



Crop Progress

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Corn Planted - Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2011 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	1	-	1	1
Illinois	3	5	17	1
Indiana	1	1	6	-
Iowa	-	-	1	-
Kansas	4	-	6	4
Kentucky	4	5	32	7
Michigan	-	2	3	-
Minnesota	-	-	1	-
Missouri	8	7	23	6
Nebraska	1	1	1	-
North Carolina	12	10	25	18
North Dakota	-	-	-	-
Ohio	-	1	2	-
Pennsylvania	-	-	2	-
South Dakota	-	-	2	-
Tennessee	9	15	46	15
Texas	55	48	52	54
Wisconsin	-	-	-	-
18 States	3	3	7	2

- Represents zero.

Cotton Planted - Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2011 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	3	4	1
Arizona	19	20	25	21
Arkansas	-	-	1	-
California	14	-	5	24
Georgia	1	2	6	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	4	-	5	2
Mississippi	-	-	-	-
Missouri	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	1	-
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	-	-	-	-
Texas	11	12	15	10
Virginia	-	-	-	-
15 States	7	7	9	6

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Planted - Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2011 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	32	26	58	16
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	-	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	79	36	54	37
Missouri	-	-	1	1
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	1	-	-	1
Oklahoma	-	-	-	1
South Dakota	-	-	-	-
Texas	52	40	46	50
11 States	18	13	16	16

- Represents zero.

Rice Planted - Selected States

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2011 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	17	18	49	13
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	64	37	51	55
Mississippi	9	18	36	9
Missouri	3	9	47	3
Texas	76	4	35	61
6 States	23	16	37	19

- Represents zero.

Rice Emerged - Selected States

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2011 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	(NA)	11	1
California	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	27	(NA)	12	19
Mississippi	3	(NA)	12	2
Missouri	-	(NA)	5	-
Texas	51	(NA)	15	32
6 States	8	(NA)	9	6

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Oats Planted - Selected States

[These 9 States planted 62% of the 2011 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	29	58	75	21
Minnesota	-	18	49	5
Nebraska	29	38	50	29
North Dakota	-	6	12	-
Ohio	4	18	42	14
Pennsylvania	2	36	59	14
South Dakota	2	16	50	4
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	2	2	26	8
9 States	40	48	62	41

- Represents zero.

Oats Emerged - Selected States

[These 9 States planted 62% of the 2011 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	1	(NA)	23	1
Minnesota	-	(NA)	4	-
Nebraska	1	(NA)	15	3
North Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Ohio	-	(NA)	6	-
Pennsylvania	-	(NA)	22	1
South Dakota	-	(NA)	16	-
Texas	100	(NA)	100	100
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	-	-
9 States	36	(NA)	41	36

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Barley Planted - Selected States

[These 5 States planted 71% of the 2011 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	14	13	20	20
Minnesota	-	6	18	2
Montana	2	7	18	7
North Dakota	-	3	7	-
Washington	10	4	5	27
5 States	5	8	15	10

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Planted - Selected States

[These 6 States planted 98% of the 2011 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 8, 2011	April 1, 2012	April 8, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	15	12	19	23
Minnesota	-	3	25	1
Montana	1	5	11	4
North Dakota	-	6	17	1
South Dakota	4	25	52	6
Washington	26	20	23	37
6 States	3	8	21	5

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending April 8, 2012

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2011 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	6	33	47	12
California	5	5	10	45	35
Colorado	2	16	40	39	3
Idaho	1	1	11	76	11
Illinois	1	1	14	57	27
Indiana	1	1	15	64	19
Kansas	1	5	29	52	13
Michigan	1	4	29	52	14
Missouri	-	2	22	56	20
Montana	1	9	58	29	3
Nebraska	-	5	35	52	8
North Carolina	-	-	9	66	25
Ohio	4	13	33	39	11
Oklahoma	-	4	19	50	27
Oregon	-	10	29	50	11
South Dakota	10	8	34	40	8
Texas	15	16	31	29	9
Washington	1	2	15	67	15
18 States	3	7	29	47	14
Previous week	3	9	30	46	12
Previous year	16	20	28	29	7

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Planted, Emerged

Corn: Planted

Cotton: Planted

Oats: Planted, Emerged

Rice: Planted, Emerged

Sorghum: Planted

Spring Wheat: Planted, Emerged

Sugarbeets: Planted

Winter Wheat: Headed, Condition

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 4,000 respondents 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 respondents 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 respondents 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, respondents 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 2011 season, over 90 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.

Respondents 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 respondent 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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