



Crop Progress

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Corn Dented – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	88	84	97	91
Illinois	94	95	100	97
Indiana	88	79	89	92
Iowa	91	88	95	95
Kansas	93	91	96	97
Kentucky	92	91	96	95
Michigan	69	70	85	84
Minnesota	90	93	97	94
Missouri	99	93	97	98
Nebraska	93	86	93	97
North Carolina	98	99	100	99
North Dakota	77	81	91	89
Ohio	85	82	94	89
Pennsylvania	81	82	86	84
South Dakota	91	81	90	92
Tennessee	98	96	98	99
Texas	93	86	88	94
Wisconsin	70	75	84	81
18 States	89	87	94	93

Corn Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	15	20	45	34
Illinois	53	61	78	69
Indiana	46	34	52	58
Iowa	34	26	49	61
Kansas	58	54	70	72
Kentucky	73	71	83	82
Michigan	23	13	28	40
Minnesota	18	19	41	41
Missouri	73	54	70	79
Nebraska	47	27	47	48
North Carolina	95	91	96	98
North Dakota	8	13	27	38
Ohio	25	28	46	38
Pennsylvania	36	36	62	43
South Dakota	20	29	45	43
Tennessee	82	74	87	89
Texas	75	70	73	81
Wisconsin	17	14	26	34
18 States	40	35	53	56

Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2014 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	-	-	1	4
Illinois	5	6	13	22
Indiana	4	1	8	13
Iowa	-	-	2	9
Kansas	25	11	27	35
Kentucky	32	20	35	45
Michigan	-	-	-	5
Minnesota	-	-	1	5
Missouri	20	14	27	36
Nebraska	3	1	5	9
North Carolina	62	57	70	72
North Dakota	-	-	-	3
Ohio	2	-	3	5
Pennsylvania	5	6	17	9
South Dakota	-	-	2	7
Tennessee	35	17	43	59
Texas	66	53	61	64
Wisconsin	-	-	1	2
18 States	7	5	10	15

- Represents zero.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	23	60	14
Illinois	5	11	30	42	12
Indiana	9	16	28	36	11
Iowa	1	4	16	54	25
Kansas	3	9	31	47	10
Kentucky	1	4	12	53	30
Michigan	3	6	22	52	17
Minnesota	-	2	10	53	35
Missouri	6	12	32	40	10
Nebraska	2	5	19	54	20
North Carolina	11	17	30	32	10
North Dakota	1	8	22	57	12
Ohio	5	15	31	38	11
Pennsylvania	1	9	22	40	28
South Dakota	-	4	19	58	19
Tennessee	-	2	13	53	32
Texas	3	8	33	41	15
Wisconsin	1	4	17	53	25
18 States	3	7	22	49	19
Previous week	3	7	22	49	19
Previous year	2	5	19	51	23

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	55	39	48	46
Illinois	41	32	54	47
Indiana	50	40	62	62
Iowa	31	18	48	42
Kansas	36	19	34	38
Kentucky	27	22	40	44
Louisiana	83	78	85	79
Michigan	37	39	58	47
Minnesota	34	42	72	57
Mississippi	66	63	74	67
Missouri	25	9	17	27
Nebraska	51	38	65	49
North Carolina	25	24	34	20
North Dakota	63	68	85	72
Ohio	45	38	60	56
South Dakota	52	52	73	71
Tennessee	40	32	48	46
Wisconsin	25	13	36	40
18 States	42	35	56	50

Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	22	15	22	21
Illinois	-	(NA)	3	4
Indiana	1	(NA)	5	7
Iowa	-	(NA)	1	4
Kansas	-	(NA)	1	1
Kentucky	2	(NA)	4	6
Louisiana	57	57	66	55
Michigan	-	(NA)	1	2
Minnesota	-	1	12	8
Mississippi	39	34	46	40
Missouri	-	(NA)	1	1
Nebraska	1	(NA)	3	4
North Carolina	1	(NA)	2	1
North Dakota	-	1	10	10
Ohio	1	(NA)	5	4
South Dakota	-	(NA)	3	7
Tennessee	6	(NA)	5	6
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	-	2
18 States	3	(NA)	7	7

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	49	13
Illinois	5	12	29	45	9
Indiana	7	14	32	37	10
Iowa	1	4	19	55	21
Kansas	2	8	33	49	8
Kentucky	2	5	21	55	17
Louisiana	5	16	33	42	4
Michigan	3	6	27	49	15
Minnesota	1	3	18	52	26
Mississippi	2	8	25	40	25
Missouri	5	16	43	30	6
Nebraska	1	5	21	56	17
North Carolina	7	12	28	43	10
North Dakota	2	9	26	54	9
Ohio	6	15	32	39	8
South Dakota	-	3	20	57	20
Tennessee	2	4	17	59	18
Wisconsin	1	5	13	54	27
18 States	3	8	26	48	15
Previous week	3	9	27	46	15
Previous year	2	5	22	53	18

- Represents zero.

