

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.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	98	93	93	83
IL	95	91	100	99
IN	94	89	99	97
IA	82	75	97	96
KS	97	91	100	99
KY	99	93	100	99
MI	90	85	93	87
MN	94	73	100	95
MO	92	85	100	100
NE	94	92	99	98
NC	100	97	100	100
ND	82	58	98	90
OH	92	78	94	95
PA	90	86	92	87
SD	93	83	99	96
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	98	97	100	100
WI	76	61	92	84
18 Sts	91	83	98	96

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

Corn: Percent Dented, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	57	42	52	51
IL	60	48	96	88
IN	61	42	85	77
IA	50	33	87	82
KS	85	68	96	92
KY	85	78	97	92
MI	68	47	69	58
MN	61	24	94	76
MO	72	57	95	95
NE	70	63	89	83
NC	96	88	99	97
ND	34	14	76	65
OH	63	44	76	70
PA	62	50	67	64
SD	63	36	82	72
TN	98	95	100	100
TX	90	89	100	96
WI	31	20	67	52
18 Sts	62	45	87	79

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	11	4	8	10
IL	4	2	61	37
IN	8	0	36	24
IA	3	1	34	24
KS	28	15	56	54
KY	61	29	82	68
MI	10	4	17	11
MN	2	0	26	13
MO	17	9	71	70
NE	5	2	23	16
NC	84	67	93	87
ND	1	0	15	13
OH	10	5	8	8
PA	25	18	32	24
SD	2	1	20	13
TN	58	38	99	83
TX	66	65	79	78
WI	5	0	14	7
18 Sts	11	6	38	28

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	98	93	100	99
CA	95	90	94	73
LA	100	100	100	100
MS	97	95	100	100
MO	99	97	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
6 Sts	98	94	99	94

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	5	2	27	19
CA	0	0	7	4
LA	48	45	79	83
MS	8	2	35	29
MO	0	0	17	8
TX	90	80	84	88
6 Sts	14	12	33	29

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.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	98	94	100	99
IL	100	95	100	100
IN	97	93	100	100
IA	99	95	100	100
KS	93	88	98	98
KY	92	88	98	95
LA	100	99	100	100
MI	100	100	100	99
MN	99	99	100	100
MS	100	99	100	100
MO	80	69	98	98
NE	99	96	100	100
NC	85	76	82	87
ND	100	100	100	100
OH	100	100	100	100
SD	100	99	100	100
TN	97	93	99	99
WI	100	98	100	100
18 Sts	97	94	99	99

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

**Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	8	5	33	30
IL	2	0	29	18
IN	18	6	35	25
IA	5	1	20	18
KS	9	1	25	24
KY	7	3	17	11
LA	52	39	68	55
MI	11	2	5	8
MN	5	0	36	22
MS	40	29	70	71
MO	2	1	13	11
NE	3	0	5	9
NC	6	3	15	9
ND	12	5	37	28
OH	20	9	22	20
SD	26	12	34	38
TN	23	12	57	33
WI	5	0	11	10
18 Sts	10	4	27	21

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.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	100	99	99	100
AZ	100	100	100	100
AR	100	100	100	100
CA	95	94	99	99
GA	98	96	100	100
KS	100	100	100	94
LA	100	100	100	100
MS	100	100	100	100
MO	100	100	100	100
NC	100	96	100	100
OK	99	98	99	99
SC	100	97	100	98
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	95	89	97	97
VA	100	100	100	100
15 Sts	97	94	99	98

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.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	53	44	54	46
AZ	70	60	66	67
AR	28	18	71	56
CA	25	20	47	39
GA	37	19	28	42
KS	15	10	1	12
LA	65	57	72	69
MS	39	25	81	71
MO	28	16	83	43
NC	35	11	67	44
OK	29	11	15	29
SC	19	7	36	32
TN	25	11	87	46
TX	21	20	24	27
VA	31	18	63	60
15 Sts	29	21	43	39

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	100	99	100	95
IL	100	94	100	99
KS	92	86	99	95
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	96	88	97	99
NE	99	98	100	98
NM	82	81	48	71
OK	80	68	93	90
SD	97	93	100	100
TX	93	87	99	93
11 Sts	93	88	98	94

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	97	93	100	99
CO	91	87	50	44
IL	39	37	88	84
KS	52	40	74	63
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	52	38	69	79
NE	45	30	78	67
NM	43	38	38	28
OK	45	39	51	57
SD	67	54	88	79
TX	73	67	89	71
11 Sts	64	55	80	68

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	79	66	98	89
CO	20	10	18	14
IL	0	0	59	38
KS	5	3	7	12
LA	100	99	99	97
MO	10	3	28	32
NE	0	0	6	5
NM	1	1	4	4
OK	20	16	15	25
SD	2	0	17	11
TX	66	61	76	62
11 Sts	34	30	40	37

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	10	3	75	58
CO	0	0	0	0
IL	0	0	7	2
KS	0	0	1	3
LA	74	68	90	85
MO	1	0	7	6
NE	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	8	3	4	9
SD	0	0	0	0
TX	65	60	71	59
11 Sts	28	25	33	29

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	67	53	93	87
MN	95	92	100	93
MT	76	75	99	92
ND	97	93	100	95
WA	75	62	99	98
5 Sts	85	79	98	93

