



Crop Progress

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Corn Dough – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2014 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	49	15	38	44
Illinois	85	67	84	82
Indiana	70	44	63	69
Iowa	72	51	74	62
Kansas	77	60	77	80
Kentucky	68	56	66	67
Michigan	46	33	57	56
Minnesota	60	52	71	52
Missouri	90	68	83	84
Nebraska	76	43	72	74
North Carolina	90	90	94	94
North Dakota	29	24	57	44
Ohio	65	36	61	65
Pennsylvania	28	54	61	48
South Dakota	56	35	61	57
Tennessee	91	86	93	94
Texas	89	86	87	83
Wisconsin	35	27	52	43
18 States	68	50	71	66

Corn Dented – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2014 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	5	-	6	5
Illinois	32	17	38	41
Indiana	27	4	16	27
Iowa	15	4	14	25
Kansas	27	14	32	41
Kentucky	47	29	43	48
Michigan	5	-	2	12
Minnesota	5	1	13	12
Missouri	49	31	48	52
Nebraska	18	5	14	27
North Carolina	77	68	80	82
North Dakota	-	1	3	7
Ohio	15	2	17	19
Pennsylvania	5	9	24	14
South Dakota	4	1	5	12
Tennessee	49	29	52	70
Texas	77	55	58	69
Wisconsin	3	-	5	7
18 States	20	9	21	28

- Represents zero.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Colorado	-	3	21	65	11
Illinois	5	10	29	44	12
Indiana	9	15	28	36	12
Iowa	1	3	14	57	25
Kansas	2	8	32	48	10
Kentucky	1	4	14	50	31
Michigan	3	6	22	53	16
Minnesota	-	2	10	58	30
Missouri	6	12	32	40	10
Nebraska	1	4	17	59	19
North Carolina	11	16	30	32	11
North Dakota	1	5	18	62	14
Ohio	5	15	34	36	10
Pennsylvania	-	7	19	38	36
South Dakota	1	3	20	59	17
Tennessee	-	2	14	56	28
Texas	3	9	32	42	14
Wisconsin	1	5	18	51	25
18 States	3	7	21	51	18
Previous week	2	7	21	52	18
Previous year	2	6	20	51	21

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Blooming – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2014 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	94	93	96	96
Illinois	96	89	94	96
Indiana	99	90	94	96
Iowa	98	92	95	98
Kansas	88	77	86	88
Kentucky	77	77	84	84
Louisiana	100	97	99	99
Michigan	96	96	100	97
Minnesota	96	98	99	97
Mississippi	95	94	96	99
Missouri	89	58	71	88
Nebraska	99	94	98	98
North Carolina	79	72	81	79
North Dakota	98	98	100	98
Ohio	94	90	98	97
South Dakota	97	90	92	98
Tennessee	90	82	89	91
Wisconsin	93	89	94	93
18 States	95	88	93	95

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2014 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	86	77	86	85
Illinois	88	70	81	83
Indiana	89	72	83	80
Iowa	87	73	84	84
Kansas	61	46	61	57
Kentucky	62	54	63	65
Louisiana	94	91	95	95
Michigan	85	70	88	83
Minnesota	83	90	94	83
Mississippi	84	84	87	92
Missouri	68	27	38	61
Nebraska	88	67	81	85
North Carolina	53	44	56	50
North Dakota	86	86	94	89
Ohio	78	64	81	78
South Dakota	79	71	80	80
Tennessee	73	61	71	75
Wisconsin	77	72	83	76
18 States	81	69	79	79

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	5	7	26	48	14
Illinois	6	13	31	40	10
Indiana	7	16	31	37	9
Iowa	1	4	18	57	20
Kansas	1	7	37	49	6
Kentucky	2	5	18	57	18
Louisiana	1	9	36	47	7
Michigan	2	6	26	52	14
Minnesota	1	2	17	56	24
Mississippi	2	8	23	40	27
Missouri	6	17	46	27	4
Nebraska	1	5	21	56	17
North Carolina	7	12	29	43	9
North Dakota	1	5	20	61	13
Ohio	6	15	35	36	8
South Dakota	1	4	20	58	17
Tennessee	1	3	16	60	20
Wisconsin	2	5	17	52	24
18 States	3	8	26	49	14
Previous week	3	8	26	49	14
Previous year	1	5	23	54	17

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2014 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	90	93	94	84
Arizona	99	85	93	93
Arkansas	99	97	98	100
California	100	95	96	92
Georgia	97	88	94	91
Kansas	37	42	52	60
Louisiana	97	93	97	99
Mississippi	89	87	91	95
Missouri	86	58	67	92
North Carolina	93	82	89	94
Oklahoma	86	62	68	68
South Carolina	94	95	97	79
Tennessee	88	73	79	90
Texas	82	56	61	86
Virginia	93	74	87	89
15 States	87	68	73	88

