Crop Progress

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Special Note

September surveys on crops and livestock are underway! This month, NASS will survey U.S. small grains growers for final production. We will also ask hog producers about their summer pig crop, current inventory, and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The responses will provide the foundation for the 2015 production estimates. **Farmers contacted can respond by mail, phone, or online.** Your information matters! NASS will release the results later this month at http://www.nass.usda.gov.

Corn Dough – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	92	84	94	94
Illinois	98	95	100	98
Indiana	94	89	93	96
Iowa	96	95	97	94
Kansas	96	94	97	98
Kentucky	91	85	95	94
Michigan	85	86	91	90
Minnesota	93	96	99	93
Missouri	100	94	97	99
Nebraska	97	91	94	98
North Carolina	100	98	100	100
North Dakota	86	91	96	92
Ohio	92	87	95	94
Pennsylvania	76	89	96	86
South Dakota	95	90	95	96
Tennessee	99	98	99	100
Texas	97	90	92	95
Wisconsin	79	84	91	85
18 States	94	92	96	95

Corn Dented – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	46	59	71	56
Illinois	82	73	89	85
Indiana	63	51	67	73
Iowa	69	57	76	78
Kansas	75	67	81	84
Kentucky	80	69	81	84
Michigan	43	31	53	59
Minnesota	57	65	85	70
Missouri	89	74	86	90
Nebraska	73	59	75	79
North Carolina	94	93	96	98
North Dakota	34	50	69	57
Ohio	57	50	66	64
Pennsylvania	47	57	74	57
South Dakota	60	49	67	70
Tennessee	90	85	93	96
Texas	89	69	75	84
Wisconsin	38	40	56	54
18 States	67	60	76	75

Corn Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	1	2	6	7
Illinois	15	21	43	37
Indiana	14	3	18	25
Iowa	5	3	10	26
Kansas	34	16	33	42
Kentucky	48	29	51	57
Michigan	5	-	3	13
Minnesota	-	1	5	10
Missouri	34	19	38	51
Nebraska	14	1	12	16
North Carolina	86	78	86	92
North Dakota	-	-	6	12
Ohio	7	2	12	12
Pennsylvania	9	5	19	12
South Dakota	4	3	14	11
Tennessee	39	25	48	65
Texas	72	56	57	67
Wisconsin	3	1	5	9
18 States	14	9	20	26

- Represents zero.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 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	61	15
Illinois	5	10	30	43	12
Indiana	9	16	29	35	11
Iowa	1	4	16	54	25
Kansas	3	8	32	47	10
Kentucky	2	4	13	51	30
Michigan	3	6	22	52	17
Minnesota	-	2	10	53	35
Missouri	5	11	33	41	10
Nebraska	1	5	18	57	19
North Carolina	11	17	27	34	11
North Dakota	1	8	22	57	12
Ohio	5	15	32	38	10
Pennsylvania	-	8	24	40	28
South Dakota	1	5	17	58	19
Tennessee	-	2	13	56	29
Texas	3	8	33	41	15
Wisconsin	1	5	17	51	26
18 States	3	7	22	49	19
Previous week	3	7	22	49	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
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	96	99	99
Illinois	100	94	96	98
Indiana	100	95	99	98
Iowa	98	95	97	98
Kansas	94	81	91	91
Kentucky	86	84	91	92
Louisiana	100	99	100	100
Michigan	100	97	100	99
Minnesota	97	100	100	98
Mississippi	99	95	98	100
Missouri	91	66	80	93
Nebraska	100	96	99	100
North Carolina	83	80	89	88
North Dakota	100	100	100	100
Ohio	100	96	100	99
South Dakota	99	95	98	99
Tennessee	95	91	95	97
Wisconsin	96	96	98	97
18 States	99	93	96	99

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	30	19	29	24
Illinois	6	1	12	10
Indiana	17	3	20	23
Iowa	3	1	5	8
Kansas	10	6	10	11
Kentucky	7	2	9	18
Louisiana	65	58	71	57
Michigan	9	-	6	9
Minnesota	3	3	14	13
Mississippi	37	44	55	45
Missouri	8	1	3	6
Nebraska	9	10	21	9
North Carolina	10	8	14	6
North Dakota	17	31	44	26
Ohio	11	3	17	18
South Dakota	11	19	33	32
Tennessee	12	4	15	19
Wisconsin	2	1	3	6
18 States	11	9	18	16

