



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 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	96	97	100	97
Illinois	99	100	100	99
Indiana	94	89	96	96
Iowa	95	95	98	98
Kansas	97	96	97	99
Kentucky	96	96	99	98
Michigan	80	85	93	92
Minnesota	95	97	98	97
Missouri	100	97	100	99
Nebraska	97	93	96	99
North Carolina	100	100	100	100
North Dakota	89	91	97	95
Ohio	91	94	100	94
Pennsylvania	92	86	97	93
South Dakota	96	90	95	97
Tennessee	99	98	99	100
Texas	99	88	90	98
Wisconsin	81	84	91	89
18 States	95	94	97	97

Corn Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	36	45	60	53
Illinois	77	78	89	84
Indiana	64	52	70	72
Iowa	55	49	71	76
Kansas	72	70	86	84
Kentucky	84	83	92	90
Michigan	34	28	46	56
Minnesota	41	41	67	63
Missouri	85	70	83	89
Nebraska	61	47	65	69
North Carolina	97	96	99	99
North Dakota	27	27	50	57
Ohio	45	46	70	53
Pennsylvania	52	62	74	60
South Dakota	44	45	63	64
Tennessee	92	87	95	94
Texas	76	73	76	87
Wisconsin	34	26	44	51
18 States	57	53	71	72

Corn Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	5	1	7	10
Illinois	13	13	30	34
Indiana	10	8	18	22
Iowa	2	2	5	14
Kansas	34	27	42	46
Kentucky	45	35	52	57
Michigan	1	-	4	9
Minnesota	2	1	3	10
Missouri	31	27	46	48
Nebraska	6	5	10	16
North Carolina	70	70	80	81
North Dakota	-	-	3	6
Ohio	6	3	10	10
Pennsylvania	8	17	24	15
South Dakota	2	2	7	13
Tennessee	53	43	64	71
Texas	68	61	63	68
Wisconsin	1	1	3	7
18 States	11	10	18	23

- Represents zero.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	24	61	12
Illinois	5	10	30	42	13
Indiana	9	15	28	36	12
Iowa	1	3	16	55	25
Kansas	3	9	31	47	10
Kentucky	1	4	11	51	33
Michigan	2	6	22	52	18
Minnesota	-	2	10	53	35
Missouri	6	11	33	40	10
Nebraska	2	5	19	54	20
North Carolina	11	17	30	32	10
North Dakota	1	8	21	58	12
Ohio	5	15	31	38	11
Pennsylvania	1	8	22	39	30
South Dakota	-	4	19	58	19
Tennessee	-	2	13	53	32
Texas	3	8	33	41	15
Wisconsin	1	4	16	53	26
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 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	66	48	63	57
Illinois	65	54	75	69
Indiana	73	62	81	78
Iowa	61	48	72	66
Kansas	53	34	49	55
Kentucky	42	40	57	60
Louisiana	89	85	92	88
Michigan	66	58	83	71
Minnesota	68	72	89	80
Mississippi	77	74	81	77
Missouri	45	17	32	44
Nebraska	73	65	78	74
North Carolina	33	34	44	29
North Dakota	85	85	95	90
Ohio	71	60	86	73
South Dakota	81	73	90	87
Tennessee	56	48	65	60
Wisconsin	54	36	69	63
18 States	66	56	74	70

Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	31	22	35	29
Illinois	6	3	24	12
Indiana	8	5	23	17
Iowa	3	1	7	13
Kansas	2	1	5	6
Kentucky	8	4	19	11
Louisiana	70	66	75	68
Michigan	2	1	14	8
Minnesota	9	12	34	20
Mississippi	54	46	59	51
Missouri	3	1	8	4
Nebraska	5	3	13	14
North Carolina	3	2	5	2
North Dakota	8	10	33	22
Ohio	8	5	25	13
South Dakota	6	3	23	20
Tennessee	10	5	15	14
Wisconsin	2	-	4	8
18 States	9	7	21	16

- Represents zero.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	28	49	11
Illinois	5	12	28	45	10
Indiana	7	14	31	37	11
Iowa	1	4	18	55	22
Kansas	2	8	33	48	9
Kentucky	2	6	20	55	17
Louisiana	5	16	33	42	4
Michigan	2	7	27	49	15
Minnesota	1	3	17	53	26
Mississippi	3	8	23	43	23
Missouri	5	17	42	30	6
Nebraska	1	5	20	56	18
North Carolina	7	12	28	43	10
North Dakota	2	8	27	55	8
Ohio	5	16	32	39	8
South Dakota	-	3	20	57	20
Tennessee	2	5	18	56	19
Wisconsin	1	4	14	54	27
18 States	3	9	26	47	15
Previous week	3	8	26	48	15
Previous year	1	5	22	53	19

- Represents zero.

