



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 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	84	68	84	83
Illinois	96	91	95	97
Indiana	89	80	89	91
Iowa	91	89	95	88
Kansas	93	87	94	95
Kentucky	85	78	85	88
Michigan	76	74	86	82
Minnesota	87	88	96	85
Missouri	97	90	94	95
Nebraska	93	85	91	95
North Carolina	97	97	98	99
North Dakota	71	79	91	82
Ohio	86	76	87	88
Pennsylvania	55	80	89	76
South Dakota	88	81	90	90
Tennessee	98	97	98	99
Texas	95	88	90	92
Wisconsin	68	72	84	75
18 States	89	85	92	90

Corn Dented – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	29	33	59	33
Illinois	69	55	73	73
Indiana	50	34	51	59
Iowa	50	34	57	63
Kansas	64	53	67	71
Kentucky	71	55	69	74
Michigan	26	13	31	41
Minnesota	32	34	65	49
Missouri	79	64	74	80
Nebraska	59	37	59	64
North Carolina	90	89	93	95
North Dakota	11	20	50	34
Ohio	39	35	50	48
Pennsylvania	30	35	57	44
South Dakota	37	28	49	47
Tennessee	80	74	85	91
Texas	85	65	69	80
Wisconsin	21	20	40	37
18 States	50	39	60	60

Corn Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	-	(NA)	2	2
Illinois	4	3	21	23
Indiana	7	(NA)	3	13
Iowa	2	1	3	12
Kansas	23	8	16	30
Kentucky	32	15	29	42
Michigan	1	(NA)	-	6
Minnesota	-	(NA)	1	3
Missouri	19	7	19	36
Nebraska	7	(NA)	1	8
North Carolina	75	66	78	82
North Dakota	-	(NA)	-	4
Ohio	3	(NA)	2	5
Pennsylvania	4	(NA)	5	7
South Dakota	1	(NA)	3	4
Tennessee	17	6	25	49
Texas	71	55	56	65
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	1	3
18 States	7	(NA)	9	15

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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)
Colorado	-	3	21	62	14
Illinois	5	10	30	43	12
Indiana	9	15	29	36	11
Iowa	1	3	15	55	26
Kansas	3	8	32	46	11
Kentucky	2	4	13	51	30
Michigan	3	6	22	53	16
Minnesota	-	2	10	54	34
Missouri	5	11	33	41	10
Nebraska	1	4	18	58	19
North Carolina	10	16	28	35	11
North Dakota	1	7	21	58	13
Ohio	5	15	31	39	10
Pennsylvania	-	8	22	41	29
South Dakota	1	5	17	59	18
Tennessee	-	2	13	57	28
Texas	3	8	33	41	15
Wisconsin	1	5	17	51	26
18 States	3	7	22	49	19
Previous week	3	7	21	50	19
Previous year	2	5	19	52	22

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	97	92	96	97
Illinois	97	88	94	96
Indiana	97	89	95	95
Iowa	96	90	95	96
Kansas	86	71	81	83
Kentucky	77	74	84	85
Louisiana	98	97	99	99
Michigan	96	95	97	97
Minnesota	95	98	100	96
Mississippi	95	92	95	98
Missouri	90	52	66	86
Nebraska	99	91	96	98
North Carolina	78	69	80	79
North Dakota	97	98	100	98
Ohio	96	89	96	96
South Dakota	96	90	95	97
Tennessee	91	81	91	93
Wisconsin	92	90	96	94
18 States	94	87	93	95

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	19	12	19	16
Illinois	1	(NA)	1	3
Indiana	9	(NA)	3	10
Iowa	-	(NA)	1	2
Kansas	5	3	6	5
Kentucky	2	(NA)	2	9
Louisiana	54	46	58	43
Michigan	1	(NA)	-	2
Minnesota	-	(NA)	3	4
Mississippi	22	30	44	29
Missouri	1	(NA)	1	2
Nebraska	4	5	10	3
North Carolina	4	2	8	2
North Dakota	6	19	31	11
Ohio	5	(NA)	3	8
South Dakota	4	4	19	16
Tennessee	3	(NA)	4	11
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	1	-
18 States	5	(NA)	9	7