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	62	61	70	61
Arizona	74	70	75	84
Arkansas	74	62	70	83
California	74	50	75	53
Georgia	79	70	78	73
Kansas	30	23	29	39
Louisiana	92	89	95	94
Mississippi	71	73	86	81
Missouri	43	35	60	59
North Carolina	61	60	77	72
Oklahoma	71	22	31	57
South Carolina	69	71	79	61
Tennessee	59	42	57	66
Texas	47	35	46	53
Virginia	53	49	65	60
15 States	57	46	57	61

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	3	-	1	4
Arizona	5	5	10	10
Arkansas	-	-	1	8
California	-	-	-	-
Georgia	2	-	2	4
Kansas	-	1	2	-
Louisiana	11	3	14	32
Mississippi	3	1	6	13
Missouri	-	-	-	5
North Carolina	2	-	1	2
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	4	-	1	3
Tennessee	1	-	2	5
Texas	16	8	13	13
Virginia	-	-	-	1
15 States	8	4	7	9

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	29	61	7
Arizona	4	2	16	42	36
Arkansas	4	2	19	42	33
California	-	-	10	30	60
Georgia	1	6	25	52	16
Kansas	-	10	26	52	12
Louisiana	2	13	46	37	2
Mississippi	2	7	34	43	14
Missouri	1	8	49	36	6
North Carolina	3	9	23	55	10
Oklahoma	-	2	34	62	2
South Carolina	2	10	50	36	2
Tennessee	-	1	17	58	24
Texas	3	14	42	36	5
Virginia	-	-	22	75	3
15 States	2	10	36	43	9
Previous week	2	11	35	43	9
Previous year	5	13	34	37	11

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	66	61	88	83
Illinois	87	84	87	92
Kansas	80	83	91	79
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	99	87	91	90
Nebraska	93	86	94	90
New Mexico	52	35	50	43
Oklahoma	89	84	92	80
South Dakota	87	88	91	94
Texas	94	84	90	87
11 States	86	83	90	83

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	97	95	98	98
Colorado	32	17	37	26
Illinois	45	36	52	61
Kansas	22	23	37	22
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	73	41	56	51
Nebraska	23	12	35	22
New Mexico	-	2	8	2
Oklahoma	61	36	52	46
South Dakota	14	9	22	35
Texas	88	70	71	75
11 States	50	43	52	45

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	69	71	82	78
Colorado	3	-	-	2
Illinois	3	1	6	10
Kansas	3	2	8	4
Louisiana	96	90	95	98
Missouri	13	6	10	12
Nebraska	1	-	1	1
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	16	15	26	19
South Dakota	1	1	2	9
Texas	67	60	61	61
11 States	30	22	26	28

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	-	10	29	59	2
Illinois	2	8	45	38	7
Kansas	2	6	28	54	10
Louisiana	3	13	34	49	1
Missouri	1	6	45	41	7
Nebraska	-	1	25	58	16
New Mexico	-	1	10	85	4
Oklahoma	1	3	22	66	8
South Dakota	-	4	30	59	7
Texas	3	6	24	51	16
11 States	2	6	26	54	12
Previous week	2	5	26	56	11
Previous year	3	9	31	46	11

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	4	-	11	4
Florida	14	12	20	20
Georgia	5	4	7	6
North Carolina	2	-	2	4
Oklahoma	-	-	-	1
South Carolina	19	-	5	13
Texas	-	2	15	3
Virginia	-	-	5	-
8 States	6	4	9	7

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	-	4	26	53	17
Florida	1	3	24	63	9
Georgia	-	4	21	50	25
North Carolina	2	5	23	59	11
Oklahoma	-	1	10	82	7
South Carolina	2	6	36	52	4
Texas	-	2	37	54	7
Virginia	-	-	26	69	5
8 States	-	4	25	54	17
Previous week	1	3	25	54	17
Previous year	4	12	28	47	9

- Represents zero.