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	74	70	79	71
Arizona	79	75	80	90
Arkansas	84	70	89	91
California	79	75	90	65
Georgia	84	78	86	80
Kansas	40	29	39	53
Louisiana	94	95	97	97
Mississippi	82	86	92	87
Missouri	65	60	73	71
North Carolina	73	77	83	80
Oklahoma	84	31	48	70
South Carolina	78	79	84	71
Tennessee	73	57	68	74
Texas	50	46	60	62
Virginia	76	65	80	77
15 States	63	57	69	70

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	12	1	6	8
Arizona	9	10	15	13
Arkansas	2	1	9	14
California	-	-	-	-
Georgia	6	2	6	7
Kansas	-	2	3	-
Louisiana	26	14	32	48
Mississippi	8	6	16	21
Missouri	2	-	-	12
North Carolina	2	1	4	5
Oklahoma	-	-	-	1
South Carolina	7	1	11	6
Tennessee	2	2	3	11
Texas	17	13	16	15
Virginia	-	-	-	3
15 States	10	7	11	12

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	28	62	6
Arizona	5	2	16	39	38
Arkansas	4	2	21	37	36
California	-	-	10	30	60
Georgia	1	6	25	51	17
Kansas	-	11	26	52	11
Louisiana	2	19	44	33	2
Mississippi	1	7	34	45	13
Missouri	1	8	49	36	6
North Carolina	3	9	24	54	10
Oklahoma	-	2	34	62	2
South Carolina	2	10	50	36	2
Tennessee	-	2	16	57	25
Texas	3	15	44	34	4
Virginia	-	-	23	74	3
15 States	2	11	37	41	9
Previous week	2	10	36	43	9
Previous year	5	13	33	38	11

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	83	88	94	90
Illinois	91	87	90	95
Kansas	90	91	97	87
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	100	91	95	93
Nebraska	97	94	96	94
New Mexico	68	50	70	58
Oklahoma	93	92	96	86
South Dakota	91	91	92	97
Texas	95	90	95	92
11 States	92	90	96	89

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	99	98	99	99
Colorado	43	37	48	36
Illinois	60	52	67	72
Kansas	33	37	58	35
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	83	56	70	61
Nebraska	55	35	59	47
New Mexico	9	8	12	6
Oklahoma	68	52	64	55
South Dakota	25	22	43	53
Texas	89	71	76	79
11 States	58	52	65	55

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	82	82	91	87
Colorado	5	-	6	4
Illinois	9	6	31	18
Kansas	5	8	15	7
Louisiana	98	95	99	99
Missouri	22	10	24	18
Nebraska	2	1	2	3
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	31	26	39	28
South Dakota	3	2	4	14
Texas	68	61	63	65
11 States	32	31	36	32

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	28	59	3
Illinois	2	8	45	38	7
Kansas	2	6	30	53	9
Louisiana	3	13	34	49	1
Missouri	1	6	46	40	7
Nebraska	-	1	25	57	17
New Mexico	-	1	10	84	5
Oklahoma	1	3	23	65	8
South Dakota	-	4	30	59	7
Texas	3	6	24	51	16
11 States	2	6	27	54	11
Previous week	2	6	26	54	12
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 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	10	11	20	9
Florida	18	20	47	29
Georgia	10	7	12	12
North Carolina	8	2	6	9
Oklahoma	-	-	10	2
South Carolina	29	5	13	24
Texas	2	15	17	8
Virginia	2	5	7	2
8 States	11	9	18	14

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	-	7	21	56	16
Florida	1	5	23	62	9
Georgia	-	4	21	52	23
North Carolina	2	5	23	60	10
Oklahoma	-	1	10	82	7
South Carolina	2	6	38	50	4
Texas	-	1	44	48	7
Virginia	-	-	26	72	2
8 States	-	4	25	55	16
Previous week	-	4	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 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	23	10	15	13
Michigan	13	15	20	13
Minnesota	10	15	17	12
North Dakota	9	15	17	13
4 States	13	14	17	13

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	59	57	72	68
California	12	15	35	13
Louisiana	96	95	98	98
Mississippi	69	59	76	72
Missouri	44	20	48	56
Texas	98	97	98	99
6 States	57	55	69	63

Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	-	1	4
California	4	1	2	4
Colorado	67	45	57	60
Idaho	46	25	35	40
Illinois	2	3	4	6
Indiana	6	3	12	7
Kansas	29	11	24	27
Michigan	19	5	17	17
Missouri	3	1	6	5
Montana	68	38	69	53
Nebraska	75	49	69	67
North Carolina	-	-	-	1
Ohio	13	2	13	8
Oklahoma	54	6	21	33
Oregon	22	9	21	23
South Dakota	59	49	72	57
Texas	38	18	24	34
Washington	65	53	59	69
18 States	40	19	31	35

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	(NA)	-	-
California	-	(NA)	-	-
Colorado	31	14	23	24
Idaho	4	4	9	6
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	1
Indiana	1	(NA)	-	-
Kansas	12	(NA)	4	7
Michigan	1	(NA)	-	1
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	1
Montana	5	1	12	8
Nebraska	38	(NA)	25	27
North Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Ohio	2	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	9	(NA)	1	7
Oregon	5	(NA)	2	4
South Dakota	12	1	20	15
Texas	12	(NA)	2	9
Washington	34	27	37	44
18 States	13	(NA)	7	11

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	-	16	43	39	2
Arizona	9	8	34	39	10
Arkansas	8	15	37	32	8
California	40	25	20	10	5
Colorado	1	17	26	47	9
Connecticut	11	45	40	4	-
Delaware	9	28	43	17	3
Florida	1	3	26	52	18
Georgia	2	6	31	53	8
Idaho	10	20	37	30	3
Illinois	3	10	37	43	7
Indiana	9	17	38	32	4
Iowa	1	7	26	52	14
Kansas	3	10	34	45	8
Kentucky	6	16	30	43	5
Louisiana	8	22	41	26	3
Maine	-	13	37	46	4
Maryland	9	16	29	26	20
Massachusetts	-	18	42	40	-
Michigan	2	7	34	47	10
Minnesota	2	8	19	63	8
Mississippi	8	23	36	28	5
Missouri	1	7	43	40	9
Montana	11	25	44	18	2
Nebraska	3	8	27	55	7
Nevada	15	20	40	25	-
New Hampshire	6	7	43	44	-
New Jersey	16	7	36	11	30
New Mexico	4	7	35	43	11
New York	-	10	36	43	11
North Carolina	21	24	30	21	4
North Dakota	1	13	37	45	4
Ohio	4	13	43	33	7
Oklahoma	5	10	37	41	7
Oregon	29	38	27	6	-
Pennsylvania	15	31	29	15	10
Rhode Island	-	22	60	18	-
South Carolina	2	16	50	30	2
South Dakota	2	9	36	48	5
Tennessee	3	12	34	48	3
Texas	10	25	38	22	5
Utah	1	11	38	47	3
Vermont	5	2	41	43	9
Virginia	7	21	38	30	4
Washington	45	30	15	10	-
West Virginia	5	21	27	44	3
Wisconsin	3	10	24	46	17
Wyoming	-	6	28	59	7
48 States	7	15	35	37	6
Previous week	6	14	34	39	7
Previous year	6	13	32	41	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	September 27, 2014	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	6.7	6.6	5.8
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	6.8	6.8	6.9
California	7.0	7.0	7.0
Colorado	6.5	6.8	6.8
Connecticut	6.4	7.0	7.0
Delaware	4.8	7.0	7.0
Florida	5.9	5.7	6.3
Georgia	5.1	6.1	5.0
Idaho	5.8	5.7	6.9
Illinois	6.4	5.3	6.7
Indiana	6.0	5.8	6.6
Iowa	5.2	4.8	4.8
Kansas	5.8	6.4	6.2
Kentucky	6.7	6.7	6.5
Louisiana	6.4	6.6	6.8
Maine	6.8	6.3	7.0
Maryland	6.1	7.0	6.5
Massachusetts	6.9	6.9	7.0
Michigan	6.1	5.3	6.7
Minnesota	6.0	5.3	4.6
Mississippi	6.6	6.7	6.7
Missouri	6.4	6.2	6.8
Montana	6.0	5.4	6.9
Nebraska	6.1	6.1	4.5
Nevada	6.0	6.0	7.0
New Hampshire	6.9	5.7	6.9
New Jersey	6.1	7.0	7.0
New Mexico	5.9	6.0	7.0
New York	6.4	6.0	7.0
North Carolina	4.6	6.7	4.1
North Dakota	6.2	5.9	5.9
Ohio	6.6	5.9	6.8
Oklahoma	6.6	6.1	6.2
Oregon	5.6	6.2	6.4
Pennsylvania	6.5	6.0	6.5
Rhode Island	6.6	7.0	7.0
South Carolina	4.9	6.4	4.4
South Dakota	6.2	6.0	5.1
Tennessee	6.5	6.7	6.5
Texas	4.8	6.6	6.4
Utah	5.7	5.2	6.9
Vermont	6.6	5.4	7.0
Virginia	5.7	6.6	4.7
Washington	6.8	6.7	7.0
West Virginia	6.0	6.1	6.1
Wisconsin	6.0	4.7	6.2
Wyoming	6.7	6.4	6.7

