



Crop Progress

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Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 99% of the 2009 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	November 28, 2009	November 21, 2010	November 28, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	71	90	93	90
Arizona	78	60	63	75
Arkansas	94	100	100	98
California	94	97	98	96
Georgia	65	85	90	82
Kansas	26	69	75	58
Louisiana	98	100	100	99
Mississippi	96	100	100	99
Missouri	85	100	100	95
North Carolina	79	93	97	88
Oklahoma	49	73	81	69
South Carolina	88	94	98	88
Tennessee	91	100	100	98
Texas	81	80	88	73
Virginia	82	96	99	92
15 States	80	86	91	81

Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 89% of the 2010 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	November 28, 2009	November 21, 2010	November 28, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	62	89	96	83
California	67	50	65	39
Colorado	99	95	97	100
Idaho	99	98	99	99
Illinois	70	99	99	93
Indiana	76	90	96	93
Kansas	91	92	95	97
Michigan	99	100	100	95
Missouri	52	89	95	81
Montana	92	98	98	97
Nebraska	100	99	100	100
North Carolina	48	63	65	57
Ohio	93	100	100	97
Oklahoma	92	94	98	94
Oregon	99	95	99	93
South Dakota	100	100	100	100
Texas	83	80	82	83
Washington	96	97	97	97
18 States	89	91	94	92

Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 28, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2010 planted acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Arkansas	5	17	26	41	11
California	-	-	5	35	60
Colorado	8	32	43	16	1
Idaho	1	2	14	65	18
Illinois	3	17	42	34	4
Indiana	7	18	45	26	4
Kansas	8	17	38	33	4
Michigan	1	4	26	51	18
Missouri	3	12	42	42	1
Montana	-	3	23	63	11
Nebraska	1	10	44	39	6
North Carolina	-	-	13	75	12
Ohio	-	6	29	51	14
Oklahoma	1	7	48	37	7
Oregon	-	7	33	58	2
South Dakota	-	2	28	57	13
Texas	6	20	38	32	4
Washington	-	-	14	68	18
18 States	4	13	36	39	8
Previous week	4	12	37	39	8
Previous year	1	5	31	50	13

- Represents zero.

Statistical Methodology

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 approximately 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 the progress of crops through various stages of development, as well as the progress of producer activities. 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 entire 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 2009 season, over 80 percent of the data were being submitted through the internet website. As a result, the majority 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.

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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