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2008	Aug 31, 2008	Sep 7, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	75	54	96	91
MN	87	84	100	88
MT	82	80	96	90
ND	87	81	97	88
SD	100	97	100	100
WA	83	67	98	98
6 Sts	87	81	98	90

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

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 7, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	7	13	30	36	14
IL	2	4	22	55	17
IN	4	12	27	43	14
IA	3	9	27	47	14
KS	2	8	32	48	10
KY	1	6	28	40	25
MI	10	13	32	31	14
MN	6	9	22	53	10
MO	4	13	33	40	10
NE	2	4	19	54	21
NC	21	24	31	21	3
ND	2	7	24	54	13
OH	9	19	37	28	7
PA	1	10	26	44	19
SD	1	5	15	51	28
TN	3	15	34	42	6
TX	16	16	26	38	4
WI	6	12	35	39	8
18 Sts	4	9	26	47	14
Prev Wk	4	9	26	46	15
Prev Yr	6	10	23	44	17

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 7, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	14	34	36	13
IL	3	5	25	54	13
IN	7	12	35	36	10
IA	2	9	29	46	14
KS	0	4	28	50	18
KY	3	14	31	37	15
LA	20	22	33	25	0
MI	7	19	31	30	13
MN	5	8	23	53	11
MS	5	11	30	39	15
MO	5	15	36	36	8
NE	2	6	23	56	13
NC	3	12	34	43	8
ND	1	5	17	57	20
OH	9	22	39	26	4
SD	1	3	18	51	27
TN	9	18	32	38	3
WI	5	11	36	40	8
18 Sts	4	10	29	44	13
Prev Wk	4	10	29	44	13
Prev Yr	6	11	27	42	14

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 7, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2	1	29	52	16
FL	0	0	17	69	14
GA	2	4	30	52	12
NC	0	3	34	55	8
OK	0	3	26	65	6
SC	0	4	19	66	11
TX	1	4	25	58	12
VA	0	10	40	44	6
8 Sts	1	3	28	56	12
Prev Wk	1	5	31	50	13
Prev Yr	6	13	34	37	10

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 7, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	2	8	31	44	15
CA	1	5	30	50	14
LA	6	22	39	27	6
MS	0	3	12	47	38
MO	0	0	7	48	45
TX	3	3	28	50	16
6 Sts	2	8	29	44	17
Prev Wk	0	5	25	51	19
Prev Yr	0	3	25	52	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 Sep 7, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2	13	38	41	6
AZ	0	1	19	64	16
AR	1	10	33	44	12
CA	0	1	4	25	70
GA	4	13	42	34	7
KS	5	10	25	50	10
LA	22	24	34	20	0
MS	6	8	24	43	19
MO	3	8	24	57	8
NC	2	10	28	52	8
OK	4	13	38	34	11
SC	4	16	36	40	4
TN	0	7	33	53	7
TX	9	18	32	31	10
VA	0	19	40	35	6
15 Sts	6	14	31	37	12
Prev Wk	5	14	31	38	12
Prev Yr	6	14	28	39	13

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 7, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	9	40	38	12
CO	4	13	45	37	1
IL	3	2	16	58	21
KS	1	8	30	50	11
LA	0	11	44	42	3
MO	1	5	38	49	7
NE	1	4	21	52	22
NM	0	31	33	35	1
OK	2	17	29	48	4
SD	3	4	22	55	16
TX	5	14	36	40	5
11 Sts	3	11	33	44	9
Prev Wk	4	11	34	43	8
Prev Yr	2	7	26	51	14

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 Sep 7, 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	16	33	39	8	NJ	0	0	70	30	0
AZ	3	25	33	29	10	NM	5	9	36	39	11
AR	0	3	28	55	14	NY	0	9	19	57	15
CA	80	20	0	0	0	NC	10	23	35	28	4
CO	10	23	40	24	3	ND	19	31	31	17	2
CT	0	3	26	59	12	OH	17	30	34	18	1
DE	35	50	10	5	0	OK	2	8	36	46	8
FL	5	5	20	50	20	OR	22	30	35	13	0
GA	6	16	39	37	2	PA	13	35	30	20	2
ID	3	23	44	28	2	RI	0	15	35	30	20
IL	3	4	34	51	8	SC	9	21	36	33	1
IN	14	25	33	25	3	SD	1	9	27	48	15
IA	4	15	34	40	7	TN	13	26	36	24	1
KS	4	9	30	49	8	TX	9	19	38	28	6
KY	21	29	33	16	1	UT	4	12	29	46	9
LA	6	17	41	34	2	VT	0	14	34	50	2
ME	1	1	20	77	1	VA	10	21	47	22	0
MD	10	23	39	22	6	WA	13	25	25	35	2
MA	0	0	42	58	0	WV	1	11	44	41	3
MI	22	28	28	19	3	WI	16	27	33	23	1
MN	12	20	32	33	3	WY	2	14	44	34	6
MS	0	3	44	44	9						
MO	2	7	32	52	7	48 Sts	11	17	32	34	6
MT	4	20	39	32	5						
NE	4	11	29	49	7	Prev	12	18	31	33	6
NV	9	19	47	24	1	Wk	18	18	26	30	8
NH	2	1	15	73	9	Prev Yr					

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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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