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	35	51	6
Arizona	1	13	77	9
Arkansas	18	54	25	3
California	65	30	5	-
Colorado	8	41	51	-
Connecticut	16	35	49	-
Delaware	29	33	36	2
Florida	-	10	68	22
Georgia	2	26	62	10
Idaho	17	39	37	7
Illinois	4	21	67	8
Indiana	9	35	51	5
Iowa	-	4	84	12
Kansas	11	32	56	1
Kentucky	17	41	40	2
Louisiana	30	32	37	1
Maine	-	32	68	-
Maryland	12	35	49	4
Massachusetts	-	35	65	-
Michigan	2	19	70	9
Minnesota	2	12	81	5
Mississippi	35	42	21	2
Missouri	8	32	54	6
Montana	15	35	43	7
Nebraska	7	24	63	6
Nevada	35	35	30	-
New Hampshire	9	34	51	6
New Jersey	23	35	39	3
New Mexico	14	39	46	1
New York	6	20	65	9
North Carolina	8	20	57	15
North Dakota	5	30	61	4
Ohio	9	36	50	5
Oklahoma	17	35	46	2
Oregon	35	49	16	-
Pennsylvania	19	38	43	-
Rhode Island	8	46	46	-
South Carolina	4	34	59	3
South Dakota	7	23	68	2
Tennessee	12	34	51	3
Texas	22	48	27	3
Utah	9	38	52	1
Vermont	6	19	61	14
Virginia	7	34	53	6
Washington	34	37	29	-
West Virginia	8	37	54	1
Wisconsin	1	9	77	13
Wyoming	11	41	48	-
48 States	12	29	54	5
Previous week	11	27	57	5
Previous year	10	24	60	6

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 27, 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	8	30	58	4
Arizona	-	11	83	6
Arkansas	17	52	28	3
California	50	40	10	-
Colorado	8	35	57	-
Connecticut	7	42	51	-
Delaware	30	34	34	2
Florida	-	10	67	23
Georgia	2	25	66	7
Idaho	13	44	40	3
Illinois	3	20	72	5
Indiana	7	33	56	4
Iowa	1	5	83	11
Kansas	11	30	59	-
Kentucky	12	38	49	1
Louisiana	23	32	42	3
Maine	13	26	61	-
Maryland	13	35	50	2
Massachusetts	-	25	75	-
Michigan	3	20	73	4
Minnesota	2	12	83	3
Mississippi	32	40	25	3
Missouri	3	22	69	6
Montana	15	35	41	9
Nebraska	6	25	66	3
Nevada	35	35	30	-
New Hampshire	8	17	69	6
New Jersey	16	31	51	2
New Mexico	9	34	56	1
New York	5	18	62	15
North Carolina	11	26	49	14
North Dakota	4	27	66	3
Ohio	8	24	62	6
Oklahoma	17	36	45	2
Oregon	41	46	13	-
Pennsylvania	16	36	48	-
Rhode Island	-	64	36	-
South Carolina	5	44	50	1
South Dakota	6	26	67	1
Tennessee	10	32	55	3
Texas	13	51	34	2
Utah	11	44	43	2
Vermont	6	29	54	11
Virginia	6	38	55	1
Washington	40	38	22	-
West Virginia	7	33	58	2
Wisconsin	1	11	82	6
Wyoming	5	40	55	-
48 States	10	29	57	4
Previous week	9	27	60	4
Previous year	11	26	59	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Corn: Mature, Harvested, Condition

Cotton: Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition

Pasture & Range: Condition

Peanuts: Harvested, Condition

Rice: Harvested

Sorghum: 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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