



# Crop Progress

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## Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	91	95	96	92
Arizona .....	100	99	99	99
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	99
California .....	93	93	95	93
Georgia .....	96	93	95	96
Kansas .....	86	93	95	82
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Mississippi .....	100	99	100	99
Missouri .....	100	100	100	97
North Carolina .....	100	90	95	99
Oklahoma .....	85	89	90	94
South Carolina .....	96	87	90	97
Tennessee .....	99	99	99	99
Texas .....	94	88	92	88
Virginia .....	96	99	100	97
15 States .....	95	91	94	92

## Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 98% of the 2011 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	36	17	29	41
Arizona .....	34	22	25	34
Arkansas .....	69	65	79	62
California .....	26	10	15	25
Georgia .....	34	17	31	28
Kansas .....	9	6	8	4
Louisiana .....	97	78	91	75
Mississippi .....	80	50	64	66
Missouri .....	69	47	62	63
North Carolina .....	41	8	18	39
Oklahoma .....	6	15	31	16
South Carolina .....	42	12	23	38
Tennessee .....	55	49	59	58
Texas .....	35	24	31	27
Virginia .....	48	14	26	44
15 States .....	44	28	38	39

## Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 21, 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)
Alabama .....	1	3	25	60	11
Arizona .....	-	4	25	53	18
Arkansas .....	3	6	19	45	27
California .....	-	-	7	18	75
Georgia .....	2	6	33	43	16
Kansas .....	10	21	39	26	4
Louisiana .....	-	2	18	65	15
Mississippi .....	1	5	22	46	26
Missouri .....	10	24	35	29	2
North Carolina .....	-	1	26	56	17
Oklahoma .....	33	43	10	14	-
South Carolina .....	-	2	19	66	13
Tennessee .....	1	3	25	59	12
Texas .....	21	28	29	18	4
Virginia .....	-	-	6	70	24
15 States .....	13	18	27	31	11
Previous week .....	12	18	28	31	11
Previous year .....	25	19	27	24	5

- Represents zero.

## Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2011 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	36	50	64	47
Illinois .....	75	87	92	62
Indiana .....	39	61	72	53
Iowa .....	64	87	93	42
Kansas .....	82	90	94	71
Kentucky .....	85	91	94	85
Michigan .....	18	36	48	31
Minnesota .....	70	90	96	43
Missouri .....	91	95	97	71
Nebraska .....	44	80	89	37
North Carolina .....	96	92	94	96
North Dakota .....	60	84	91	29
Ohio .....	12	31	50	36
Pennsylvania .....	29	41	58	42
South Dakota .....	59	90	96	34
Tennessee .....	94	97	98	92
Texas .....	93	88	95	88
Wisconsin .....	33	54	66	31
18 States .....	60	79	87	49

## Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 96% of the 2011 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	58	64	75	56
Illinois .....	81	69	80	71
Indiana .....	64	51	69	71
Iowa .....	93	93	96	78
Kansas .....	70	40	59	59
Kentucky .....	51	42	54	57
Louisiana .....	96	87	92	88
Michigan .....	60	67	77	65
Minnesota .....	99	99	100	81
Mississippi .....	89	91	94	84
Missouri .....	65	36	50	49
Nebraska .....	90	86	95	75
North Carolina .....	18	7	10	15
North Dakota .....	91	98	100	72
Ohio .....	37	38	63	68
South Dakota .....	94	98	100	73
Tennessee .....	51	33	48	55
Wisconsin .....	77	88	94	62
18 States .....	77	71	80	69

## Sugarbeets Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho .....	36	46	64	44
Michigan .....	27	25	27	29
Minnesota .....	83	74	88	81
North Dakota .....	88	68	81	86
4 States .....	68	61	73	68

## Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 87% of the 2011 sunflower acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	46	35	40	55
Kansas .....	35	29	39	32
North Dakota .....	28	61	76	23
South Dakota .....	50	46	74	28
4 States .....	38	50	68	29

## Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	100
Colorado .....	85	70	85	93
Illinois .....	99	94	95	92
Kansas .....	81	67	83	84
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	95	74	94	90
Nebraska .....	92	94	97	87
New Mexico .....	40	25	34	48
Oklahoma .....	67	77	88	67
South Dakota .....	97	100	100	94
Texas .....	88	87	91	87
11 States .....	83	76	87	85

## Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	98
Colorado .....	16	18	21	33
Illinois .....	65	57	79	59
Kansas .....	34	24	37	36
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	72	45	63	59
Nebraska .....	39	45	63	26
New Mexico .....	7	1	6	17
Oklahoma .....	34	55	66	38
South Dakota .....	79	74	96	56
Texas .....	76	64	67	77
11 States .....	51	43	52	52

## Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 21, 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 .....	6	15	27	41	11
Colorado .....	62	27	8	3	-
Illinois .....	44	21	23	10	2
Kansas .....	33	34	24	8	1
Louisiana .....	-	1	28	61	10
Missouri .....	20	36	33	11	-
Nebraska .....	10	42	35	12	1
New Mexico .....	23	43	31	3	-
Oklahoma .....	33	26	31	10	-
South Dakota .....	24	25	36	14	1
Texas .....	8	14	26	36	16
11 States .....	25	26	25	18	6
Previous week .....	25	26	25	18	6
Previous year .....	22	25	29	20	4

- Represents zero.

## Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

[These 8 States harvested 98% of the 2011 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	51	34	55	43
Florida .....	74	70	78	71
Georgia .....	56	50	67	51
North Carolina .....	51	41	63	59
Oklahoma .....	12	23	43	36
South Carolina .....	54	60	71	69
Texas .....	59	34	55	45
Virginia .....	39	19	45	51
8 States .....	56	48	65	54

## Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 21, 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)
Alabama .....	-	-	8	82	10
Florida .....	1	2	21	44	32
Georgia .....	-	3	16	53	28
North Carolina .....	-	-	10	62	28
Oklahoma .....	4	5	24	63	4
South Carolina .....	-	3	24	62	11
Texas .....	4	11	33	47	5
Virginia .....	-	-	2	76	22
8 States .....	1	3	17	57	22
Previous week .....	1	3	19	55	22
Previous year .....	8	15	34	34	9

- Represents zero.

## Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	90	98	99	89
California .....	48	38	60	70
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	99
Mississippi .....	99	98	99	92
Missouri .....	86	94	96	87
Texas .....	100	100	100	100
6 States .....	83	85	90	87

## Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	39	25	36	29
California .....	28	8	26	23
Colorado .....	99	92	99	99
Idaho .....	96	79	93	91
Illinois .....	72	46	69	66
Indiana .....	67	47	71	67
Kansas .....	90	81	91	84
Michigan .....	76	76	87	80
Missouri .....	53	41	53	44
Montana .....	90	74	82	94
Nebraska .....	98	95	97	98
North Carolina .....	15	9	12	14
Ohio .....	49	41	67	76
Oklahoma .....	77	75	86	79
Oregon .....	76	51	68	80
South Dakota .....	95	77	83	95
Texas .....	60	67	74	73
Washington .....	96	85	92	94
18 States .....	79	71	81	80

## Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	October 21, 2011	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	13	8	18	11
California .....	17	-	1	7
Colorado .....	81	51	66	82
Idaho .....	60	33	52	55
Illinois .....	34	11	29	32
Indiana .....	28	9	25	32
Kansas .....	66	44	62	61
Michigan .....	40	25	49	47
Missouri .....	26	19	34	22
Montana .....	53	25	36	67
Nebraska .....	91	47	58	87
North Carolina .....	2	1	2	3
Ohio .....	6	7	22	40
Oklahoma .....	45	42	59	57
Oregon .....	31	24	26	40
South Dakota .....	82	11	13	80
Texas .....	24	43	51	46
Washington .....	81	63	68	75
18 States .....	51	36	49	56

- Represents zero.

## Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 21, 2012

[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 .....	3	6	30	56	5
Arizona .....	31	18	28	20	3
Arkansas .....	11	22	44	21	2
California .....	39	58	3	-	-
Colorado .....	61	25	12	2	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	35	65	-
Delaware .....	3	22	44	29	2
Florida .....	1	5	25	60	9
Georgia .....	2	13	48	35	2
Idaho .....	19	35	28	18	-
Illinois .....	14	16	31	37	2
Indiana .....	8	19	41	27	5
Iowa .....	47	26	22	5	-
Kansas .....	52	28	17	3	-
Kentucky .....	3	12	39	39	7
Louisiana .....	1	8	42	43	6
Maine .....	-	9	27	64	-
Maryland .....	2	12	24	54	8
Massachusetts .....	-	10	49	41	-
Michigan .....	12	26	32	24	6
Minnesota .....	34	32	23	10	1
Mississippi .....	-	12	21	61	6
Missouri .....	38	23	30	8	1
Montana .....	50	27	19	4	-
Nebraska .....	74	23	3	-	-
Nevada .....	54	28	13	5	-
New Hampshire .....	1	2	41	43	13
New Jersey .....	-	10	20	50	20
New Mexico .....	54	30	15	1	-
New York .....	5	24	38	27	6
North Carolina .....	-	5	27	61	7
North Dakota .....	28	31	32	9	-
Ohio .....	16	22	32	27	3
Oklahoma .....	35	36	23	6	-
Oregon .....	20	33	30	17	-
Pennsylvania .....	8	25	29	29	9
Rhode Island .....	-	-	50	50	-
South Carolina .....	-	5	29	61	5
South Dakota .....	45	35	18	2	-
Tennessee .....	1	7	32	52	8
Texas .....	17	24	32	23	4
Utah .....	26	30	32	12	-
Vermont .....	-	40	46	14	-
Virginia .....	1	7	25	62	5
Washington .....	11	24	37	28	-
West Virginia .....	-	9	50	36	5
Wisconsin .....	38	35	20	6	1
Wyoming .....	61	25	11	3	-
48 States .....	28	26	25	19	2
Previous week .....	29	26	25	18	2
Previous year .....	23	18	28	27	4

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

**Corn:** Harvested

**Cotton:** Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition

**Pasture and Range:** Condition

**Peanuts:** Harvested

**Rice:** Harvested

**Sorghum:** Mature, Harvested

**Soybeans:** Harvested

**Sugarbeets:** Harvested

**Sunflowers:** Harvested

**Winter Wheat:** Planted, Emerged, 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](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 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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