



# Crop Progress

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## Special Note

**COMING SOON - NASS's annual December surveys on crops and livestock.** In the first two weeks of December, NASS will survey approximately 90,000 United States producers. One of USDA's largest survey efforts, the responses will provide the final information about the 2013 U.S. row crops focusing on harvested acreage, production, and storage. In addition, hog producers will be asked about their current inventory, pig crop, and farrowing intentions for the next six months. With both data collection and data release taking place over a span of only four weeks, the results will be available beginning with the *Hogs and Pigs* report on December 27, followed by the *Annual Crop Production Summary* and other reports on January 10. **Farmers should watch for their survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

## Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 93% of the 2012 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2008-2012 Average
	November 24, 2012	November 17, 2013	November 24, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	100	95	100	92
Illinois .....	100	95	98	92
Indiana .....	100	92	96	93
Iowa .....	100	93	97	93
Kansas .....	100	94	98	96
Kentucky .....	100	94	96	100
Michigan .....	96	75	84	88
Minnesota .....	100	94	98	92
Missouri .....	100	94	96	93
Nebraska .....	100	91	96	90
North Carolina .....	100	100	100	100
North Dakota .....	100	78	86	76
Ohio .....	94	87	93	88
Pennsylvania .....	94	86	90	87
South Dakota .....	100	88	95	84
Tennessee .....	100	98	100	100
Texas .....	100	99	100	99
Wisconsin .....	100	74	82	87
18 States .....	100	91	95	91

## Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 98% of the 2012 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2008-2012 Average
	November 24, 2012	November 17, 2013	November 24, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	94	80	88	86
Arizona .....	64	55	65	66
Arkansas .....	100	96	99	97
California .....	98	97	99	93
Georgia .....	78	62	73	78
Kansas .....	83	43	55	58
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	99
Mississippi .....	100	97	98	99
Missouri .....	97	75	85	95
North Carolina .....	87	62	80	87
Oklahoma .....	85	57	66	68
South Carolina .....	79	61	73	85
Tennessee .....	99	57	68	96
Texas .....	86	60	72	78
Virginia .....	93	71	88	87
15 States .....	88	68	78	83

## Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 98% of the 2012 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2008-2012 Average
	November 24, 2012	November 17, 2013	November 24, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	100
Colorado .....	95	82	89	88
Illinois .....	100	97	98	94
Kansas .....	99	88	97	91
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	99	93	97	94
Nebraska .....	100	97	99	90
New Mexico .....	90	65	89	86
Oklahoma .....	100	84	91	86
South Dakota .....	100	88	93	96
Texas .....	94	95	98	91
11 States .....	97	91	97	91

## Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 88% of the 2012 sunflower acreage]

State	Week ending			2008-2012 Average
	November 24, 2012	November 17, 2013	November 24, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	97	94	97	91
Kansas .....	96	87	94	87
North Dakota .....	99	63	78	95
South Dakota .....	100	62	80	91
4 States .....	99	65	80	93

## Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 87% of the 2012 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2008-2012 Average
	November 24, 2012	November 17, 2013	November 24, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	93	70	79	81
California .....	52	25	35	52
Colorado .....	94	100	100	97
Idaho .....	97	95	100	98
Illinois .....	93	86	99	91
Indiana .....	96	93	96	90
Kansas .....	97	96	100	94
Michigan .....	100	95	100	99
Missouri .....	89	72	80	78
Montana .....	68	95	96	89
Nebraska .....	95	100	100	99
North Carolina .....	43	40	55	50
Ohio .....	93	96	100	93
Oklahoma .....	89	95	97	93
Oregon .....	88	85	90	88
South Dakota .....	59	96	100	92
Texas .....	84	79	83	80
Washington .....	96	93	95	94
18 States .....	88	89	93	89

## Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 24, 2013

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2012 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	-	3	31	62	4
California .....	-	-	40	25	35
Colorado .....	1	5	39	47	8
Idaho .....	-	1	3	85	11
Illinois .....	-	1	24	65	10
Indiana .....	1	1	24	62	12
Kansas .....	1	3	33	56	7
Michigan .....	-	1	19	67	13
Missouri .....	-	2	48	47	3
Montana .....	1	2	41	51	5
Nebraska .....	1	3	25	63	8
North Carolina .....	1	1	29	68	1
Ohio .....	-	1	14	70	15
Oklahoma .....	1	4	18	61	16
Oregon .....	-	3	38	56	3
South Dakota .....	-	2	19	73	6
Texas .....	8	20	40	26	6
Washington .....	1	2	20	60	17
18 States .....	2	6	30	53	9
Previous week .....	2	5	30	52	11
Previous year .....	7	19	41	29	4

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Today's publication is the last weekly Crop Progress report issued for the 2013 season. The first weekly report for 2013 will be released on Monday, April 7, 2014.

### 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 2012 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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