

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 Dented,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	94	80	87	86
IL	90	77	100	98
IN	89	77	98	95
IA	85	71	97	97
KS	100	94	100	99
KY	99	93	100	99
MI	89	78	93	84
MN	95	81	100	93
MO	90	81	99	99
NE	95	85	99	97
NC	100	99	100	100
ND	84	55	97	89
OH	100	83	94	94
PA	78	70	91	84
SD	95	81	99	94
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	98	95	100	99
WI	65	48	93	82
18 Sts	90	78	98	95

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 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	52	34	54	41
IL	31	16	94	77
IN	40	19	73	59
IA	23	11	81	68
KS	60	41	90	85
KY	84	74	97	90
MI	34	16	64	43
MN	18	6	83	54
MO	44	30	90	90
NE	21	9	64	53
NC	98	95	100	98
ND	15	2	60	48
OH	48	18	41	36
PA	33	32	64	52
SD	24	7	60	48
TN	88	76	100	97
TX	75	67	92	90
WI	14	8	49	35
18 Sts	33	19	76	63

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	7	NA	5	3
IL	1	NA	40	19
IN	3	NA	18	10
IA	0	NA	6	4
KS	11	NA	37	35
KY	22	NA	64	44
MI	0	NA	5	3
MN	0	NA	7	3
MO	9	NA	54	47
NE	2	NA	8	6
NC	55	NA	79	69
ND	0	NA	1	1
OH	3	NA	4	2
PA	13	NA	17	15
SD	0	NA	6	4
TN	47	NA	92	66
TX	65	NA	77	72
WI	0	NA	5	2
18 Sts	5	NA	20	14

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	24	12	51	48
IL	24	7	79	64
IN	60	32	76	68
IA	43	16	75	73
KS	41	21	54	58
KY	43	16	65	45
LA	72	57	84	75
MI	58	28	46	50
MN	53	18	92	73
MS	62	51	89	89
MO	13	5	45	43
NE	37	13	50	60
NC	16	11	25	24
ND	65	30	84	72
OH	61	37	71	66
SD	73	43	75	79
TN	52	36	78	57
WI	47	27	65	57
18 Sts	44	21	70	64

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

**Winter Wheat: Percent Planted,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	0	2	2
CA	6	5	9	4
CO	58	34	41	57
ID	32	14	34	27
IL	2	1	3	3
IN	1	0	3	3
KS	12	5	14	20
MI	3	2	20	13
MO	1	0	5	4
MT	33	7	47	43
NE	44	18	52	55
NC	1	0	0	2
OH	0	0	3	2
OK	20	11	21	31
OR	17	15	18	15
SD	40	18	53	49
TX	22	8	16	33
WA	44	35	57	53
18 Sts	22	11	24	30

¹ These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	72	61	79	77
AZ	90	80	87	88
AR	74	60	93	85
CA	53	41	68	61
GA	68	53	51	69
KS	25	16	16	28
LA	92	84	90	92
MS	79	58	94	90
MO	69	46	97	74
NC	69	57	91	76
OK	55	41	48	58
SC	57	39	67	59
TN	76	45	98	76
TX	30	22	41	46
VA	77	54	91	78
15 Sts	52	40	62	62

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2	1	9	7
AZ	17	15	11	8
AR	1	0	15	9
CA	0	0	0	1
GA	2	1	1	4
KS	0	0	0	0
LA	10	5	6	19
MS	2	0	26	21
MO	2	0	34	9
NC	0	0	2	1
OK	0	0	0	0
SC	0	0	4	2
TN	1	0	13	6
TX	17	14	13	18
VA	0	0	0	2
15 Sts	9	7	12	12

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	100	96	93	74
IL	74	52	98	95
KS	77	63	97	86
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	73	61	87	93
NE	86	68	96	93
NM	69	49	71	60
OK	64	59	78	77
SD	90	85	99	94
TX	78	75	97	83
11 Sts	80	71	96	86

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 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	96	89	100	98
CO	55	41	52	36
IL	11	5	92	68
KS	18	10	34	34
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	32	23	53	62
NE	6	1	34	34
NM	6	2	7	8
OK	30	25	30	38
SD	10	5	64	44
TX	68	67	87	69
11 Sts	43	38	60	52

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 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	50	28	93	84
CO	7	3	7	3
IL	0	0	35	14
KS	3	0	4	9
LA	90	86	93	97
MO	8	4	19	26
NE	0	0	1	2
NM	0	0	1	0
OK	14	11	10	18
SD	0	0	7	5
TX	67	66	84	65
11 Sts	32	29	41	36

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 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	92	85	100	97
MN	100	99	100	98
MT	83	81	100	98
ND	100	100	100	98
WA	99	95	100	100
5 Sts	94	92	100	98

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 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	96	91	100	99
MN	99	97	100	95
MT	92	86	100	97
ND	97	91	100	96
SD	100	100	100	100
WA	99	96	100	100
6 Sts	97	92	100	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	30	16	53	56
CA	18	4	26	22
LA	81	73	95	94
MS	40	20	83	68
MO	14	6	59	36
TX	92	91	96	97
6 Sts	38	25	58	56

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	10	2	6	11
FL	14	8	13	19
GA	6	2	2	7
NC	3	1	2	4
OK	0	0	5	2
SC	11	6	7	12
TX	3	2	1	3
VA	0	0	0	2
8 Sts	7	3	4	8