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	6	27	48	14
Illinois	5	12	30	43	10
Indiana	8	14	31	37	10
Iowa	1	4	19	55	21
Kansas	1	7	35	50	7
Kentucky	2	5	18	56	19
Louisiana	3	9	37	46	5
Michigan	2	5	29	51	13
Minnesota	1	2	18	53	26
Mississippi	2	7	24	41	26
Missouri	5	17	46	27	5
Nebraska	1	5	20	57	17
North Carolina	7	12	28	43	10
North Dakota	2	7	23	57	11
Ohio	6	16	32	38	8
South Dakota	1	4	18	58	19
Tennessee	1	3	16	60	20
Wisconsin	1	5	15	53	26
18 States	3	8	26	48	15
Previous week	3	8	26	49	14
Previous year	1	5	22	54	18

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	99	96	98	94
Arizona	100	97	99	99
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	100	97	98	96
Georgia	100	97	99	98
Kansas	74	63	79	83
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Mississippi	98	94	96	99
Missouri	97	74	86	99
North Carolina	97	95	98	99
Oklahoma	91	81	95	89
South Carolina	98	98	100	93
Tennessee	95	86	91	98
Texas	92	75	91	94
Virginia	100	95	96	98
15 States	95	83	94	96

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	17	20	32	24
Arizona	53	45	50	55
Arkansas	20	15	21	37
California	26	2	15	20
Georgia	35	15	30	32
Kansas	13	4	9	13
Louisiana	59	28	58	66
Mississippi	22	31	43	41
Missouri	11	6	12	22
North Carolina	16	13	28	23
Oklahoma	23	2	12	19
South Carolina	19	12	30	17
Tennessee	25	8	13	28
Texas	32	13	17	24
Virginia	9	11	23	14
15 States	29	14	22	27

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	68	7
Arizona	4	2	15	49	30
Arkansas	4	2	16	44	34
California	-	-	10	25	65
Georgia	1	5	27	53	14
Kansas	-	11	26	52	11
Louisiana	3	6	37	47	7
Mississippi	1	7	34	42	16
Missouri	1	10	49	34	6
North Carolina	2	8	23	56	11
Oklahoma	-	2	31	63	4
South Carolina	2	11	51	34	2
Tennessee	-	1	18	60	21
Texas	4	11	40	40	5
Virginia	-	-	18	79	3
15 States	3	8	35	45	9
Previous week	1	8	38	44	9
Previous year	4	12	34	39	11

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	83	86	90	87
Illinois	92	87	92	95
Kansas	88	89	96	87
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	100	91	95	95
Nebraska	100	98	100	96
New Mexico	58	58	79	59
Oklahoma	85	87	92	84
South Dakota	97	94	95	98
Texas	96	91	96	94
11 States	91	90	95	90

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	98	95	97	97
Colorado	31	30	38	42
Illinois	72	57	73	65
Kansas	33	29	47	35
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	78	48	65	57
Nebraska	68	29	43	42
New Mexico	9	7	13	13
Oklahoma	63	43	51	52
South Dakota	57	19	51	58
Texas	91	73	74	78
11 States	60	48	58	54

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	66	62	78	70
Colorado	10	1	3	6
Illinois	1	-	5	6
Kansas	4	1	2	3
Louisiana	98	93	95	97
Missouri	24	5	13	15
Nebraska	1	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	16	14	16	16
South Dakota	1	1	2	3
Texas	85	63	64	70
11 States	37	27	29	30

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	13	19	36	36
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	-
Kansas	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	81	68	79	83
Missouri	-	(NA)	1	1
Nebraska	-	(NA)	-	-
New Mexico	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	-	(NA)	1	3
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	64	45	49	57
11 States	25	(NA)	15	23

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	3	20	55	20
Colorado	-	5	31	62	2
Illinois	2	7	47	37	7
Kansas	1	4	26	59	10
Louisiana	3	13	34	49	1
Missouri	1	7	44	42	6
Nebraska	-	1	26	59	14
New Mexico	-	1	10	85	4
Oklahoma	2	3	16	71	8
South Dakota	-	1	27	66	6
Texas	3	6	24	51	16
11 States	2	5	25	56	12
Previous week	2	5	25	56	12
Previous year	3	9	31	47	10

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	-	3	17	63	17
Florida	-	-	16	65	19
Georgia	1	3	21	52	23
North Carolina	1	5	23	60	11
Oklahoma	-	2	15	76	7
South Carolina	1	6	31	58	4
Texas	-	1	37	55	7
Virginia	-	-	21	72	7
8 States	1	3	22	57	17
Previous week	1	3	21	57	18
Previous year	1	9	30	50	10

- Represents zero.