- Represents zero.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 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	44	9
Indiana	7	15	31	37	10
Iowa	1	4	19	55	20
Kansas	2	7	35	49	7
Kentucky	2	6	21	54	17
Louisiana	4	13	36	42	5
Michigan	3	5	28	50	14
Minnesota	1	2	18	53	26
Mississippi	2	8	25	40	25
Missouri	5	18	44	28	5
Nebraska	1	5	21	56	17
North Carolina	7	12	28	43	10
North Dakota	2	8	26	54	10
Ohio	6	15	33	38	8
South Dakota	1	4	18	57	20
Tennessee	2	4	16	60	18
Wisconsin	1	5	14	53	27
18 States	3	8	26	49	14
Previous week	3	8	26	48	15
Previous year	1	5	22	53	19

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	100	98	100	96
Arizona	100	99	100	100
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	100	98	99	96
Georgia	100	99	100	100
Kansas	83	79	86	89
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Mississippi	100	96	100	100
Missouri	97	86	99	99
North Carolina	97	98	99	99
Oklahoma	94	95	97	92
South Carolina	100	100	100	95
Tennessee	98	91	96	99
Texas	97	91	92	97
Virginia	100	96	98	99
15 States	99	94	95	100

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	26	32	50	34
Arizona	59	50	65	67
Arkansas	46	21	29	57
California	48	15	35	33
Georgia	53	30	48	48
Kansas	16	9	15	20
Louisiana	79	58	74	79
Mississippi	40	43	60	58
Missouri	21	12	21	37
North Carolina	28	28	44	41
Oklahoma	29	12	14	28
South Carolina	42	30	54	32
Tennessee	34	13	22	41
Texas	34	17	21	32
Virginia	32	23	37	28
15 States	38	22	31	38

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 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	25	65	7
Arizona	4	2	17	45	32
Arkansas	4	2	16	44	34
California	-	-	10	30	60
Georgia	1	6	26	52	15
Kansas	-	10	27	52	11
Louisiana	3	8	38	44	7
Mississippi	2	7	32	42	17
Missouri	1	10	50	35	4
North Carolina	3	9	22	56	10
Oklahoma	-	2	31	63	4
South Carolina	2	8	55	33	2
Tennessee	-	1	18	59	22
Texas	3	13	40	39	5
Virginia	-	-	25	72	3
15 States	2	10	35	44	9
Previous week	3	8	35	45	9
Previous year	5	12	34	38	11

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 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	20	60	17
Florida	-	2	20	61	17
Georgia	1	4	21	51	23
North Carolina	2	5	24	59	10
Oklahoma	-	2	14	77	7
South Carolina	-	4	42	50	4
Texas	-	6	33	54	7
Virginia	-	-	29	66	5
8 States	1	4	24	54	17
Previous week	1	3	22	57	17
Previous year	2	11	30	49	8

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	99	97	100	99
Colorado	35	38	44	53
Illinois	77	73	82	80
Kansas	48	47	66	52
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	90	65	83	71
Nebraska	81	43	70	66
New Mexico	19	13	19	19
Oklahoma	69	51	77	59
South Dakota	68	51	73	80
Texas	92	74	77	80
11 States	68	58	71	65

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	82	78	89	82
Colorado	13	3	6	12
Illinois	17	5	22	21
Kansas	8	2	9	7
Louisiana	100	95	99	99
Missouri	38	13	23	26
Nebraska	3	-	3	2
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	31	16	25	24
South Dakota	2	2	3	11
Texas	86	64	65	71
11 States	40	29	33	34

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	28	36	52	50
Colorado	1	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	-	2
Kansas	1	-	1	1
Louisiana	90	79	85	91
Missouri	3	1	5	3
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	2	1	5	6
South Dakota	-	-	-	-
Texas	65	49	52	59
11 States	26	15	18	24

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 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	21	59	15
Colorado	-	5	31	62	2
Illinois	2	7	45	39	7
Kansas	1	5	26	57	11
Louisiana	3	13	34	49	1
Missouri	1	7	44	42	6
Nebraska	-	2	26	58	14
New Mexico	-	1	10	85	4
Oklahoma	2	3	19	69	7
South Dakota	-	4	30	59	7
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	46	11

- Represents zero.

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	14	16	30	29
California	2	-	1	1
Louisiana	75	84	90	82
Mississippi	14	22	34	36
Missouri	4	-	2	12
Texas	80	75	76	89
6 States	25	26	35	34

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 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	7	25	49	15
California	-	-	30	40	30
Louisiana	-	6	33	54	7
Mississippi	1	2	21	54	22
Missouri	-	4	33	44	19
Texas	2	5	41	43	9
6 States	2	5	28	48	17
Previous week	2	4	28	48	18
Previous year	-	3	23	54	20

- Represents zero.