¹ These 8 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 21, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	0	NA	4	4
MI	3	NA	2	1
MN	6	NA	9	8
ND	6	NA	10	7
4 Sts	5	NA	7	6

¹ These 4 States harvested 84% of last year's sugarbeets acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 21, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	5	11	30	32	22
IL	3	6	25	52	14
IN	5	13	29	42	11
IA	3	9	27	48	13
KS	3	10	35	44	8
KY	2	12	29	36	21
MI	8	15	33	32	12
MN	5	8	23	55	9
MO	4	16	35	36	9
NE	2	5	20	54	19
NC	21	26	33	18	2
ND	3	7	25	52	13
OH	11	22	34	27	6
PA	0	12	24	47	17
SD	2	3	17	53	25
TN	3	15	34	42	6
TX	16	16	26	38	4
WI	6	13	35	36	10
18 Sts	4	10	27	46	13
Prev Wk	4	9	26	47	14
Prev Yr	5	9	23	45	18

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 21, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	12	34	37	13
IL	3	6	28	53	10
IN	7	13	34	37	9
IA	3	9	30	47	11
KS	1	4	29	49	17
KY	4	19	31	28	18
LA	16	28	39	17	0
MI	8	17	36	31	8
MN	3	6	24	56	11
MS	7	13	31	36	13
MO	6	17	36	32	9
NE	2	6	23	56	13
NC	2	9	34	45	10
ND	1	5	14	58	22
OH	10	20	38	27	5
SD	1	3	24	52	20
TN	9	16	33	36	6
WI	8	15	30	37	10
18 Sts	4	10	29	46	11
Prev Wk	4	10	29	45	12
Prev Yr	5	11	26	44	14

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 21, 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	25	55	18
FL	0	0	29	55	16
GA	1	5	32	49	13
NC	0	2	28	64	6
OK	0	3	25	68	4
SC	0	4	33	55	8
TX	1	2	30	60	7
VA	0	15	48	30	7
8 Sts	1	3	30	54	12
Prev Wk	1	3	29	56	11
Prev Yr	6	14	35	35	10

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 21, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	2	12	30	44	12
CA	0	5	15	55	25
LA	6	22	39	27	6
MS	0	4	12	50	34
MO	2	3	10	46	39
TX	3	3	28	50	16
6 Sts	2	10	26	45	17
Prev Wk	2	9	27	46	16
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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 21, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3	12	36	43	6
AZ	0	2	15	66	17
AR	2	10	33	44	11
CA	0	0	10	55	35
GA	4	13	42	33	8
KS	5	10	30	45	10
LA	30	30	29	11	0
MS	7	11	24	42	16
MO	3	8	25	56	8
NC	1	10	32	51	6
OK	5	14	36	34	11
SC	5	13	52	28	2
TN	0	8	34	50	8
TX	8	16	34	31	11
VA	0	9	43	30	18
15 Sts	6	13	33	37	11
Prev Wk	6	14	33	36	11
Prev Yr	6	14	29	38	13

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 21, 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	43	35	12
CO	4	14	43	37	2
IL	3	2	17	61	17
KS	3	9	31	47	10
LA	0	11	44	42	3
MO	2	9	41	41	7
NE	1	3	20	52	24
NM	0	17	47	35	1
OK	2	13	28	53	4
SD	2	4	20	58	16
TX	5	14	36	40	5
11 Sts	3	11	33	45	8
Prev Wk	3	11	32	46	8
Prev Yr	2	8	27	48	15

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 21, 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	3	14	33	42	8	NJ	0	0	60	40	0
AZ	2	23	33	28	14	NM	2	7	43	34	14
AR	0	2	27	55	16	NY	0	5	23	56	16
CA	75	15	10	0	0	NC	10	17	28	40	5
CO	6	16	54	18	6	ND	21	30	27	19	3
CT	3	3	21	61	12	OH	11	27	38	22	2
DE	34	32	31	3	0	OK	2	6	30	53	9
FL	5	10	25	55	5	OR	23	29	38	10	0
GA	5	15	44	34	2	PA	19	31	30	16	4
ID	3	22	41	31	3	RI	0	20	30	40	10
IL	1	4	27	60	8	SC	5	20	43	31	1
IN	10	24	36	27	3	SD	2	11	28	49	10
IA	3	11	34	41	11	TN	13	24	36	26	1
KS	5	9	28	49	9	TX	8	14	37	34	7
KY	29	34	28	9	0	UT	4	12	33	42	9
LA	6	9	39	43	3	VT	0	9	31	60	0
ME	1	1	10	61	27	VA	7	23	40	28	2
MD	5	24	38	31	2	WA	26	35	31	7	1
MA	0	0	10	90	0	WV	5	23	46	25	1
MI	13	15	37	30	5	WI	9	29	38	21	3
MN	10	23	35	31	1	WY	2	11	45	34	8
MS	2	5	32	48	13						
MO	1	5	28	54	12	48 Sts	11	16	32	35	6
MT	8	21	38	28	5						
NE	4	12	27	46	11	Prev Wk	11	16	31	35	7
NV	11	23	41	24	1	Prev Yr	17	18	27	30	8
NH	4	4	33	43	16						

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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.

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