



# Crop Progress

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## Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2010 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	80	47	60	67
Arizona .....	77	75	85	81
Arkansas .....	93	71	82	75
California .....	34	25	45	46
Georgia .....	83	66	74	63
Kansas .....	43	25	35	23
Louisiana .....	98	94	98	91
Mississippi .....	95	78	85	84
Missouri .....	87	51	62	68
North Carolina .....	87	74	84	73
Oklahoma .....	72	20	24	48
South Carolina .....	65	60	74	61
Tennessee .....	90	52	68	73
Texas .....	51	54	66	41
Virginia .....	57	40	55	68
15 States .....	66	57	69	54

## Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 99% of the 2010 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	13	-	1	8
Arizona .....	12	5	15	13
Arkansas .....	21	-	2	9
California .....	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	6	2	3	3
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-
Louisiana .....	45	22	47	19
Mississippi .....	34	5	11	16
Missouri .....	9	-	1	8
North Carolina .....	-	1	4	-
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	1	1	5	1
Tennessee .....	13	-	1	5
Texas .....	13	15	16	14
Virginia .....	4	-	-	1
15 States .....	12	9	11	10

- Represents zero.

## Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 18, 2011

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	7	21	38	33	1
Arizona .....	2	6	20	49	23
Arkansas .....	1	11	30	37	21
California .....	-	-	10	70	20
Georgia .....	13	22	37	25	3
Kansas .....	20	17	35	25	3
Louisiana .....	1	24	31	34	10
Mississippi .....	1	6	27	49	17
Missouri .....	4	9	30	54	3
North Carolina .....	2	19	42	33	4
Oklahoma .....	71	25	3	1	-
South Carolina .....	5	20	39	35	1
Tennessee .....	2	5	28	56	9
Texas .....	41	24	24	11	-
Virginia .....	-	15	52	32	1
15 States .....	25	20	28	23	4
Previous week .....	25	19	28	24	4
Previous year .....	4	9	29	44	14

- Represents zero.

## Corn Dented – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2010 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	90	66	84	84
Illinois .....	100	93	97	90
Indiana .....	99	72	85	88
Iowa .....	99	93	97	92
Kansas .....	100	95	97	98
Kentucky .....	99	81	92	98
Michigan .....	99	61	78	84
Minnesota .....	97	83	92	91
Missouri .....	97	97	100	94
Nebraska .....	97	90	97	95
North Carolina .....	100	99	99	100
North Dakota .....	95	68	83	80
Ohio .....	99	56	66	91
Pennsylvania .....	82	62	79	79
South Dakota .....	91	79	90	88
Tennessee .....	100	100	100	100
Texas .....	93	80	94	97
Wisconsin .....	92	66	80	78
18 States .....	97	84	92	91

## Corn Mature – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2010 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	29	7	18	36
Illinois .....	88	46	63	55
Indiana .....	85	22	36	47
Iowa .....	76	33	60	49
Kansas .....	82	57	72	70
Kentucky .....	92	58	76	81
Michigan .....	73	6	17	41
Minnesota .....	46	10	28	37
Missouri .....	78	71	86	68
Nebraska .....	45	9	22	34
North Carolina .....	99	94	95	98
North Dakota .....	44	7	20	33
Ohio .....	69	6	13	36
Pennsylvania .....	45	12	24	40
South Dakota .....	40	10	30	31
Tennessee .....	98	82	92	88
Texas .....	76	72	81	79
Wisconsin .....	44	10	25	26
18 States .....	67	29	46	48

## Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2010 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	3	(NA)	-	3
Illinois .....	35	(NA)	11	15
Indiana .....	25	(NA)	4	9
Iowa .....	6	(NA)	3	3
Kansas .....	37	(NA)	32	24
Kentucky .....	66	(NA)	32	36
Michigan .....	12	(NA)	-	3
Minnesota .....	1	(NA)	-	1
Missouri .....	32	(NA)	34	29
Nebraska .....	5	(NA)	2	3
North Carolina .....	80	(NA)	78	60
North Dakota .....	-	(NA)	-	1
Ohio .....	10	(NA)	-	3
Pennsylvania .....	15	(NA)	3	11
South Dakota .....	1	(NA)	-	2
Tennessee .....	82	(NA)	59	56
Texas .....	56	(NA)	63	66
Wisconsin .....	2	(NA)	-	1
18 States .....	18	(NA)	10	11

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

## Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 18, 2011

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	10	10	35	36	9
Illinois .....	7	18	34	34	7
Indiana .....	8	20	38	30	4
Iowa .....	6	10	29	45	10
Kansas .....	25	21	28	21	5
Kentucky .....	2	8	33	45	12
Michigan .....	4	10	27	46	13
Minnesota .....	4	12	28	46	10
Missouri .....	20	22	27	27	4
Nebraska .....	2	6	18	55	19
North Carolina .....	27	26	26	19	2
North Dakota .....	3	12	26	50	9
Ohio .....	4	9	30	44	13
Pennsylvania .....	5	14	37	35	9
South Dakota .....	2	6	22	52	18
Tennessee .....	4	9	28	49	10
Texas .....	33	35	22	10	-
Wisconsin .....	2	7	17	47	27
18 States .....	8	13	28	40	11
Previous week .....	7	13	27	42	11
Previous year .....	3	8	21	48	20

- Represents zero.

## Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2010 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	45	20	29	38
Illinois .....	62	13	31	39
Indiana .....	76	21	39	53
Iowa .....	53	8	25	49
Kansas .....	35	13	29	39
Kentucky .....	67	22	34	44
Louisiana .....	74	68	82	75
Michigan .....	62	6	21	39
Minnesota .....	64	9	41	59
Mississippi .....	78	58	69	74
Missouri .....	25	10	22	25
Nebraska .....	41	3	17	35
North Carolina .....	22	13	18	18
North Dakota .....	63	13	46	61
Ohio .....	74	9	19	56
South Dakota .....	69	33	62	66
Tennessee .....	64	24	42	55
Wisconsin .....	46	6	24	38
18 States .....	56	15	33	47

## Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 18, 2011

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	3	18	38	32	9
Illinois .....	4	14	35	40	7
Indiana .....	7	16	36	36	5
Iowa .....	4	8	26	48	14
Kansas .....	24	28	23	20	5
Kentucky .....	3	12	40	38	7
Louisiana .....	5	20	28	43	4
Michigan .....	2	7	26	52	13
Minnesota .....	4	13	32	43	8
Mississippi .....	2	7	20	57	14
Missouri .....	13	20	29	31	7
Nebraska .....	1	4	16	57	22
North Carolina .....	2	10	42	41	5
North Dakota .....	4	11	25	53	7
Ohio .....	2	8	24	49	17
South Dakota .....	3	10	29	47	11
Tennessee .....	6	13	35	43	3
Wisconsin .....	2	5	18	49	26
18 States .....	5	13	29	43	10
Previous week .....	5	12	27	44	12
Previous year .....	3	9	25	46	17

## Sorghum Headed – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2010 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	100
Colorado .....	100	94	97	100
Illinois .....	100	98	100	99
Kansas .....	100	89	91	100
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	100	100	100	100
Nebraska .....	100	100	100	100
New Mexico .....	99	74	90	97
Oklahoma .....	100	89	92	96
South Dakota .....	100	100	100	100
Texas .....	100	96	97	99
11 States .....	100	92	94	99

## Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2010 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	100
Colorado .....	91	60	75	84
Illinois .....	93	86	91	85
Kansas .....	91	51	64	81
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	90	70	86	82
Nebraska .....	94	79	93	86
New Mexico .....	60	35	40	57
Oklahoma .....	81	50	61	73
South Dakota .....	97	87	92	92
Texas .....	90	74	77	85
11 States .....	90	63	71	83

## Sorghum Mature – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2010 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	88	97	97
Colorado .....	29	16	25	39
Illinois .....	71	36	51	50
Kansas .....	29	5	12	22
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	61	25	36	45
Nebraska .....	14	9	24	14
New Mexico .....	7	-	-	7
Oklahoma .....	43	23	28	29
South Dakota .....	40	5	8	30
Texas .....	65	70	71	72
11 States .....	44	32	37	43

- Represents zero.

## Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 99% of the 2010 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	96	58	71	69
Colorado .....	-	-	-	4
Illinois .....	24	1	4	10
Kansas .....	6	-	1	4
Louisiana .....	99	98	99	95
Missouri .....	20	3	6	14
Nebraska .....	1	-	1	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma .....	16	7	10	10
South Dakota .....	2	-	-	2
Texas .....	46	58	59	65
11 States .....	23	23	24	28

- Represents zero.

## Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 18, 2011

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	3	11	40	37	9
Colorado .....	12	15	51	22	-
Illinois .....	2	20	40	38	-
Kansas .....	24	24	29	18	5
Louisiana .....	10	24	42	24	-
Missouri .....	6	21	36	35	2
Nebraska .....	1	9	16	59	15
New Mexico .....	33	29	34	4	-
Oklahoma .....	51	35	13	1	-
South Dakota .....	-	4	18	66	12
Texas .....	16	27	35	20	2
11 States .....	20	24	31	21	4
Previous week .....	21	24	30	21	4
Previous year .....	2	7	29	53	9

- Represents zero.

## Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

[These 8 States harvested 98% of the 2010 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	3	(NA)	6	3
Florida .....	22	(NA)	10	14
Georgia .....	5	(NA)	2	3
North Carolina .....	3	(NA)	4	2
Oklahoma .....	-	(NA)	-	-
South Carolina .....	13	(NA)	10	9
Texas .....	3	(NA)	3	2
Virginia .....	-	(NA)	-	-
8 States .....	6	(NA)	4	4

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

## Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 18, 2011

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	9	19	39	31	2
Florida .....	3	6	51	36	4
Georgia .....	8	17	43	26	6
North Carolina .....	-	2	36	50	12
Oklahoma .....	8	15	50	27	-
South Carolina .....	3	11	41	44	1
Texas .....	18	33	35	14	-
Virginia .....	-	-	32	49	19
8 States .....	8	16	42	29	5
Previous week .....	6	17	40	31	6
Previous year .....	4	13	34	39	10

- Represents zero.

## Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 91% of the 2010 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	1	-	2	1
California .....	2	-	-	4
Colorado .....	37	17	28	39
Idaho .....	20	5	16	24
Illinois .....	3	1	1	2
Indiana .....	3	-	2	1
Kansas .....	10	3	8	10
Michigan .....	7	-	2	6
Missouri .....	2	-	2	2
Montana .....	15	6	25	28
Nebraska .....	47	23	41	41
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	2	-	-	1
Oklahoma .....	10	1	4	16
Oregon .....	16	2	8	19
South Dakota .....	34	17	30	38
Texas .....	23	2	8	21
Washington .....	48	30	47	49
18 States .....	19	6	14	20

- Represents zero.

## Rice Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 100% of the 2010 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	72	27	42	43
California .....	2	2	3	13
Louisiana .....	91	90	96	89
Mississippi .....	77	55	65	56
Missouri .....	53	10	18	33
Texas .....	99	97	98	94
6 States .....	65	37	47	48

## Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 18, 2011

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	-	13	35	43	9
California .....	-	-	5	20	75
Louisiana .....	2	3	22	43	30
Mississippi .....	1	5	28	49	17
Missouri .....	2	5	22	52	19
Texas .....	8	2	34	43	13
6 States .....	1	8	27	40	24
Previous week .....	1	7	28	40	24
Previous year .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.  
(NA) Not available.



## Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2010 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho .....	83	85	95	94
Minnesota .....	100	97	100	96
Montana .....	63	68	83	87
North Dakota .....	88	82	93	91
South Dakota .....	100	100	100	100
Washington .....	98	83	95	99
6 States .....	86	83	93	92

## Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 78% of the 2010 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho .....	83	82	95	92
Minnesota .....	100	99	100	97
Montana .....	68	76	87	86
North Dakota .....	100	93	98	98
Washington .....	98	85	94	99
5 States .....	85	85	94	93

## Sugarbeets Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 84% of the 2010 sugarbeet acreage]

State	Week ending			2006-2010 Average
	September 18, 2010	September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho .....	-	(NA)	-	2
Michigan .....	15	(NA)	2	5
Minnesota .....	12	(NA)	3	8
North Dakota .....	12	(NA)	4	8
4 States .....	10	(NA)	3	6

- Represents zero.  
(NA) Not available.

## Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 18, 2011

[National pasture and range conditions for selected States are weighted based on pasture acreage and/or livestock inventories]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Alabama .....	12	26	34	26	2
Arizona .....	23	20	32	21	4
Arkansas .....	27	35	32	6	-
California .....	20	40	40	-	-
Colorado .....	17	20	30	26	7
Connecticut .....	-	-	30	65	5
Delaware .....	12	16	13	59	-
Florida .....	1	2	20	60	17
Georgia .....	23	40	31	5	1
Idaho .....	1	14	34	37	14
Illinois .....	18	29	37	15	1
Indiana .....	20	37	31	11	1
Iowa .....	9	21	33	32	5
Kansas .....	34	26	23	16	1
Kentucky .....	6	23	41	27	3
Louisiana .....	12	23	43	22	-
Maine .....	-	1	11	69	19
Maryland .....	2	9	23	46	20
Massachusetts .....	-	4	26	67	3
Michigan .....	6	20	33	37	4
Minnesota .....	5	17	34	37	7
Mississippi .....	4	21	40	32	3
Missouri .....	23	24	29	21	3
Montana .....	3	13	35	35	14
Nebraska .....	1	7	23	60	9
Nevada .....	2	5	28	45	20
New Hampshire .....	1	5	30	51	13
New Jersey .....	-	10	30	40	20
New Mexico .....	62	30	7	1	-
New York .....	4	16	34	38	8
North Carolina .....	7	18	37	37	1
North Dakota .....	1	6	21	61	11
Ohio .....	3	12	27	48	10
Oklahoma .....	72	22	5	1	-
Oregon .....	20	30	22	25	3
Pennsylvania .....	6	23	24	41	6
Rhode Island .....	-	-	41	59	-
South Carolina .....	18	34	34	14	-
South Dakota .....	1	6	28	54	11
Tennessee .....	7	23	41	27	2
Texas .....	85	13	2	-	-
Utah .....	-	2	18	64	16
Vermont .....	-	25	62	13	-
Virginia .....	6	10	35	41	8
Washington .....	3	13	24	48	12
West Virginia .....	1	5	41	52	1
Wisconsin .....	5	22	32	38	3
Wyoming .....	1	12	24	57	6
48 States .....	25	19	25	26	5
Previous week .....	24	18	26	27	5
Previous year .....	7	16	31	39	7

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

**Barley:** Harvested  
**Corn:** Dent, Mature, Harvested, Condition  
**Cotton:** Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition  
**Pasture and Range:** Condition  
**Peanuts:** Harvested, Condition  
**Rice:** Harvested, Condition  
**Sorghum:** Headed, Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition  
**Soybeans:** Dropping Leaves, Harvested, Condition  
**Spring Wheat:** Harvested  
**Sugarbeets:** Harvested  
**Winter Wheat:** Planted, Emerged

## 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](http://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.

**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 subject to revision the following week.

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