

# 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.

**Cotton: Percent Planted, Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Apr 5, 2009	Mar 29, 2009	Apr 5, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	0	NA	0	1
AZ	20	NA	19	14
AR	0	NA	0	0
CA	9	NA	32	16
GA	0	NA	0	0
KS	0	NA	0	0
LA	0	NA	0	1
MS	0	NA	0	0
MO	0	NA	0	0
NC	0	NA	0	0
OK	0	NA	0	0
SC	0	NA	0	0
TN	0	NA	0	0
TX	6	NA	11	13
VA	0	NA	0	0
15 Sts	4	NA	7	8

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States planted 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Planted, Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Apr 5, 2009	Mar 29, 2009	Apr 5, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	1	NA	1	11
CO	0	NA	0	0
IL	0	NA	0	0
KS	0	NA	0	0
LA	3	NA	14	18
MO	0	NA	0	0
NE	0	NA	0	0
NM	2	NA	0	0
OK	0	NA	0	0
SD	0	NA	0	0
TX	43	NA	52	45
11 Sts	19	NA	23	20

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 96% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Rice: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Apr 5, 2009	Mar 29, 2009	Apr 5, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	NA	2	9
CA	0	NA	0	0
LA	41	NA	49	45
MS	1	NA	1	5
MO	0	NA	0	3
TX	68	NA	59	46
6 Sts	11	NA	12	15

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States planted 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Oats: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Apr 5, 2009	Mar 29, 2009	Apr 5, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IA	8	NA	2	17
MN	0	NA	0	1
NE	21	NA	22	32
ND	0	NA	0	0
OH	27	NA	3	6
PA	24	NA	12	12
SD	0	NA	3	9
TX	100	NA	100	100
WI	0	NA	0	4
9 Sts	32	NA	31	34

<sup>1</sup> These 9 States planted 65% of last year's oat acreage.

**Sugarbeets: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Apr 5, 2009	Mar 29, 2009	Apr 5, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	9	NA	13	30
MI	6	NA	0	7
MN	0	NA	0	0
ND	0	NA	0	0
4 Sts	2	NA	2	5

<sup>1</sup> These 4 States planted 84% of last year's sugarbeet acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States  
Week Ending Apr 5, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	7	37	51	5
CA	0	2	21	34	43
CO	2	11	34	43	10
ID	0	0	20	73	7
IL	0	3	23	64	10
IN	0	1	25	57	17
KS	4	13	44	36	3
MI	2	3	27	58	10
MO	1	6	42	45	6
MT	1	5	36	51	7
NE	0	6	30	55	9
NC	1	3	28	58	10
OH	1	5	23	54	17
OK	16	21	38	24	1
OR	1	13	48	31	7
SD	1	5	36	51	7
TX	40	24	24	11	1
WA	7	13	35	39	6
18 Sts	10	12	35	37	6
Prev Wk	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prev Yr	7	14	34	37	8

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2008 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](http://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.

**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:*

- Barley – Planted
- Cotton – Planted
- Oats – Planted, Emerged
- Rice – Planted, Emerged
- Sorghum – Planted
- Spring Wheat – Planted
- Sugarbeets – Planted
- Winter Wheat – Headed, Condition

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