

# 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.

**Soybeans: Percent Setting Pods, Selected States<sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	92	84	93	97
IL	91	72	95	98
IN	88	76	91	96
IA	97	94	94	98
KS	93	84	87	90
KY	87	79	86	87
LA	100	99	99	99
MI	95	80	100	97
MN	97	91	99	99
MS	100	99	99	100
MO	81	65	67	89
NE	97	95	96	99
NC	77	62	75	76
ND	98	92	100	100
OH	96	94	99	99
SD	95	91	98	98
TN	96	86	92	95
WI	93	77	97	95
18 Sts	93	85	93	96

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves, Selected States<sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	6	NA	5	19
IL	0	NA	0	5
IN	2	NA	5	9
IA	0	NA	1	3
KS	0	NA	1	6
KY	3	NA	3	6
LA	40	NA	38	46
MI	0	NA	2	1
MN	0	NA	0	4
MS	22	NA	27	56
MO	1	NA	1	4
NE	0	NA	1	2
NC	1	NA	3	4
ND	0	NA	4	9
OH	2	NA	8	7
SD	11	NA	10	15
TN	4	NA	11	22
WI	0	NA	0	1
18 Sts	3	NA	4	8

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	88	75	91	96
CA	85	78	89	88
LA	100	99	100	100
MS	98	95	94	99
MO	72	52	96	98
TX	97	96	100	100
6 Sts	90	81	93	96

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	4	0	2	6
CA	0	0	0	1
LA	67	44	45	68
MS	3	0	2	9
MO	0	0	0	2
TX	66	61	78	78
6 Sts	16	10	13	19

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

**Corn: Percent Dough,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	60	43	88	68
IL	78	64	90	96
IN	79	66	87	93
IA	74	49	72	86
KS	93	86	91	96
KY	84	74	91	98
MI	65	41	84	80
MN	52	23	69	79
MO	91	79	84	95
NE	89	76	91	94
NC	100	96	97	99
ND	30	11	54	73
OH	82	75	77	88
PA	69	47	84	84
SD	68	40	80	85
TN	97	93	100	100
TX	98	97	97	98
WI	58	39	59	69
18 Sts	75	57	81	88

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Dented,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	30	17	40	28
IL	26	12	45	73
IN	23	9	39	62
IA	28	10	30	55
KS	65	45	66	77
KY	68	51	75	86
MI	13	3	43	42
MN	7	1	22	50
MO	66	52	55	82
NE	53	30	60	66
NC	95	87	87	92
ND	1	0	12	34
OH	34	17	41	52
PA	28	13	48	52
SD	11	3	33	46
TN	82	74	94	97
TX	83	81	88	91
WI	7	2	18	30
18 Sts	32	18	42	60

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Mature,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	6	NA	3	3
IL	2	NA	2	16
IN	0	NA	0	10
IA	0	NA	1	7
KS	12	NA	14	29
KY	19	NA	27	51
MI	0	NA	3	4
MN	0	NA	0	3
MO	13	NA	9	42
NE	1	NA	2	5
NC	74	NA	62	73
ND	0	NA	0	4
OH	2	NA	4	4
PA	3	NA	17	15
SD	1	NA	1	3
TN	17	NA	35	60
TX	70	NA	65	70
WI	0	NA	0	1
18 Sts	5	NA	6	13

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	84	75	98	91
IL	80	56	93	98
KS	91	80	85	90
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	87	80	87	95
NE	94	89	97	97
NM	90	75	80	67
OK	75	57	67	81
SD	92	85	92	97
TX	95	90	87	91
11 Sts	92	84	87	91

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	93	83	92	96
CO	55	50	86	41
IL	23	4	36	68
KS	26	11	38	45
LA	100	99	100	99
MO	42	26	37	62
NE	16	6	28	44
NM	16	5	37	20
OK	38	23	37	42
SD	33	22	51	57
TX	71	68	67	68
11 Sts	49	40	54	57

