81	67
11 Sts	55	46	68	58

¹ These 11 States planted 95% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	66	36	95	80
CO	10	4	11	6
IL	0	0	30	18
KS	3	2	3	5
LA	99	98	97	92
MO	3	1	16	18
NE	0	0	1	1
NM	1	0	3	3
OK	16	10	10	18
SD	0	0	9	4
TX	61	60	66	59
11 Sts	30	28	34	31

¹ These 11 States planted 95% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	1	59	40
CO	0	0	0	0
IL	0	0	2	1
KS	0	0	0	1
LA	68	51	84	72
MO	0	0	4	2
NE	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	3	1	2	5
SD	0	0	0	0
TX	60	57	58	55
11 Sts	25	23	27	25

¹ These 11 States harvested 96% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	53	38	85	75
MN	92	75	100	90
MT	75	60	95	83
ND	93	81	98	89
WA	62	51	92	92
5 Sts	79	66	95	85

¹ These 5 States harvested 85% of last year's barley acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IA	100	97	100	100
MN	93	82	100	96
NE	100	99	100	100
ND	90	77	96	89
OH	100	100	100	100
PA	99	96	99	98
SD	100	97	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	98	86	100	98
9 Sts	96	88	99	96

¹ These 9 States harvested 71% of last year's oat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Aug 31, 2008	Aug 24, 2008	Aug 31, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	54	33	88	80
MN	84	45	98	82
MT	80	61	91	81
ND	81	62	92	80
SD	97	91	100	100
WA	67	56	94	93
6 Sts	81	61	93	83

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

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 31, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	4	7	30	44	15
IL	3	5	24	52	16
IN	4	10	27	43	16
IA	2	9	26	48	15
KS	4	9	36	42	9
KY	1	11	29	42	17
MI	14	13	31	27	15
MN	4	8	24	52	12
MO	4	12	37	38	9
NE	2	4	18	54	22
NC	23	24	31	18	4
ND	4	8	22	49	17
OH	7	16	33	35	9
PA	1	8	24	47	20
SD	1	4	17	52	26
TN	3	15	35	41	6
TX	16	16	26	38	4
WI	8	17	26	41	8
18 Sts	4	9	26	46	15
Prev Wk	4	8	24	48	16
Prev Yr	6	10	25	44	15

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 31, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	5	13	33	36	13
IL	3	7	28	52	10
IN	6	12	33	37	12
IA	2	8	28	48	14
KS	1	4	27	49	19
KY	3	16	38	33	10
LA	6	15	38	36	5
MI	10	19	31	33	7
MN	3	6	26	51	14
MS	6	8	27	41	18
MO	4	15	39	34	8
NE	2	7	25	53	13
NC	4	15	35	36	10
ND	2	5	16	53	24
OH	6	17	39	32	6
SD	1	2	22	52	23
TN	11	19	32	35	3
WI	10	19	21	43	7
18 Sts	4	10	29	44	13
Prev Wk	3	9	27	47	14
Prev Yr	6	11	27	43	13

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 31, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1	1	31	52	15
FL	0	4	21	56	19
GA	1	7	33	48	11
NC	0	5	37	45	13
OK	0	2	24	70	4
SC	0	3	22	64	11
TX	1	5	28	53	13
VA	0	12	30	54	4
8 Sts	1	5	30	51	13
Prev Wk	1	5	28	53	13
Prev Yr	7	12	35	37	9

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 31, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	6	27	51	16
CA	1	5	30	50	14
LA	0	6	30	51	13
MS	0	3	14	46	37
MO	0	0	5	47	48
TX	1	1	21	61	16
6 Sts	0	5	25	51	19
Prev Wk	0	4	24	52	20
Prev Yr	0	3	26	51	20

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2007 planted acres.

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 31, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2	12	40	40	6
AZ	0	1	19	62	18
AR	0	7	39	39	15
CA	0	1	4	25	70
GA	4	10	36	43	7
KS	5	10	25	50	10
LA	5	16	40	38	1
MS	6	8	21	42	23
MO	3	8	25	56	8
NC	1	9	36	45	9
OK	3	14	40	34	9
SC	4	15	43	34	4
TN	0	7	33	53	7
TX	9	20	31	31	9
VA	0	12	40	45	3
15 Sts	5	14	31	38	12
Prev Wk	6	13	33	37	11
Prev Yr	6	13	29	39	13

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 31, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	7	42	39	12
CO	2	8	55	34	1
IL	0	8	20	68	4
KS	3	9	29	48	11
LA	0	11	44	42	3
MO	1	6	39	48	6
NE	0	3	23	54	20
NM	0	7	63	29	1
OK	1	16	28	51	4
SD	3	6	21	53	17
TX	6	16	38	35	5
11 Sts	4	11	34	43	8
Prev Wk	3	10	34	44	9
Prev Yr	2	7	28	50	13

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2007 planted acres.

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Aug 31, 2008**

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	4	17	37	34	8	NJ	0	5	70	25	0
AZ	3	25	33	29	10	NM	3	11	35	39	12
AR	0	3	32	56	9	NY	1	4	16	59	20
CA	80	20	0	0	0	NC	17	23	30	26	4
CO	10	23	38	26	3	ND	21	32	29	16	2
CT	0	4	31	50	15	OH	7	25	36	29	3
DE	48	32	14	5	1	OK	2	9	36	46	7
FL	0	5	20	65	10	OR	21	30	32	17	0
GA	8	15	38	37	2	PA	9	21	40	27	3
ID	3	21	42	31	3	RI	0	15	35	30	20
IL	3	7	38	46	6	SC	11	21	37	30	1
IN	12	24	33	24	7	SD	1	7	23	56	13
IA	4	13	33	43	7	TN	14	25	35	24	2
KS	7	10	28	47	8	TX	11	23	39	23	4
KY	24	28	31	16	1	UT	5	13	27	42	13
LA	4	16	41	36	3	VT	0	0	28	62	10
ME	1	1	7	70	21	VA	16	26	42	15	1
MD	14	19	35	26	6	WA	4	49	23	24	0
MA	0	0	53	47	0	WV	1	7	53	37	2
MI	27	40	18	12	3	WI	23	33	26	16	2
MN	11	23	37	28	1	WY	1	13	45	35	6
MS	3	9	33	40	15						
MO	2	9	34	49	6	48 Sts	12	18	31	33	6
MT	4	26	31	29	10						
NE	5	12	28	47	8	Prev	12	18	31	33	6
NV	8	20	50	21	1	Wk	17	18	27	30	8
NH	1	2	22	58	17	Prev Yr					

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National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2007 planted acres.

Crop Progress and Condition Survey and Estimating Procedures

Survey Procedures: Crop progress and condition estimates are based on survey data collected each week from early April through the end of November. The non-probability crop progress and condition surveys include input from 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 various stages of development. They also provide subjective evaluations of crop conditions.

Most reporters complete their questionnaires on Friday or early Monday morning and submit them to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Field Offices in their States 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 when questionnaires are 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 by projections for weekend changes in progress and condition. 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, significantly reducing 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 used as reporting guidelines are available on the NASS website at:

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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.

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* that is released after 12:00 pm ET on the second business day of the week. These estimates are subject to revision the following week.

Crop Progress and Condition tables expected next week:

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