Sugarbeets Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 84% of the 2014 sugarbeet acreage]

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	19	6	10	7
Michigan	9	12	15	8
Minnesota	7	12	15	8
North Dakota	6	12	15	10
4 States	9	11	14	9

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	42	41	57	56
California	7	10	15	6
Louisiana	92	94	95	95
Mississippi	46	45	59	61
Missouri	24	8	20	38
Texas	95	93	97	97
6 States	45	44	55	54

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	5	10	29	46	10
California	-	-	35	45	20
Louisiana	-	6	33	54	7
Mississippi	1	2	22	53	22
Missouri	-	4	37	43	16
Texas	2	6	41	43	8
6 States	3	6	32	47	12
Previous week	2	5	31	46	16
Previous year	-	3	23	54	20

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	-	-	2
California	1	-	1	2
Colorado	39	25	45	36
Idaho	27	17	25	24
Illinois	1	-	3	2
Indiana	3	1	3	3
Kansas	14	5	11	12
Michigan	9	2	5	7
Missouri	2	-	1	2
Montana	42	18	38	32
Nebraska	52	18	49	46
North Carolina	-	-	-	-
Ohio	3	-	2	2
Oklahoma	32	-	6	16
Oregon	19	5	9	15
South Dakota	35	22	49	35
Texas	18	5	18	20
Washington	55	41	53	56
18 States	23	9	19	20

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	-	13	42	42	3
Arizona	9	8	34	39	10
Arkansas	6	12	35	38	9
California	40	20	20	10	10
Colorado	1	16	25	48	10
Connecticut	18	38	44	-	-
Delaware	8	26	45	18	3
Florida	1	4	24	52	19
Georgia	2	6	33	51	8
Idaho	10	20	35	31	4
Illinois	2	9	35	45	9
Indiana	6	15	38	36	5
Iowa	1	6	26	53	14
Kansas	3	10	33	46	8
Kentucky	4	13	28	48	7
Louisiana	6	22	41	28	3
Maine	-	22	30	46	2
Maryland	9	16	29	26	20
Massachusetts	-	13	42	45	-
Michigan	2	7	34	45	12
Minnesota	2	6	19	64	9
Mississippi	6	23	36	30	5
Missouri	1	6	40	44	9
Montana	11	24	45	18	2
Nebraska	3	8	27	53	9
Nevada	15	20	35	30	-
New Hampshire	6	9	35	48	2
New Jersey	16	7	28	19	30
New Mexico	4	6	33	46	11
New York	-	8	36	45	11
North Carolina	21	25	29	21	4
North Dakota	1	10	39	47	3
Ohio	2	13	36	41	8
Oklahoma	4	11	37	41	7
Oregon	26	40	28	6	-
Pennsylvania	15	30	29	16	10
Rhode Island	-	15	60	25	-
South Carolina	3	15	44	36	2
South Dakota	2	9	33	51	5
Tennessee	2	10	31	53	4
Texas	8	24	39	24	5
Utah	1	10	38	46	5
Vermont	5	2	32	52	9
Virginia	7	21	38	29	5
Washington	43	28	24	5	-
West Virginia	4	15	31	45	5
Wisconsin	2	10	23	48	17
Wyoming	-	5	25	60	10
48 States	6	14	34	39	7
Previous week	5	14	34	40	7
Previous year	5	13	31	43	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	September 20, 2014	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2015
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	6.4	5.9	6.6
Arizona	6.9	6.9	7.0
Arkansas	5.7	5.7	6.8
California	7.0	7.0	7.0
Colorado	6.6	6.7	6.8
Connecticut	6.4	5.3	7.0
Delaware	6.4	5.0	7.0
Florida	6.0	5.8	5.7
Georgia	5.7	5.6	6.1
Idaho	6.6	6.8	5.7
Illinois	4.6	4.8	5.3
Indiana	4.5	5.7	5.8
Iowa	4.4	4.9	4.8
Kansas	5.9	5.7	6.4
Kentucky	6.2	5.8	6.7
Louisiana	5.7	5.4	6.6
Maine	5.6	5.4	6.3
Maryland	6.9	6.5	7.0
Massachusetts	6.6	6.0	6.9
Michigan	4.4	4.8	5.3
Minnesota	5.2	5.5	5.3
Mississippi	5.6	5.8	6.7
Missouri	4.8	4.8	6.2
Montana	5.9	6.6	5.4
Nebraska	5.8	5.7	6.1
Nevada	7.0	7.0	6.0
New Hampshire	6.4	5.3	5.7
New Jersey	6.5	6.0	7.0
New Mexico	5.5	6.7	6.0
New York	5.5	5.0	6.0
North Carolina	5.6	5.3	6.7
North Dakota	5.9	6.3	5.9
Ohio	5.6	5.9	5.9
Oklahoma	6.2	6.1	6.1
Oregon	6.6	6.6	6.2
Pennsylvania	6.2	5.0	6.0
Rhode Island	6.9	5.5	7.0
South Carolina	5.8	5.1	6.4
South Dakota	6.1	6.3	6.0
Tennessee	5.5	5.0	6.7
Texas	4.3	6.2	6.6
Utah	6.4	6.9	5.2
Vermont	5.3	5.4	5.4
Virginia	6.1	5.8	6.6
Washington	7.0	7.0	6.7
West Virginia	5.9	5.1	6.1
Wisconsin	4.7	4.6	4.7
Wyoming	6.5	7.0	6.4

