



Crop Progress

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Cotton Planted - Selected States

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2013 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	April 6, 2013	March 30, 2014	April 6, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	(NA)	-	1
Arizona	29	24	31	23
Arkansas	-	(NA)	-	-
California	13	(NA)	30	11
Georgia	-	(NA)	-	1
Kansas	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	-	(NA)	-	2
Mississippi	-	(NA)	-	-
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	-
North Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	-	(NA)	-	-
South Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Tennessee	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	8	6	10	9
Virginia	-	(NA)	-	-
15 States	5	(NA)	6	6

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Sorghum Planted - Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2013 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	April 6, 2013	March 30, 2014	April 6, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	1	2	17
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	-
Kansas	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	41	(NA)	5	40
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	-
Nebraska	-	(NA)	-	-
New Mexico	-	(NA)	-	1
Oklahoma	-	(NA)	-	-
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	41	21	30	44
11 States	16	(NA)	11	17

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Rice Planted - Selected States

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2013 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	April 6, 2013	March 30, 2014	April 6, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	3	4	7	14
California	1	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	73	31	55	56
Mississippi	1	2	6	11
Missouri	2	(NA)	2	9
Texas	72	10	39	56
6 States	16	(NA)	15	19

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending April 6, 2014

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2013 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	6	37	47	10
California	-	-	25	15	60
Colorado	17	16	32	31	4
Idaho	-	1	21	63	15
Illinois	3	7	40	42	8
Indiana	2	6	33	51	8
Kansas	8	19	44	27	2
Michigan	3	10	29	53	5
Missouri	1	10	47	37	5
Montana	1	4	31	55	9
Nebraska	3	10	31	50	6
North Carolina	2	5	31	53	9
Ohio	5	7	43	40	5
Oklahoma	17	31	37	15	-
Oregon	-	6	50	37	7
South Dakota	-	3	32	63	2
Texas	23	38	26	11	2
Washington	3	13	45	36	3
18 States	10	19	36	30	5
Previous week	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Previous year	12	18	34	31	5

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Planted

Corn: Planted

Cotton: Planted

Oats: Planted, Emerged

Rice: Planted, Emerged

Sorghum: Planted

Spring Wheat: Planted

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 2013 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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