

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 Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 23, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	94	90	99	95
IL	95	88	100	99
IN	97	93	99	96
IA	86	70	98	98
KS	93	87	100	99
KY	100	99	100	100
MI	89	83	95	87
MN	92	80	100	97
MO	88	80	99	98
NE	82	67	99	96
NC	100	100	100	100
ND	53	33	99	93
OH	94	88	99	92
PA	87	81	87	88
SD	75	59	98	97
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	99	97	100	100
WI	83	69	97	90
18 Sts	89	78	99	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 23, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	82	74	76	79
CA	30	20	28	31
CO	99	99	100	100
ID	97	94	95	95
IL	99	92	99	97
IN	97	94	100	95
KS	95	91	95	96
MI	100	98	100	94
MO	76	64	89	85
MT	99	97	99	96
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	41	31	44	53
OH	100	100	100	97
OK	96	92	82	92
OR	69	55	90	87
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	85	83	69	80
WA	85	81	96	97
18 Sts	92	88	88	91

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 23, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	95	91	94	91
AZ	65	60	74	71
AR	100	98	100	96
CA	85	75	98	95
GA	81	70	76	82
KS	35	18	69	51
LA	99	99	100	100
MS	98	96	100	100
MO	100	100	100	93
NC	88	82	94	86
OK	56	44	67	68
SC	80	73	96	82
TN	99	98	99	93
TX	53	40	66	60
VA	81	73	99	85
15 Sts	73	64	80	76

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 23, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	89	82	99	89
IL	90	88	100	98
KS	86	73	99	93
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	89	82	98	97
NE	77	61	99	98
NM	98	45	100	64
OK	69	54	91	83
SD	91	74	100	99
TX	91	84	97	86
11 Sts	88	78	98	91

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

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

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 23, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	94	90	100	99
KS	86	70	100	94
ND	89	83	99	97
SD	71	61	95	97
4 Sts	85	77	98	97

¹ These 4 States harvested 86% of last year's sunflower acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition
by Percent, Selected States
Week Ending Nov 23, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	1	49	45	5
CA	0	0	5	50	45
CO	0	1	17	45	37
ID	0	0	13	78	9
IL	0	0	22	65	13
IN	0	2	23	62	13
KS	2	6	18	60	14
MI	1	2	19	58	20
MO	0	2	42	50	6
MT	0	2	37	56	5
NE	0	3	18	64	15
NC	0	1	16	80	3
OH	0	2	26	54	18
OK	1	5	31	51	12
OR	1	23	34	35	7
SD	0	1	32	57	10
TX	4	12	36	41	7
WA	11	22	44	22	1
18 Sts	2	6	27	52	13
Prev Wk	1	6	27	55	11
Prev Yr	6	13	37	39	5

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.

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:

www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/National_Crop_Progress/terms_definitions.asp.

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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