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	8	32	54	6
Arizona	-	13	79	8
Arkansas	13	43	42	2
California	70	20	10	-
Colorado	6	38	56	-
Connecticut	7	37	56	-
Delaware	16	45	37	2
Florida	1	9	64	26
Georgia	2	30	63	5
Idaho	9	39	44	8
Illinois	2	16	73	9
Indiana	7	30	57	6
Iowa	-	3	86	11
Kansas	11	30	57	2
Kentucky	11	37	49	3
Louisiana	25	29	45	1
Maine	-	23	77	-
Maryland	12	36	48	4
Massachusetts	-	26	74	-
Michigan	2	8	73	17
Minnesota	2	11	83	4
Mississippi	30	44	24	2
Missouri	4	27	63	6
Montana	15	34	44	7
Nebraska	8	29	60	3
Nevada	30	35	35	-
New Hampshire	15	28	57	-
New Jersey	21	29	46	4
New Mexico	14	43	42	1
New York	-	8	77	15
North Carolina	16	32	47	5
North Dakota	5	29	63	3
Ohio	8	28	59	5
Oklahoma	16	35	46	3
Oregon	39	44	17	-
Pennsylvania	15	39	46	-
Rhode Island	6	39	55	-
South Carolina	10	55	34	1
South Dakota	7	25	67	1
Tennessee	8	26	61	5
Texas	21	47	29	3
Utah	10	41	48	1
Vermont	9	16	66	9
Virginia	17	39	44	-
Washington	24	36	40	-
West Virginia	6	35	58	1
Wisconsin	-	6	78	16
Wyoming	5	39	56	-
48 States	11	27	57	5
Previous week	10	28	57	5
Previous year	9	21	63	7

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 20, 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	10	28	58	4
Arizona	-	12	83	5
Arkansas	13	40	45	2
California	55	35	10	-
Colorado	7	33	60	-
Connecticut	7	33	60	-
Delaware	23	40	34	3
Florida	1	10	64	25
Georgia	2	27	63	8
Idaho	15	36	45	4
Illinois	3	18	73	6
Indiana	5	27	63	5
Iowa	-	6	82	12
Kansas	10	28	62	-
Kentucky	9	31	58	2
Louisiana	21	26	51	2
Maine	13	19	68	-
Maryland	11	37	50	2
Massachusetts	-	19	81	-
Michigan	3	15	75	7
Minnesota	2	12	83	3
Mississippi	26	44	27	3
Missouri	1	18	74	7
Montana	15	36	40	9
Nebraska	6	27	65	2
Nevada	35	35	30	-
New Hampshire	16	18	66	-
New Jersey	14	24	60	2
New Mexico	10	35	54	1
New York	1	13	68	18
North Carolina	16	30	49	5
North Dakota	3	28	67	2
Ohio	6	20	68	6
Oklahoma	16	36	46	2
Oregon	39	48	13	-
Pennsylvania	15	33	52	-
Rhode Island	-	55	45	-
South Carolina	15	50	34	1
South Dakota	6	26	67	1
Tennessee	8	25	62	5
Texas	13	50	35	2
Utah	11	44	45	-
Vermont	6	20	63	11
Virginia	13	42	44	1
Washington	24	41	34	1
West Virginia	8	32	58	2
Wisconsin	1	12	80	7
Wyoming	3	36	61	-
48 States	9	27	60	4
Previous week	9	27	60	4
Previous year	11	25	59	5

- 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

Sorghum: Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Soybeans: Dropping Leaves, Harvested, Condition

Sugarbeets: Harvested

Winter Wheat: Planted, Emerged

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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