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	54	29	62	76
CO	16	11	9	6
IL	3	0	0	15
KS	0	0	3	4
LA	96	92	99	93
MO	10	1	3	14
NE	0	0	0	1
NM	0	0	1	3
OK	4	0	15	15
SD	2	0	0	3
TX	64	63	61	59
11 Sts	31	30	31	31

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	5	1	3	30
CO	0	0	0	0
IL	0	0	0	0
KS	0	0	0	1
LA	69	48	66	72
MO	0	0	0	2
NE	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	0	0	3	3
SD	0	0	0	0
TX	61	60	60	56
11 Sts	28	27	27	26

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	89	82	99	97
AZ	99	99	100	100
AR	100	100	100	100
CA	99	98	94	97
GA	98	97	96	99
KS	95	85	99	91
LA	100	100	100	100
MS	100	100	100	100
MO	99	97	100	100
NC	98	97	96	99
OK	96	84	97	95
SC	97	88	97	96
TN	100	97	100	100
TX	89	85	88	93
VA	100	99	100	100
15 Sts	93	90	93	96

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	9	3	42	31
AZ	48	43	58	53
AR	15	9	16	34
CA	20	18	19	28
GA	10	4	18	25
KS	6	5	9	6
LA	58	47	55	54
MS	22	8	23	48
MO	2	0	14	25
NC	12	7	11	22
OK	8	0	10	13
SC	12	5	6	17
TN	8	2	10	26
TX	21	15	20	20
VA	28	19	17	43
15 Sts	19	13	21	25

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IA	100	98	100	100
MN	73	56	91	94
NE	100	99	100	100
ND	43	15	88	87
OH	100	100	100	99
PA	97	87	99	99
SD	92	79	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	94	78	96	97
9 Sts	85	72	96	96

<sup>1</sup> These 9 States harvested 68% of last year's oat acreage.

**Spring Wheat: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States<sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	58	36	51	72
MN	28	15	78	78
MT	43	22	77	77
ND	22	7	78	76
SD	91	74	96	99
WA	79	62	65	85
6 Sts	38	22	78	79

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States harvested 98% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

**Barley: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States<sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Aug 30, 2009	Aug 23, 2009	Aug 30, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	48	29	51	68
MN	39	23	90	88
MT	44	26	73	78
ND	43	22	91	87
WA	82	65	60	84
5 Sts	46	27	78	81

<sup>1</sup> These 5 States harvested 84% of last year's barley acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	2	10	20	53	15
IL	2	9	27	47	15
IN	3	8	26	50	13
IA	3	6	15	49	27
KS	3	6	24	48	19
KY	0	2	10	46	42
MI	4	11	26	46	13
MN	1	4	22	54	19
MO	2	7	27	48	16
NE	3	6	15	50	26
NC	4	14	29	46	7
ND	1	4	29	57	9
OH	1	5	22	48	24
PA	1	5	12	50	32
SD	1	7	14	49	29
TN	3	5	14	53	25
TX	25	14	24	31	6
WI	2	8	25	49	16
18 Sts	3	7	21	49	20
Prev Wk	3	6	21	50	20
Prev Yr	4	9	26	46	15

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	6	13	25	39	17
IL	3	7	30	47	13
IN	3	8	26	51	12
IA	2	5	17	56	20
KS	2	4	17	57	20
KY	1	3	14	44	38
LA	4	17	37	36	6
MI	4	10	27	47	12
MN	1	6	24	52	17
MS	3	7	25	47	18
MO	3	7	28	48	14
NE	2	5	15	57	21
NC	1	8	28	55	8
ND	1	3	22	66	8
OH	1	4	25	55	15
SD	1	4	25	51	19
TN	1	2	14	55	28
WI	1	7	24	51	17
18 Sts	2	6	23	53	16
Prev Wk	2	6	23	53	16
Prev Yr	4	10	29	44	13

