

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	99	94	96	95
IL	96	90	100	99
IN	94	89	100	99
IA	93	85	99	99
KS	100	100	100	100
KY	100	99	100	100
MI	96	89	99	92
MN	97	95	100	97
MO	95	90	100	100
NE	97	95	100	99
NC	100	100	100	100
ND	94	84	99	94
OH	100	100	97	97
PA	94	78	97	90
SD	99	95	100	98
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	98	98	100	100
WI	84	65	99	90
18 Sts	96	90	99	98

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	64	52	74	62
IL	52	31	98	92
IN	57	40	85	76
IA	45	23	92	85
KS	75	60	97	95
KY	93	84	99	95
MI	59	34	83	61
MN	41	18	93	72
MO	58	44	96	96
NE	43	21	83	74
NC	100	98	100	100
ND	39	15	81	68
OH	58	48	68	60
PA	64	33	74	64
SD	44	24	78	69
TN	95	88	100	99
TX	76	75	99	96
WI	36	14	70	54
18 Sts	52	33	88	79

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	16	7	12	8
IL	4	1	56	32
IN	8	3	28	16
IA	2	0	11	9
KS	21	11	51	49
KY	38	22	78	58
MI	3	0	10	6
MN	1	0	13	6
MO	17	9	66	60
NE	4	2	15	11
NC	69	55	88	80
ND	0	0	4	3
OH	8	3	8	5
PA	26	13	22	21
SD	2	0	11	8
TN	66	47	96	80
TX	66	65	87	78
WI	2	0	10	6
18 Sts	9	5	29	21

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	35	24	62	59
IL	57	24	94	84
IN	80	60	87	82
IA	70	43	90	90
KS	58	41	70	73
KY	64	43	76	70
LA	83	72	90	82
MI	80	58	70	70
MN	86	53	98	89
MS	73	62	92	94
MO	28	13	63	64
NE	71	37	77	84
NC	31	16	38	35
ND	94	65	95	88
OH	81	61	88	83
SD	92	73	90	93
TN	63	52	86	70
WI	79	47	87	77
18 Sts	68	44	84	81

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	10	6	34	32
IL	6	1	37	25
IN	15	2	22	18
IA	8	1	28	25
KS	2	0	8	12
KY	7	1	17	11
LA	56	42	61	63
MI	9	2	8	11
MN	8	1	32	22
MS	40	30	63	77
MO	2	1	12	10
NE	6	1	10	17
NC	1	0	2	2
ND	9	1	29	26
OH	15	4	15	14
SD	10	1	10	13
TN	8	0	25	19
WI	5	0	9	9
18 Sts	9	3	24	21

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	2	1	3	4
CA	11	6	14	6
CO	76	58	62	78
ID	50	32	49	43
IL	4	2	12	7
IN	5	1	10	8
KS	37	12	30	38
MI	13	3	39	28
MO	3	1	8	8
MT	52	33	65	65
NE	70	44	73	75
NC	2	1	1	3
OH	9	0	11	7
OK	44	20	36	48
OR	29	17	45	30
SD	61	40	73	68
TX	42	22	27	48
WA	60	44	66	66
18 Sts	42	22	38	45

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	NA	0	0
CA	0	NA	0	1
CO	39	NA	28	36
ID	5	NA	13	10
IL	2	NA	1	1
IN	0	NA	1	1
KS	11	NA	8	14
MI	1	NA	5	3
MO	1	NA	2	2
MT	7	NA	14	12
NE	26	NA	37	40
NC	0	NA	0	1
OH	0	NA	0	0
OK	14	NA	11	20
OR	1	NA	19	10
SD	23	NA	33	25
TX	15	NA	6	18
WA	34	NA	37	35
18 Sts	14	NA	13	18

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	81	72	87	86
AZ	95	90	94	94
AR	87	74	96	92
CA	63	53	79	70
GA	79	68	62	77
KS	50	25	30	37
LA	98	92	95	95
MS	87	79	97	95
MO	84	69	99	84
NC	82	69	97	84
OK	72	55	66	71
SC	71	57	80	70
TN	87	76	100	87
TX	40	30	56	58
VA	87	77	98	85
15 Sts	63	52	73	72

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	6	2	15	12
AZ	20	17	14	13
AR	4	1	25	19
CA	0	0	4	2
GA	5	2	2	8
KS	0	0	0	0
LA	28	10	13	31
MS	8	2	43	35
MO	6	2	44	15
NC	2	0	9	4
OK	0	0	0	2
SC	1	0	9	5
TN	7	1	23	13
TX	18	17	19	21
VA	3	0	7	6
15 Sts	12	9	18	17

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	100	100	99	84
IL	82	74	100	97
KS	84	77	100	92
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	84	73	92	96
NE	93	86	99	97
NM	70	69	92	70
OK	70	64	83	85
SD	96	90	100	98
TX	82	78	99	87
11 Sts	85	80	99	90

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	99	96	100	100
CO	71	55	65	45
IL	40	11	95	81
KS	29	18	57	50
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	41	32	64	75
NE	15	6	66	60
NM	10	6	27	13
OK	32	30	51	50
SD	25	10	83	66
TX	70	68	89	73
11 Sts	50	43	73	63

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	74	50	97	90
CO	11	7	11	6
IL	0	0	57	25
KS	4	3	11	15
LA	95	90	97	99
MO	16	8	30	39
NE	1	0	5	6
NM	0	0	2	1
OK	20	14	18	25
SD	3	0	19	13
TX	69	67	86	66
11 Sts	35	32	46	40

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	96	92	100	99
MN	100	100	100	99
MT	91	83	100	99
ND	100	100	100	99
WA	100	99	100	100
5 Sts	97	94	100	99