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2014 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	4	1	16	8
Arizona	39	25	35	35
Arkansas	5	7	13	11
California	17	1	1	9
Georgia	8	1	6	10
Kansas	5	-	2	4
Louisiana	16	9	18	34
Mississippi	5	7	19	12
Missouri	1	-	-	5
North Carolina	5	3	6	5
Oklahoma	1	-	1	1
South Carolina	-	-	-	3
Tennessee	7	1	4	5
Texas	15	9	11	15
Virginia	2	-	6	3
15 States	11	7	10	12

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	2	23	69	6
Arizona	3	1	16	48	32
Arkansas	4	1	15	46	34
California	-	-	10	30	60
Georgia	1	5	28	52	14
Kansas	-	10	27	53	10
Louisiana	1	5	37	49	8
Mississippi	1	6	36	41	16
Missouri	1	10	50	33	6
North Carolina	2	8	24	55	11
Oklahoma	-	1	22	72	5
South Carolina	1	9	50	38	2
Tennessee	-	1	18	62	19
Texas	1	10	43	39	7
Virginia	-	-	18	79	3
15 States	1	8	36	45	10
Previous week	1	8	35	45	11
Previous year	4	12	34	39	11

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Pegging – Selected States

[These 8 States planted 97% of the 2014 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	93	84	91	90
Florida	98	97	98	97
Georgia	99	97	100	97
North Carolina	100	95	98	100
Oklahoma	94	79	81	96
South Carolina	100	99	100	97
Texas	95	87	94	97
Virginia	95	88	95	90
8 States	97	94	97	96

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	2	15	66	17
Florida	-	3	11	67	19
Georgia	1	3	21	51	24
North Carolina	1	5	20	63	11
Oklahoma	-	2	15	77	6
South Carolina	1	3	37	54	5
Texas	-	1	37	55	7
Virginia	-	-	30	64	6
8 States	1	3	22	56	18
Previous week	-	3	21	58	18
Previous year	1	7	28	53	11

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2014 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	96	100	100
Colorado	48	57	73	66
Illinois	81	60	71	84
Kansas	61	60	78	65
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	91	73	86	79
Nebraska	88	82	94	80
New Mexico	32	16	33	33
Oklahoma	64	63	77	69
South Dakota	87	81	89	88
Texas	92	87	89	87
11 States	74	72	83	75

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2014 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	84	75	90	86
Colorado	19	14	24	27
Illinois	44	22	40	34
Kansas	9	5	16	10
Louisiana	96	96	98	98
Missouri	45	18	31	30
Nebraska	35	4	13	12
New Mexico	-	-	1	4
Oklahoma	39	21	32	33
South Dakota	17	2	10	24
Texas	89	66	67	74
11 States	43	32	39	38

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2014 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	25	18	44	43
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	1
Kansas	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	80	84	88	83
Missouri	3	(NA)	1	2
Nebraska	-	(NA)	-	-
New Mexico	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	1	(NA)	4	7
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	83	56	57	67
11 States	31	(NA)	24	26

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	2	17	55	24
Colorado	-	5	31	62	2
Illinois	2	8	48	36	6
Kansas	1	4	27	59	9
Louisiana	3	13	34	49	1
Missouri	1	7	48	39	5
Nebraska	-	1	26	60	13
New Mexico	-	-	10	86	4
Oklahoma	2	3	16	71	8
South Dakota	-	1	27	67	5
Texas	4	6	23	52	15
11 States	2	5	25	57	11
Previous week	3	5	25	57	10
Previous year	2	8	31	48	11

- Represents zero.

Rice Headed – Selected States

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2014 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	80	76	88	86
California	85	79	80	55
Louisiana	98	96	98	98
Mississippi	91	88	95	90
Missouri	77	70	78	72
Texas	97	95	97	97
6 States	86	81	88	82

Rice Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 100% of the 2014 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	(NA)	2	2
California	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	26	40	63	42
Mississippi	-	(NA)	3	4
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	35	22	34	45
6 States	6	(NA)	13	10

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acres]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	3	4	22	53	18
California	-	-	30	40	30
Louisiana	-	6	33	54	7
Mississippi	1	2	16	52	29
Missouri	-	4	35	42	19
Texas	2	4	41	44	9
6 States	2	3	27	49	19
Previous week	2	4	25	51	18
Previous year	-	3	23	55	19

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2014 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	23	35	55	23
Minnesota	11	33	78	46
Montana	21	29	43	19
North Dakota	5	16	45	26
South Dakota	32	53	71	66
Washington	65	79	88	35
6 States	15	28	53	31

Spring Wheat Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	4	9	20	41	26
Minnesota	1	3	16	56	24
Montana	4	8	33	46	9
North Dakota	-	2	16	63	19
South Dakota	1	7	29	56	7
Washington	10	45	33	12	-
6 States	2	6	22	55	15
Previous week	2	6	23	55	14
Previous year	1	5	26	54	14

- Represents zero.