Barley Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	83	89	93	81
Minnesota	81	96	98	93
Montana	85	93	95	79
North Dakota	59	95	96	82
Washington	99	100	100	89
5 States	78	93	95	82

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	74	92	93	77
Minnesota	51	95	98	86
Montana	63	85	92	64
North Dakota	39	85	93	71
South Dakota	85	95	98	97
Washington	97	100	100	86
6 States	55	88	94	76

Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 87% of the 2014 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	(NA)	-	-
California	-	(NA)	-	-
Colorado	4	8	13	5
Idaho	-	2	-	-
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	-
Indiana	-	(NA)	-	-
Kansas	2	(NA)	1	1
Michigan	1	(NA)	1	-
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	-
Montana	-	(NA)	-	-
Nebraska	10	(NA)	2	9
North Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Ohio	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	2	(NA)	-	1
Oregon	-	(NA)	-	-
South Dakota	3	(NA)	5	7
Texas	3	(NA)	1	2
Washington	-	9	-	-
18 States	3	(NA)	3	3

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 2015

[National pasture and range conditions for selected States are weighted based on pasture acreage and/or livestock inventories]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	11	35	51	3
Arizona	9	6	32	42	11
Arkansas	5	18	37	34	6
California	35	25	20	10	10
Colorado	1	15	26	48	10
Connecticut	18	20	62	-	-
Delaware	9	20	37	30	4
Florida	1	5	22	52	20
Georgia	1	7	36	49	7
Idaho	6	21	32	33	8
Illinois	3	10	34	46	7
Indiana	4	13	38	39	6
Iowa	1	6	29	51	13
Kansas	2	8	31	50	9
Kentucky	2	9	26	54	9
Louisiana	6	23	40	29	2
Maine	-	4	30	46	20
Maryland	3	21	29	27	20
Massachusetts	-	12	42	46	-
Michigan	3	6	38	43	10
Minnesota	1	5	20	65	9
Mississippi	6	17	35	35	7
Missouri	-	3	39	49	9
Montana	11	24	44	20	1
Nebraska	3	6	26	54	11
Nevada	15	20	40	25	-
New Hampshire	9	6	20	63	2
New Jersey	16	7	26	21	30
New Mexico	4	5	31	48	12
New York	1	8	33	47	11
North Carolina	19	27	28	22	4
North Dakota	1	9	37	47	6
Ohio	3	11	39	39	8
Oklahoma	3	10	36	43	8
Oregon	25	39	30	6	-
Pennsylvania	14	26	34	15	11
Rhode Island	-	5	54	41	-
South Carolina	3	21	35	39	2
South Dakota	2	9	30	53	6
Tennessee	2	9	30	53	6
Texas	8	23	41	23	5
Utah	1	9	37	48	5
Vermont	5	4	14	70	7
Virginia	8	19	35	35	3
Washington	37	31	16	16	-
West Virginia	3	15	30	45	7
Wisconsin	3	11	25	46	15
Wyoming	-	4	20	63	13
48 States	5	14	33	41	7
Previous week	5	13	32	42	8
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		
	September 6, 2014	August 30, 2015	September 6, 2015
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	5.7	5.6	6.3
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	6.1	6.8	6.9
California	7.0	6.8	7.0
Colorado	5.9	6.7	6.7
Connecticut	6.6	7.0	7.0
Delaware	6.1	7.0	7.0
Florida	6.4	5.1	5.8
Georgia	5.7	5.9	6.0
Idaho	6.5	6.7	6.3
Illinois	4.3	6.6	6.7
Indiana	4.3	6.5	6.5
Iowa	3.5	3.9	4.9
Kansas	4.9	6.1	6.8
Kentucky	5.4	6.6	6.8
Louisiana	4.6	6.7	6.2
Maine	6.0	5.6	7.0
Maryland	6.1	7.0	7.0
Massachusetts	6.3	6.7	6.7
Michigan	4.8	5.2	4.7
Minnesota	4.4	5.3	5.3
Mississippi	5.2	6.5	6.6
Missouri	4.9	6.5	6.7
Montana	5.4	6.8	5.7
Nebraska	4.8	6.0	6.5
Nevada	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	6.1	6.1	6.5
New Jersey	6.6	7.0	6.9
New Mexico	6.7	6.4	7.0
New York	5.5	6.0	7.0
North Carolina	6.0	6.3	5.7
North Dakota	4.5	6.5	5.6
Ohio	5.8	6.5	5.9
Oklahoma	5.6	6.5	6.8
Oregon	6.8	6.3	5.3
Pennsylvania	5.5	6.5	7.0
Rhode Island	7.0	7.0	7.0
South Carolina	6.4	5.7	5.9
South Dakota	5.5	5.8	6.3
Tennessee	4.9	6.3	6.5
Texas	5.8	6.6	6.7
Utah	6.6	6.7	6.6
Vermont	5.2	5.5	6.7
Virginia	6.1	6.8	6.5
Washington	6.9	6.7	6.1
West Virginia	6.0	6.4	6.4
Wisconsin	3.6	5.0	5.3
Wyoming	5.6	6.7	6.8