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg.
	Sep 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	46	30	70	73
CA	40	18	37	36
LA	86	81	98	97
MS	50	40	93	82
MO	29	14	75	58
TX	99	92	98	98
6 Sts	52	38	71	70

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	17	10	11	22
FL	30	14	22	29
GA	13	6	4	15
NC	7	3	9	10
OK	1	0	8	5
SC	18	11	18	21
TX	9	3	2	5
VA	2	0	14	9
8 Sts	14	7	8	15

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 28, 2008	Sep 21, 2008	Sep 28, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	0	0	9	8
MI	6	3	12	5
MN	9	6	14	12
ND	9	6	15	12
4 Sts	7	5	13	10

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

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 28, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	4	11	31	29	25
IL	1	5	23	56	15
IN	5	13	30	40	12
IA	2	9	27	47	15
KS	2	10	30	50	8
KY	3	14	31	34	18
MI	9	13	29	33	16
MN	4	8	23	54	11
MO	5	16	36	36	7
NE	2	4	19	56	19
NC	21	26	33	18	2
ND	3	6	24	51	16
OH	10	23	36	26	5
PA	1	10	22	49	18
SD	2	3	17	49	29
TN	3	15	34	42	6
TX	16	16	26	38	4
WI	7	12	34	38	9
18 Sts	4	9	26	47	14
Prev Wk	4	10	27	46	13
Prev Yr	5	9	23	44	19

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 28, 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	33	37	14
IL	1	5	24	59	11
IN	7	12	33	37	11
IA	3	8	29	47	13
KS	0	4	25	52	19
KY	8	23	30	24	15
LA	16	25	38	20	1
MI	10	16	34	31	9
MN	3	8	29	51	9
MS	6	11	30	38	15
MO	6	18	35	33	8
NE	2	6	25	55	12
NC	1	9	33	48	9
ND	1	6	16	57	20
OH	10	22	40	25	3
SD	0	5	26	52	17
TN	9	18	33	35	5
WI	9	14	28	42	7
18 Sts	4	10	29	46	11
Prev Wk	4	10	29	46	11
Prev Yr	6	11	26	43	14

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 28, 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	34	53	13
GA	2	5	31	50	12
NC	0	1	22	63	14
OK	0	2	22	69	7
SC	0	3	30	56	11
TX	1	2	29	60	8
VA	0	13	41	40	6
8 Sts	1	3	30	54	12
Prev Wk	1	3	30	54	12
Prev Yr	6	13	33	35	13

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 28, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	14	31	42	12
CA	0	4	13	55	28
LA	6	22	39	27	6
MS	0	3	12	50	35
MO	2	3	10	46	39
TX	3	3	28	50	16
6 Sts	2	11	26	43	18
Prev Wk	2	10	26	45	17
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 28, 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	35	44	6
AZ	0	2	23	56	19
AR	2	9	31	45	13
CA	0	0	10	65	25
GA	4	14	43	32	7
KS	5	10	30	45	10
LA	34	35	22	9	0
MS	6	11	28	43	12
MO	3	8	25	55	9
NC	1	7	27	56	9
OK	4	10	37	38	11
SC	3	9	50	36	2
TN	1	7	30	52	10
TX	6	16	32	35	11
VA	0	13	38	40	9
15 Sts	5	13	31	40	11
Prev Wk	6	13	33	37	11
Prev Yr	5	14	29	38	14

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Sep 28, 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	5	13	40	37	5
IL	0	2	16	78	4
KS	1	9	31	49	10
LA	0	11	44	42	3
MO	2	9	38	44	7
NE	1	4	23	51	21
NM	0	18	47	34	1
OK	2	14	26	54	4
SD	1	4	23	56	16
TX	5	14	36	40	5
11 Sts	3	11	33	45	8
Prev Wk	3	11	33	45	8
Prev Yr	2	8	26	49	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 28, 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	18	32	40	7	NJ	0	0	60	40	0
AZ	3	22	33	28	14	NM	3	8	35	37	17
AR	0	2	27	55	16	NY	0	3	23	60	14
CA	80	15	5	0	0	NC	9	18	29	38	6
CO	6	17	49	23	5	ND	20	28	26	22	4
CT	5	3	40	47	5	OH	13	28	37	20	2
DE	23	39	34	3	1	OK	2	7	32	49	10
FL	5	5	40	45	5	OR	23	30	37	10	0
GA	7	18	45	29	1	PA	27	19	29	20	5
ID	5	25	37	30	3	RI	0	20	30	40	10
IL	2	4	30	57	7	SC	3	15	44	36	2
IN	12	25	35	25	3	SD	1	7	30	49	13
IA	3	11	34	44	8	TN	16	31	36	16	1
KS	6	7	27	51	9	TX	8	17	36	32	7
KY	42	35	17	6	0	UT	6	14	32	41	7
LA	4	11	35	46	4	VT	0	20	32	48	0
ME	1	1	19	68	11	VA	6	18	37	37	2
MD	4	19	37	37	3	WA	12	28	39	18	3
MA	0	0	0	97	3	WV	7	18	46	28	1
MI	14	18	33	30	5	WI	8	21	45	24	2
MN	7	16	40	36	1	WY	2	12	47	33	6
MS	2	6	34	48	10						
MO	1	6	28	56	9	48 Sts	12	15	32	35	6
MT	10	17	36	35	2						
NE	3	12	27	51	7	Prev Wk	11	16	32	35	6
NV	15	27	40	18	0	Prev Yr	17	18	28	31	6
NH	4	3	40	37	16						

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

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.

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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.

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Crop Progress and Condition tables expected next week:

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