Oats Harvested – Selected States

[These 9 States harvested 67% of the 2014 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	96	91	97	98
Minnesota	65	55	81	71
Nebraska	98	83	94	98
North Dakota	13	20	52	34
Ohio	85	78	91	95
Pennsylvania	68	61	78	82
South Dakota	77	81	88	84
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	53	55	76	70
9 States	64	62	80	75

Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 81% of the 2014 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 16, 2014	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	29	39	57	31
Minnesota	23	65	86	51
Montana	36	48	62	30
North Dakota	14	29	72	35
Washington	61	71	81	29
5 States	29	42	66	32

Barley Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2014 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	1	3	13	49	34
Minnesota	-	3	33	46	18
Montana	4	10	34	41	11
North Dakota	-	2	18	66	14
Washington	6	24	62	8	-
5 States	2	7	26	48	17
Previous week	2	6	26	49	17
Previous year	2	6	30	52	10

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[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	1	14	39	43	3
Arizona	7	9	33	43	8
Arkansas	5	17	33	35	10
California	25	30	20	15	10
Colorado	1	12	25	50	12
Connecticut	-	20	59	21	-
Delaware	3	6	39	45	7
Florida	1	2	20	57	20
Georgia	1	11	38	44	6
Idaho	5	16	40	35	4
Illinois	1	5	28	52	14
Indiana	2	7	33	49	9
Iowa	1	5	27	53	14
Kansas	2	7	30	51	10
Kentucky	1	4	17	62	16
Louisiana	5	24	43	26	2
Maine	-	-	17	57	26
Maryland	-	5	35	38	22
Massachusetts	-	4	37	50	9
Michigan	4	6	36	45	9
Minnesota	1	6	23	60	10
Mississippi	4	17	34	38	7
Missouri	-	2	32	54	12
Montana	9	22	45	21	3
Nebraska	3	6	24	55	12
Nevada	10	20	40	30	-
New Hampshire	6	8	28	57	1
New Jersey	4	7	19	38	32
New Mexico	4	6	34	44	12
New York	1	6	30	51	12
North Carolina	19	24	32	21	4
North Dakota	1	6	33	52	8
Ohio	1	9	36	43	11
Oklahoma	2	9	31	48	10
Oregon	24	34	34	8	-
Pennsylvania	8	18	38	23	13
Rhode Island	-	-	50	50	-
South Carolina	3	16	44	35	2
South Dakota	2	9	30	53	6
Tennessee	1	9	29	55	6
Texas	7	18	40	30	5
Utah	-	11	34	49	6
Vermont	-	-	7	68	25
Virginia	2	12	35	43	8
Washington	20	26	27	25	2
West Virginia	1	6	24	64	5
Wisconsin	2	13	26	44	15
Wyoming	-	4	15	72	9
48 States	4	12	32	43	9
Previous week	3	11	31	46	9
Previous year	6	14	32	40	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

[Days suitable for Fieldwork are weighted based on cropland acreage]

State	Week ending		
	August 16, 2014 (Days)	August 9, 2015 (Days)	August 16, 2015 (Days)
Alabama	6.4	5.6	5.8
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	6.3	5.8	6.5
California	7.0	7.0	7.0
Colorado	5.9	6.2	6.5
Connecticut	6.0	7.0	6.1
Delaware	5.2	6.0	6.5
Florida	6.3	6.0	5.9
Georgia	6.3	5.8	6.1
Idaho	4.6	6.3	6.9
Illinois	5.2	5.9	6.4
Indiana	5.3	5.4	6.1
Iowa	5.5	5.5	5.9
Kansas	6.0	5.4	6.0
Kentucky	5.4	4.6	6.1
Louisiana	5.5	6.9	6.7
Maine	5.2	5.3	5.5
Maryland	6.1	7.0	6.5
Massachusetts	6.4	6.9	6.6
Michigan	5.3	5.8	5.7
Minnesota	6.1	5.3	5.6
Mississippi	5.5	6.0	6.4
Missouri	4.8	4.1	5.8
Montana	5.7	6.5	6.6
Nebraska	5.9	5.5	6.2
Nevada	5.9	6.4	6.7
New Hampshire	5.8	6.4	5.9
New Jersey	6.1	7.0	6.5
New Mexico	6.5	6.4	6.8
New York	4.1	6.5	5.0
North Carolina	5.1	5.9	6.5
North Dakota	5.8	6.1	6.6
Ohio	5.3	6.0	6.0
Oklahoma	6.5	6.4	6.4
Oregon	5.5	6.3	6.3
Pennsylvania	4.7	6.5	6.5
Rhode Island	6.1	6.5	6.0
South Carolina	6.0	5.8	6.7
South Dakota	5.0	5.5	6.1
Tennessee	5.7	5.0	6.0
Texas	6.6	6.4	6.4
Utah	6.1	6.2	6.4
Vermont	4.4	5.5	4.0
Virginia	5.7	5.9	6.2
Washington	5.6	7.0	6.9
West Virginia	5.1	6.1	6.2
Wisconsin	6.0	5.7	6.1
Wyoming	6.4	6.7	6.9