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 2015

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

State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	7	26	61	6
Arizona	1	12	77	10
Arkansas	7	62	30	1
California	60	30	10	-
Colorado	4	30	65	1
Connecticut	15	37	48	-
Delaware	41	33	24	2
Florida	-	11	66	23
Georgia	5	28	63	4
Idaho	13	45	38	4
Illinois	6	34	56	4
Indiana	7	35	52	6
Iowa	-	6	78	16
Kansas	8	28	62	2
Kentucky	8	33	57	2
Louisiana	26	34	38	2
Maine	2	29	69	-
Maryland	19	35	42	4
Massachusetts	3	33	64	-
Michigan	4	16	61	19
Minnesota	1	8	87	4
Mississippi	24	43	30	3
Missouri	3	32	57	8
Montana	16	39	38	7
Nebraska	8	30	59	3
Nevada	30	30	40	-
New Hampshire	14	11	68	7
New Jersey	28	27	42	3
New Mexico	15	34	49	2
New York	2	22	56	20
North Carolina	14	33	48	5
North Dakota	4	30	63	3
Ohio	6	26	62	6
Oklahoma	12	37	48	3
Oregon	38	46	16	-
Pennsylvania	28	48	24	-
Rhode Island	5	36	59	-
South Carolina	11	47	41	1
South Dakota	6	23	68	3
Tennessee	7	25	64	4
Texas	22	49	27	2
Utah	13	45	42	-
Vermont	5	22	58	15
Virginia	20	49	31	-
Washington	25	40	35	-
West Virginia	16	50	32	2
Wisconsin	3	15	73	9
Wyoming	3	44	53	-
48 States	10	30	55	5
Previous week	9	27	58	6
Previous year	11	24	58	7

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 6, 2015

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

State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	4	22	64	10
Arizona	1	10	82	7
Arkansas	16	46	37	1
California	55	35	10	-
Colorado	6	28	66	-
Connecticut	15	27	58	-
Delaware	27	41	29	3
Florida	-	11	66	23
Georgia	3	29	63	5
Idaho	13	46	41	-
Illinois	4	24	67	5
Indiana	5	29	61	5
Iowa	-	7	78	15
Kansas	8	26	65	1
Kentucky	5	27	66	2
Louisiana	22	32	42	4
Maine	9	29	61	1
Maryland	18	27	53	2
Massachusetts	-	24	76	-
Michigan	3	19	67	11
Minnesota	1	11	86	2
Mississippi	23	41	31	5
Missouri	1	18	70	11
Montana	14	38	40	8
Nebraska	7	25	67	1
Nevada	30	40	30	-
New Hampshire	14	18	66	2
New Jersey	18	28	52	2
New Mexico	11	29	59	1
New York	1	14	68	17
North Carolina	16	29	50	5
North Dakota	3	29	65	3
Ohio	4	19	70	7
Oklahoma	15	33	50	2
Oregon	39	47	14	-
Pennsylvania	16	40	44	-
Rhode Island	-	35	65	-
South Carolina	16	47	36	1
South Dakota	6	24	69	1
Tennessee	7	21	67	5
Texas	13	48	38	1
Utah	12	48	40	-
Vermont	5	18	57	20
Virginia	16	42	41	1
Washington	29	44	27	-
West Virginia	13	44	41	2
Wisconsin	2	20	74	4
Wyoming	-	39	61	-
48 States	9	28	59	4
Previous week	8	26	61	5
Previous year	13	27	56	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Corn: Dented, Mature, Harvested, Condition
Cotton: Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition
Pasture & Range: Condition
Peanuts: Harvested, Condition
Rice: Harvested, Condition
Sorghum: Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition
Soybeans: Dropping Leaves, Condition
Spring Wheat: Harvested
Sugarbeets: 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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