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0	0	20	71	9
AZ	0	1	17	50	32
AR	4	6	30	45	15
CA	0	0	15	65	20
GA	2	8	32	46	12
KS	3	6	33	52	6
LA	1	13	37	41	8
MS	1	7	26	49	17
MO	0	12	32	50	6
NC	1	6	26	58	9
OK	0	3	28	64	5
SC	0	3	46	50	1
TN	0	1	18	55	26
TX	15	16	30	29	10
VA	0	2	18	67	13
15 Sts	9	11	29	40	11
Prev Wk	8	11	29	40	12
Prev Yr	5	14	31	38	12

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	9	32	45	11
CO	0	2	22	65	11
IL	0	2	27	69	2
KS	1	5	21	58	15
LA	3	19	47	28	3
MO	0	4	31	56	9
NE	0	3	24	56	17
NM	7	24	10	57	2
OK	2	6	37	49	6
SD	0	1	13	62	24
TX	23	16	38	20	3
11 Sts	11	10	30	40	9
Prev Wk	11	10	29	42	8
Prev Yr	4	11	34	43	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.

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0	0	24	72	4
FL	0	1	22	58	19
GA	0	4	28	53	15
NC	0	1	30	64	5
OK	1	0	14	79	6
SC	0	7	29	63	1
TX	0	1	21	61	17
VA	0	0	9	82	9
8 Sts	0	3	25	59	13
Prev Wk	0	2	25	61	12
Prev Yr	1	5	31	50	13

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	6	32	44	17
CA	0	5	25	45	25
LA	2	4	21	49	24
MS	0	1	28	45	26
MO	0	4	16	55	25
TX	12	9	39	30	10
6 Sts	1	5	28	46	20
Prev Wk	1	5	29	45	20
Prev Yr	0	5	25	51	19

**Spring Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	0	2	6	71	21
MN	2	5	21	51	21
MT	3	9	38	42	8
ND	0	1	11	70	18
SD	2	8	28	54	8
WA	0	8	41	47	4
6 Sts	1	4	20	60	15
Prev Wk	1	5	22	57	15
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Barley: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	0	2	10	59	29
MN	2	7	25	49	17
MT	2	5	27	48	18
ND	0	1	11	71	17
WA	2	12	57	25	4
5 Sts	1	3	18	59	19
Prev Wk	0	3	17	60	20
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 2008 planted acres.

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Aug 30, 2009**

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	0	1	21	72	6	NJ	0	0	10	60	30
AZ	61	19	12	5	3	NM	11	28	42	17	2
AR	0	4	29	59	8	NY	2	4	24	52	18
CA	58	32	10	0	0	NC	0	7	32	57	4
CO	3	10	37	42	8	ND	1	6	31	56	6
CT	0	11	21	58	10	OH	1	11	30	49	9
DE	1	3	25	64	7	OK	2	10	37	47	4
FL	0	5	15	65	15	OR	15	17	39	27	2
GA	3	9	36	44	8	PA	4	10	21	58	7
ID	0	9	23	56	12	RI	0	0	0	100	0
IL	1	3	22	55	19	SC	2	12	42	42	2
IN	2	8	25	47	18	SD	2	4	23	54	17
IA	1	8	23	52	16	TN	0	4	18	58	20
KS	2	5	31	52	10	TX	34	20	26	18	2
KY	2	4	17	57	20	UT	2	9	33	51	5
LA	2	12	36	43	7	VT	3	15	46	32	4
ME	0	1	26	66	7	VA	1	8	28	51	12
MD	2	8	30	45	15	WA	5	19	47	27	2
MA	0	0	3	89	8	WV	1	1	25	66	7
MI	2	6	33	47	12	WI	3	10	29	48	10
MN	4	11	37	45	3	WY	1	8	35	50	6
MS	1	8	31	45	15						
MO	0	3	28	59	10	48 Sts	10	11	27	44	8
MT	6	16	43	31	4						
NE	2	6	21	55	16	Prev Wk	10	11	27	43	9
NV	3	16	30	45	6	Prev Yr	12	18	31	33	6
NH	1	2	19	77	1						

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

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