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National topsoil moisture conditions for selected States are weighted based on cropland acreage]

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	6	33	55	6
Arizona	4	17	73	6
Arkansas	18	31	44	7
California	60	25	15	-
Colorado	4	23	71	2
Connecticut	3	26	71	-
Delaware	16	35	47	2
Florida	-	10	78	12
Georgia	7	36	52	5
Idaho	16	36	44	4
Illinois	1	19	71	9
Indiana	1	17	69	13
Iowa	1	13	76	10
Kansas	3	22	70	5
Kentucky	1	10	78	11
Louisiana	39	43	18	-
Maine	1	25	74	-
Maryland	9	19	61	11
Massachusetts	-	32	65	3
Michigan	3	30	62	5
Minnesota	1	16	81	2
Mississippi	29	40	27	4
Missouri	-	9	72	19
Montana	15	38	40	7
Nebraska	6	28	62	4
Nevada	15	35	50	-
New Hampshire	12	7	74	7
New Jersey	10	39	48	3
New Mexico	15	31	51	3
New York	1	10	65	24
North Carolina	20	36	41	3
North Dakota	6	35	55	4
Ohio	4	19	66	11
Oklahoma	8	32	57	3
Oregon	36	47	17	-
Pennsylvania	18	46	33	3
Rhode Island	-	25	75	-
South Carolina	16	51	33	-
South Dakota	7	28	62	3
Tennessee	3	25	66	6
Texas	18	45	34	3
Utah	8	43	49	-
Vermont	-	-	59	41
Virginia	5	37	55	3
Washington	33	35	31	1
West Virginia	8	33	55	4
Wisconsin	10	31	55	4
Wyoming	1	33	65	1
48 States	9	27	58	6
Previous week	8	24	60	8
Previous year	14	31	51	4

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 16, 2015

[National subsoil moisture conditions for selected States are weighted based on cropland acreage]

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	5	34	53	8
Arizona	4	15	78	3
Arkansas	19	26	48	7
California	45	45	10	-
Colorado	4	22	73	1
Connecticut	3	22	75	-
Delaware	17	22	58	3
Florida	1	11	76	12
Georgia	4	32	59	5
Idaho	13	40	47	-
Illinois	1	12	76	11
Indiana	1	12	73	14
Iowa	1	11	78	10
Kansas	6	20	72	2
Kentucky	-	7	83	10
Louisiana	34	40	26	-
Maine	7	14	79	-
Maryland	9	13	69	9
Massachusetts	-	13	78	9
Michigan	3	24	70	3
Minnesota	1	13	84	2
Mississippi	21	46	28	5
Missouri	-	5	73	22
Montana	14	38	39	9
Nebraska	5	25	67	3
Nevada	20	40	40	-
New Hampshire	9	7	80	4
New Jersey	7	31	60	2
New Mexico	11	26	62	1
New York	1	4	74	21
North Carolina	17	37	42	4
North Dakota	3	28	65	4
Ohio	1	14	73	12
Oklahoma	11	28	58	3
Oregon	39	45	16	-
Pennsylvania	6	45	48	1
Rhode Island	-	25	75	-
South Carolina	14	53	33	-
South Dakota	6	27	65	2
Tennessee	3	24	66	7
Texas	9	40	48	3
Utah	10	48	42	-
Vermont	-	-	47	53
Virginia	4	29	66	1
Washington	27	43	30	-
West Virginia	5	22	68	5
Wisconsin	6	30	62	2
Wyoming	-	27	72	1
48 States	7	25	62	6
Previous week	6	22	65	7
Previous year	14	33	50	3

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested

Corn: Dough, Dent, Condition

Cotton: Setting Bolls, Bolls Open, Condition

Oats: Harvested

Pasture & Range: Condition

Peanuts: Condition

Rice: Headed, Harvested, Condition

Sorghum: Headed, Coloring, Mature, Condition

Soybeans: Blooming, Setting Pods, Condition

Spring Wheat: Harvested

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 2014 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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