



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 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	3	1	5	3
Illinois	8	17	41	6
Indiana	2	6	24	2
Iowa	1	1	5	3
Kansas	14	6	18	9
Kentucky	11	32	59	14
Michigan	-	3	5	1
Minnesota	-	1	7	2
Missouri	21	23	39	15
Nebraska	2	1	4	1
North Carolina	29	25	54	36
North Dakota	-	-	3	-
Ohio	-	2	10	1
Pennsylvania	-	2	5	2
South Dakota	-	2	4	1
Tennessee	17	46	80	25
Texas	56	52	54	59
Wisconsin	-	-	2	-
18 States	5	7	17	5

- Represents zero.

Cotton Planted - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	4	6	2
Arizona	24	25	38	29
Arkansas	1	1	7	2
California	29	5	10	46
Georgia	2	6	9	1
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	22	5	18	10
Mississippi	1	-	5	3
Missouri	-	-	4	1
North Carolina	1	1	3	-
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	-	-	6	1
Tennessee	-	-	-	-
Texas	12	15	18	13
Virginia	6	-	3	2
15 States	8	9	13	9

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Planted - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	43	58	78	30
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	1	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	88	54	63	50
Missouri	1	1	1	1
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	2	-	1	2
Oklahoma	-	-	2	2
South Dakota	-	-	-	-
Texas	54	46	52	55
11 States	19	16	18	18

- Represents zero.

Sugarbeets Planted - Selected States

[These 4 States planted 84% of the 2011 sugarbeet acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	13	(NA)	75	44
Michigan	9	(NA)	98	31
Minnesota	-	(NA)	24	2
North Dakota	-	(NA)	13	3
4 States	4	(NA)	41	14

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Rice Planted - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	31	49	75	26
California	-	-	-	2
Louisiana	77	51	68	67
Mississippi	26	36	60	22
Missouri	6	47	71	10
Texas	84	35	65	71
6 States	33	37	56	29

- Represents zero.

Rice Emerged - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	7	11	30	6
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	52	12	50	39
Mississippi	10	12	35	6
Missouri	1	5	28	1
Texas	65	15	40	50
6 States	16	9	27	13

- Represents zero.

Oats Planted - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	57	75	87	40
Minnesota	3	49	77	14
Nebraska	52	50	77	48
North Dakota	-	12	24	1
Ohio	11	42	60	25
Pennsylvania	3	59	78	27
South Dakota	7	50	80	12
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	8	26	48	16
9 States	44	62	76	48

- Represents zero.

Oats Emerged - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	8	23	45	6
Minnesota	-	4	19	1
Nebraska	5	15	35	10
North Dakota	-	-	3	-
Ohio	1	6	21	3
Pennsylvania	-	22	42	4
South Dakota	-	16	43	1
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	-	-	10	2
9 States	36	41	51	37

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Headed - Selected States

[These 18 States planted 88% of the 2011 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	40	(NA)	93	27
California	66	(NA)	65	75
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Idaho	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	-	(NA)	40	-
Indiana	-	(NA)	9	-
Kansas	1	(NA)	19	-
Michigan	-	(NA)	-	-
Missouri	1	(NA)	52	1
Montana	-	(NA)	-	-
Nebraska	-	(NA)	-	-
North Carolina	16	(NA)	76	12
Ohio	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	32	(NA)	72	17
Oregon	-	(NA)	-	-
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	30	(NA)	51	25
Washington	-	(NA)	-	-
18 States	11	(NA)	29	8

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending April 15, 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	8	40	40	10
California	-	-	20	45	35
Colorado	5	13	40	38	4
Idaho	-	1	12	75	12
Illinois	1	2	20	52	25
Indiana	1	2	18	62	17
Kansas	2	5	24	53	16
Michigan	1	6	26	54	13
Missouri	-	4	25	53	18
Montana	2	9	32	52	5
Nebraska	-	5	32	54	9
North Carolina	-	1	16	65	18
Ohio	5	13	36	35	11
Oklahoma	1	3	19	52	25
Oregon	-	8	23	53	16
South Dakota	-	15	27	48	10
Texas	16	16	30	28	10
Washington	-	1	10	77	12
18 States	4	7	25	50	14
Previous week	3	7	29	47	14
Previous year	17	21	26	30	6

- 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 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	30	19	48	35
Minnesota	-	25	56	6
Montana	2	11	23	8
North Dakota	-	17	27	2
South Dakota	7	52	83	13
Washington	37	23	30	49
6 States	5	21	37	9

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Emerged - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	7	(NA)	15	10
Minnesota	-	(NA)	8	-
Montana	-	(NA)	2	-
North Dakota	-	(NA)	5	-
South Dakota	-	(NA)	48	1
Washington	4	(NA)	14	17
6 States	1	(NA)	10	1

- 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 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	30	20	43	31
Minnesota	1	18	35	7
Montana	5	18	39	13
North Dakota	-	7	17	1
Washington	18	5	6	37
5 States	12	15	33	17

- Represents zero.

Barley Emerged - Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	April 15, 2011	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	7	(NA)	12	9
Minnesota	-	(NA)	8	-
Montana	-	(NA)	2	-
North Dakota	-	(NA)	1	-
Washington	1	(NA)	-	11
5 States	2	(NA)	5	3

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Planted, Emerged

Corn: Planted, Emerged

Cotton: Planted

Oats: Planted, Emerged, Condition

Peanuts: Planted

Rice: Planted, Emerged

Sorghum: Planted

Soybeans: 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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