Rice Headed – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	97	97	99	97
California	94	85	90	81
Louisiana	100	99	100	100
Mississippi	98	97	98	97
Missouri	92	84	90	92
Texas	100	100	100	99
6 States	97	94	97	95

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	4	6	16	16
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	66	75	84	72
Mississippi	5	10	22	23
Missouri	-	-	-	5
Texas	64	55	75	77
6 States	16	18	26	25

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	4	6	23	50	17
California	-	-	30	40	30
Louisiana	-	6	33	54	7
Mississippi	1	2	26	50	21
Missouri	-	4	33	44	19
Texas	2	5	41	43	9
6 States	2	4	28	48	18
Previous week	2	4	28	47	19
Previous year	-	3	23	54	20

- 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 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	55	84	92	59
Minnesota	33	92	95	78
Montana	44	69	85	49
North Dakota	19	70	85	58
South Dakota	66	86	95	90
Washington	94	99	100	71
6 States	36	75	88	62

Barley Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	58	81	89	65
Minnesota	62	92	96	85
Montana	61	83	93	64
North Dakota	40	89	95	69
Washington	96	98	100	72
5 States	56	86	93	67

Oats Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2014	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	99	99	100	100
Minnesota	81	92	97	92
Nebraska	100	97	99	100
North Dakota	36	78	90	66
Ohio	99	96	100	100
Pennsylvania	83	83	90	94
South Dakota	96	95	99	98
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	72	87	92	89
9 States	79	90	95	91

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	-	12	35	50	3
Arizona	9	7	33	41	10
Arkansas	4	16	34	39	7
California	30	30	20	10	10
Colorado	1	14	26	49	10
Connecticut	9	15	71	5	-
Delaware	4	9	45	35	7
Florida	1	5	24	50	20
Georgia	1	9	35	48	7
Idaho	6	21	32	33	8
Illinois	2	7	32	49	10
Indiana	3	11	37	42	7
Iowa	1	6	27	52	14
Kansas	2	7	31	50	10
Kentucky	1	5	20	61	13
Louisiana	6	22	40	30	2
Maine	-	-	21	50	29
Maryland	2	5	39	33	21
Massachusetts	-	4	37	50	9
Michigan	4	6	39	41	10
Minnesota	1	5	21	63	10
Mississippi	5	15	34	38	8
Missouri	-	2	35	52	11
Montana	11	24	44	20	1
Nebraska	3	6	25	55	11
Nevada	10	20	45	25	-
New Hampshire	9	10	24	54	3
New Jersey	16	6	12	36	30
New Mexico	4	5	35	44	12
New York	1	7	31	50	11
North Carolina	18	26	29	23	4
North Dakota	1	8	35	50	6
Ohio	2	12	37	40	9
Oklahoma	3	9	32	47	9
Oregon	25	39	30	6	-
Pennsylvania	9	26	31	21	13
Rhode Island	-	-	50	50	-
South Carolina	3	18	41	36	2
South Dakota	2	8	29	54	7
Tennessee	1	7	27	57	8
Texas	7	21	41	26	5
Utah	-	10	36	48	6
Vermont	5	4	5	79	7
Virginia	6	15	33	41	5
Washington	28	40	25	7	-
West Virginia	1	10	31	50	8
Wisconsin	4	12	25	45	14
Wyoming	-	3	19	68	10
48 States	5	13	32	42	8
Previous week	4	12	32	43	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 30, 2014 (Days)	August 23, 2015 (Days)	August 30, 2015 (Days)
Alabama	6.1	3.6	5.6
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	6.5	4.8	6.8
California	7.0	7.0	6.8
Colorado	4.8	6.3	6.7
Connecticut	6.5	6.4	7.0
Delaware	6.8	5.5	7.0
Florida	6.7	5.8	5.1
Georgia	6.6	5.3	5.9
Idaho	5.7	6.7	6.7
Illinois	4.1	5.4	6.6
Indiana	3.9	5.8	6.5
Iowa	2.6	4.1	3.9
Kansas	5.4	5.4	6.1
Kentucky	5.4	5.5	6.6
Louisiana	5.1	5.1	6.7
Maine	6.1	5.5	5.6
Maryland	6.4	6.0	7.0
Massachusetts	6.3	6.6	6.7
Michigan	5.2	5.2	5.2
Minnesota	4.1	3.7	5.3
Mississippi	6.0	4.1	6.5
Missouri	5.1	5.5	6.5
Montana	3.5	6.2	6.8
Nebraska	3.7	5.8	6.0
Nevada	6.6	6.9	7.0
New Hampshire	6.6	5.8	6.1
New Jersey	6.9	6.5	7.0
New Mexico	6.6	6.6	6.4
New York	5.3	6.0	6.0
North Carolina	6.3	6.0	6.3
North Dakota	3.5	5.8	6.5
Ohio	5.9	6.0	6.5
Oklahoma	6.0	5.5	6.5
Oregon	6.6	6.3	6.3
Pennsylvania	5.3	6.0	6.5
Rhode Island	7.0	6.5	7.0
South Carolina	6.7	5.9	5.7
South Dakota	4.0	4.8	5.8
Tennessee	5.9	4.0	6.3
Texas	6.3	6.2	6.6
Utah	5.9	6.9	6.7
Vermont	4.7	6.9	5.5
Virginia	6.2	6.3	6.8
Washington	6.7	7.0	6.7
West Virginia	5.9	5.9	6.4
Wisconsin	3.5	4.4	5.0
Wyoming	4.5	6.4	6.7

