



# 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 2014 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 23, followed by the *Annual Crop Production Summary* and other reports on January 12. **Farmers should watch for their survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

## Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 91% of the 2013 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	November 23, 2013	November 16, 2014	November 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	99	84	93	92
Illinois .....	98	94	97	92
Indiana .....	95	84	91	93
Iowa .....	96	92	96	95
Kansas .....	97	96	100	96
Kentucky .....	96	95	98	99
Michigan .....	83	59	69	85
Minnesota .....	97	95	96	93
Missouri .....	96	91	94	95
Nebraska .....	95	91	96	92
North Carolina .....	100	100	100	100
North Dakota .....	85	85	92	81
Ohio .....	92	81	87	87
Pennsylvania .....	89	79	85	87
South Dakota .....	94	92	96	87
Tennessee .....	100	99	100	100
Texas .....	100	97	98	99
Wisconsin .....	81	64	73	86
18 States .....	94	89	94	92

## Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2013 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	November 23, 2013	November 16, 2014	November 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	95	96	99	97
Illinois .....	100	95	100	99
Indiana .....	100	93	96	99
Iowa .....	100	98	99	100
Kansas .....	94	92	96	95
Kentucky .....	86	75	87	96
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Michigan .....	99	92	96	100
Minnesota .....	100	99	99	99
Mississippi .....	100	98	99	100
Missouri .....	91	89	95	95
Nebraska .....	100	100	100	100
North Carolina .....	68	53	66	64
North Dakota .....	100	100	100	99
Ohio .....	100	93	95	99
South Dakota .....	100	100	100	99
Tennessee .....	81	83	91	93
Wisconsin .....	96	93	95	98
18 States .....	95	94	97	98

## Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	November 23, 2013	November 16, 2014	November 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	87	82	88	83
Arizona .....	64	60	67	65
Arkansas .....	99	98	99	96
California .....	99	95	97	95
Georgia .....	71	83	88	75
Kansas .....	53	35	46	60
Louisiana .....	100	99	100	99
Mississippi .....	98	96	99	98
Missouri .....	84	84	91	91
North Carolina .....	77	77	87	84
Oklahoma .....	65	43	56	68
South Carolina .....	71	89	95	82
Tennessee .....	66	71	87	90
Texas .....	70	46	57	79
Virginia .....	86	66	90	87
15 States .....	77	69	77	83

## Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	November 23, 2013	November 16, 2014	November 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	100
Colorado .....	93	74	84	88
Illinois .....	98	92	95	94
Kansas .....	96	81	90	92
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	96	91	95	95
Nebraska .....	99	93	97	93
New Mexico .....	86	26	39	82
Oklahoma .....	90	87	92	89
South Dakota .....	92	95	99	96
Texas .....	98	83	84	91
11 States .....	96	83	88	91

## Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States planted 83% of the 2013 sunflower acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	November 23, 2013	November 16, 2014	November 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	99	76	90	91
Kansas .....	93	74	86	88
North Dakota .....	76	82	86	92
South Dakota .....	77	80	86	91
4 States .....	78	80	86	90

## Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

[These 8 States planted 96% of the 2013 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	November 23, 2013	November 16, 2014	November 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	99	91	96	87
Florida .....	100	98	99	99
Georgia .....	100	94	97	97
North Carolina .....	100	92	96	99
Oklahoma .....	97	87	91	95
South Carolina .....	100	98	100	99
Texas .....	98	88	94	97
Virginia .....	99	99	100	100
8 States .....	97	94	97	95

## Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 87% of the 2013 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	November 23, 2013	November 16, 2014	November 23, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	78	79	87	79
California .....	34	40	60	51
Colorado .....	100	100	100	97
Idaho .....	98	96	100	98
Illinois .....	97	64	76	90
Indiana .....	96	81	88	89
Kansas .....	99	92	95	95
Michigan .....	99	82	86	98
Missouri .....	79	59	74	77
Montana .....	96	100	100	88
Nebraska .....	100	100	100	99
North Carolina .....	53	48	62	50
Ohio .....	99	86	91	92
Oklahoma .....	97	93	98	92
Oregon .....	89	80	85	91
South Dakota .....	99	95	100	91
Texas .....	82	76	82	79
Washington .....	95	94	98	96
18 States .....	92	87	92	89

## Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 23, 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 .....	3	1	32	58	6
California .....	-	-	20	45	35
Colorado .....	1	6	41	40	12
Idaho .....	-	-	9	81	10
Illinois .....	4	7	33	54	2
Indiana .....	-	2	31	51	16
Kansas .....	-	4	35	55	6
Michigan .....	3	6	25	51	15
Missouri .....	-	1	45	53	1
Montana .....	-	2	28	43	27
Nebraska .....	-	2	29	60	9
North Carolina .....	-	-	26	69	5
Ohio .....	1	5	29	52	13
Oklahoma .....	2	9	35	48	6
Oregon .....	3	3	57	34	3
South Dakota .....	1	4	27	57	11
Texas .....	4	9	38	38	11
Washington .....	3	10	64	22	1
18 States .....	1	5	36	49	9
Previous week .....	1	5	34	50	10
Previous year .....	2	6	30	53	9

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Today's publication is the last weekly Crop Progress report issued for the 2014 season. The first weekly report for 2015 will be released on Monday, April 6, 2015.

### 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](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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