

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.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will extend its National *Crop Progress* program by one week. The final 2009 National *Crop Progress* report is scheduled to be released at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 7. NASS will continue to monitor the harvest progress of all crops to determine if additional data collection and estimation are necessary after December 7.

Corn: Percent Harvested, Selected States¹

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	79	71	96	96
IL	72	60	98	99
IN	84	73	99	98
IA	87	78	93	97
KS	89	84	96	99
KY	99	98	100	100
MI	76	60	94	93
MN	78	66	96	98
MO	85	76	88	97
NE	78	65	90	96
NC	100	100	100	100
ND	40	21	68	89
OH	85	76	98	96
PA	81	71	89	92
SD	58	40	86	96
TN	99	99	100	100
TX	100	98	100	100
WI	67	59	98	95
18 Sts	79	68	94	97

¹ These 18 States harvested 94% of last year's corn acreage.

Soybeans: Percent Harvested, Selected States¹

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	96	91	100	98
IL	96	95	100	100
IN	99	97	100	99
IA	99	98	100	100
KS	90	83	97	97
KY	99	92	100	99
LA	100	99	100	100
MI	100	98	100	99
MN	99	97	100	100
MS	99	98	100	100
MO	93	87	91	95
NE	100	99	100	100
NC	56	53	62	67
ND	96	92	100	100
OH	100	99	100	100
SD	97	95	100	100
TN	96	87	99	99
WI	100	94	100	99
18 Sts	96	94	98	98

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	73	60	99	94
AZ	78	75	69	75
AR	96	81	100	98
CA	95	91	96	97
GA	67	56	87	87
KS	28	14	48	58
LA	98	96	99	100
MS	96	94	100	100
MO	86	78	100	97
NC	80	76	93	92
OK	50	44	64	71
SC	90	78	89	88
TN	92	82	100	99
TX	83	70	66	68
VA	85	67	88	92
15 Sts	83	72	81	82

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	70	64	94	92
IL	91	81	96	98
KS	79	70	92	95
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	88	81	89	96
NE	78	68	92	98
NM	100	100	99	81
OK	85	80	78	87
SD	93	86	94	98
TX	94	77	95	91
11 Sts	87	75	93	93

¹ These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	64	59	100	96
FL	98	96	100	99
GA	93	88	100	99
NC	100	98	100	100
OK	95	93	99	94
SC	100	100	100	100
TX	99	98	96	94
VA	100	100	100	100
8 Sts	92	88	99	98

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	80	70	95	99
KS	71	63	91	95
ND	93	86	95	97
SD	93	79	81	95
4 Sts	90	80	91	96

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

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	91	77	97	94
CA	87	83	59	51
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	100	100	100	100
IL	92	89	100	100
IN	93	90	100	100
KS	96	95	100	100
MI	100	100	100	100
MO	69	61	93	95
MT	100	100	100	100
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	69	61	86	86
OH	100	99	100	100
OK	99	95	100	99
OR	100	100	100	100
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	94	91	97	96
WA	100	100	100	100
18 Sts	96	93	98	98

¹ These 18 States planted 87% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

State	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg.
	Nov 29, 2009	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 29, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	65	47	90	86
CA	68	59	34	35
CO	99	96	99	100
ID	99	96	100	99
IL	70	67	100	99
IN	78	66	99	97
KS	92	88	97	98
MI	100	96	100	96
MO	53	44	76	88
MT	92	90	99	98
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	49	40	58	61
OH	95	81	100	99
OK	93	85	100	95
OR	100	95	96	95
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	84	80	88	83
WA	96	95	98	98
18 Sts	89	84	94	93

¹ These 18 States planted 87% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

Winter Wheat: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States Week Ending Nov 29, 2009

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	5	10	64	18	3
CA	0	0	5	50	45
CO	0	4	14	56	26
ID	0	0	16	76	8
IL	2	17	37	42	2
IN	2	4	48	41	5
KS	1	4	27	53	15
MI	1	5	25	57	12
MO	0	10	47	41	2
MT	0	2	50	42	6
NE	0	1	31	58	10
NC	1	7	26	65	1
OH	1	2	28	59	10
OK	0	1	20	52	27
OR	0	0	53	39	8
SD	0	3	23	64	10
TX	4	10	41	41	4
WA	3	6	29	51	11
18 Sts	1	5	31	50	13
Prev Wk	1	5	30	51	13
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.

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/index.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:

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