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	3	24	60	13
Arizona	1	12	77	10
Arkansas	4	44	45	7
California	55	25	20	-
Colorado	3	27	68	2
Connecticut	7	37	56	-
Delaware	31	37	30	2
Florida	-	10	65	25
Georgia	5	26	64	5
Idaho	15	43	37	5
Illinois	3	24	67	6
Indiana	4	29	60	7
Iowa	-	6	78	16
Kansas	5	23	67	5
Kentucky	3	22	70	5
Louisiana	25	34	37	4
Maine	-	20	78	2
Maryland	2	32	62	4
Massachusetts	-	23	75	2
Michigan	5	20	69	6
Minnesota	1	8	87	4
Mississippi	18	35	42	5
Missouri	1	19	70	10
Montana	16	40	38	6
Nebraska	6	29	61	4
Nevada	20	40	40	-
New Hampshire	16	14	68	2
New Jersey	23	30	44	3
New Mexico	15	34	49	2
New York	1	11	66	22
North Carolina	19	39	38	4
North Dakota	4	31	61	4
Ohio	5	27	62	6
Oklahoma	9	32	56	3
Oregon	38	48	14	-
Pennsylvania	19	42	36	3
Rhode Island	-	32	68	-
South Carolina	15	40	44	1
South Dakota	5	22	69	4
Tennessee	6	16	68	10
Texas	19	45	34	2
Utah	13	45	42	-
Vermont	6	9	61	24
Virginia	15	46	39	-
Washington	34	39	26	1
West Virginia	6	37	54	3
Wisconsin	4	17	70	9
Wyoming	2	41	56	1
48 States	9	27	58	6
Previous week	8	25	61	6
Previous year	13	26	53	8

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 30, 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	3	21	63	13
Arizona	1	10	82	7
Arkansas	11	33	51	5
California	45	40	15	-
Colorado	5	26	69	-
Connecticut	7	27	66	-
Delaware	15	44	38	3
Florida	-	10	62	28
Georgia	4	27	64	5
Idaho	11	48	41	-
Illinois	1	19	73	7
Indiana	2	23	68	7
Iowa	1	7	78	14
Kansas	7	22	70	1
Kentucky	2	16	77	5
Louisiana	21	34	40	5
Maine	8	20	70	2
Maryland	4	28	66	2
Massachusetts	-	15	83	2
Michigan	5	19	73	3
Minnesota	1	9	88	2
Mississippi	18	38	38	6
Missouri	-	9	77	14
Montana	14	39	39	8
Nebraska	6	25	67	2
Nevada	25	40	35	-
New Hampshire	12	12	75	1
New Jersey	17	26	55	2
New Mexico	11	29	59	1
New York	1	5	74	20
North Carolina	17	36	43	4
North Dakota	3	28	66	3
Ohio	3	19	71	7
Oklahoma	13	29	55	3
Oregon	39	47	14	-
Pennsylvania	8	37	54	1
Rhode Island	-	26	74	-
South Carolina	17	41	41	1
South Dakota	6	23	69	2
Tennessee	6	15	71	8
Texas	11	45	43	1
Utah	12	48	40	-
Vermont	6	9	44	41
Virginia	12	39	48	1
Washington	29	53	18	-
West Virginia	8	26	63	3
Wisconsin	5	21	71	3
Wyoming	-	36	63	1
48 States	8	26	61	5
Previous week	7	24	63	6
Previous year	13	28	55	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested
Corn: Dough, Dented, Mature, Condition
Cotton: Setting Bolls, Bolls Opening, Condition
Pasture & Range: Condition
Peanuts: Condition
Rice: Harvested, Condition
Sorghum: Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition
Soybeans: Setting Pods, Dropping Leaves, Condition
Spring Wheat: Harvested
Winter Wheat: Planted

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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