



# Crop Progress

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## Update Alert – November 24, 2015

The *Crop Progress* report released on November 23, 2015 by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is being reissued due to a correction made to the Peanuts Harvested table. The National estimate for peanuts harvested on November 22, 2015 was revised from 96 percent to 87 percent. Also, the Days Suitable for Fieldwork, Topsoil Moisture Condition, and Subsoil Moisture Condition tables were added to the report.

## Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 22, 2014	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	87	75	81	88
Arizona .....	66	65	70	62
Arkansas .....	99	99	100	99
California .....	97	95	99	96
Georgia .....	87	54	64	80
Kansas .....	44	51	63	65
Louisiana .....	100	99	100	100
Mississippi .....	99	94	96	99
Missouri .....	90	88	92	93
North Carolina .....	86	62	71	85
Oklahoma .....	54	60	70	69
South Carolina .....	94	54	58	84
Tennessee .....	85	78	90	89
Texas .....	55	56	60	75
Virginia .....	87	76	89	90
15 States .....	76	64	70	82

## Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 22, 2014	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	100	100	100	100
Colorado .....	83	93	97	91
Illinois .....	95	96	100	97
Kansas .....	89	92	95	95
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	94	92	94	97
Nebraska .....	96	93	95	99
New Mexico .....	37	65	75	68
Oklahoma .....	91	87	95	91
South Dakota .....	98	90	95	98
Texas .....	84	90	91	91
11 States .....	87	91	94	93

## Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 22, 2014	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	88	88	92	94
Kansas .....	84	85	91	92
North Dakota .....	85	90	95	91
South Dakota .....	85	87	96	92
4 States .....	85	88	95	91

## Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 22, 2014	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	95	81	82	93
Florida .....	99	95	96	100
Georgia .....	97	83	89	98
North Carolina .....	95	74	85	98
Oklahoma .....	90	85	90	94
South Carolina .....	100	59	65	99
Texas .....	93	82	85	96
Virginia .....	100	96	99	100
8 States .....	97	82	87	97

## Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 22, 2014	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	93	81	95	95
California .....	64	70	85	67
Colorado .....	100	100	100	100
Idaho .....	100	100	100	100
Illinois .....	94	100	100	99
Indiana .....	98	99	100	100
Kansas .....	100	100	100	100
Michigan .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	93	91	96	96
Montana .....	100	100	100	99
Nebraska .....	100	100	100	100
North Carolina .....	80	45	57	80
Ohio .....	100	100	100	99
Oklahoma .....	100	97	100	100
Oregon .....	100	97	99	100
South Dakota .....	100	100	100	100
Texas .....	92	82	83	93
Washington .....	100	100	100	100
18 States .....	99	94	96	100

## Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 22, 2014	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	86	68	80	85
California .....	57	25	55	48
Colorado .....	100	100	100	97
Idaho .....	99	87	91	98
Illinois .....	74	90	95	91
Indiana .....	87	94	97	93
Kansas .....	95	94	97	96
Michigan .....	85	95	100	96
Missouri .....	72	78	90	82
Montana .....	100	96	97	90
Nebraska .....	100	100	100	99
North Carolina .....	60	32	40	53
Ohio .....	90	97	100	93
Oklahoma .....	97	92	93	94
Oregon .....	84	68	76	88
South Dakota .....	99	98	100	91
Texas .....	81	73	74	78
Washington .....	97	82	85	96
18 States .....	91	87	90	90

## Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 22, 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 .....	3	8	44	41	4
California .....	-	-	20	35	45
Colorado .....	1	8	43	42	6
Idaho .....	-	1	33	51	15
Illinois .....	1	5	30	55	9
Indiana .....	1	3	27	57	12
Kansas .....	2	9	42	42	5
Michigan .....	1	2	20	59	18
Missouri .....	-	8	43	46	3
Montana .....	-	2	25	57	16
Nebraska .....	-	6	31	54	9
North Carolina .....	2	6	22	66	4
Ohio .....	-	2	29	52	17
Oklahoma .....	4	12	37	34	13
Oregon .....	-	15	70	15	-
South Dakota .....	-	1	30	55	14
Texas .....	4	8	36	32	20
Washington .....	5	13	44	36	2
18 States .....	2	8	37	42	11
Previous week .....	2	8	38	41	11
Previous year .....	1	5	36	49	9

- Represents zero.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	November 22, 2014	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2015
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama .....	5.2	3.7	3.5
Arizona .....	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas .....	4.6	3.7	2.1
California .....	6.8	6.5	6.4
Colorado .....	5.8	5.0	3.9
Connecticut .....	5.4	5.1	6.4
Delaware .....	5.1	5.5	4.5
Florida .....	6.0	6.3	5.9
Georgia .....	5.7	4.1	4.1
Idaho .....	2.9	4.8	3.8
Illinois .....	4.8	5.2	2.9
Indiana .....	3.8	5.4	4.1
Iowa .....	3.9	4.7	2.9
Kansas .....	5.6	6.1	4.0
Kentucky .....	4.3	4.9	4.1
Louisiana .....	4.7	2.2	2.4
Maine .....	4.1	4.2	3.4
Maryland .....	6.0	5.5	5.0
Massachusetts .....	4.1	6.2	6.1
Michigan .....	3.2	4.8	4.4
Minnesota .....	2.1	4.5	2.2
Mississippi .....	4.2	3.0	2.4
Missouri .....	5.0	5.6	2.3
Montana .....	1.5	5.1	3.9
Nebraska .....	5.6	5.1	3.7
Nevada .....	6.3	6.0	6.9
New Hampshire .....	5.5	5.6	5.5
New Jersey .....	5.6	5.5	6.0
New Mexico .....	6.4	6.7	6.6
New York .....	3.6	4.5	5.0
North Carolina .....	5.6	3.4	3.5
North Dakota .....	3.9	5.4	4.9
Ohio .....	3.0	4.7	5.0
Oklahoma .....	5.5	6.1	5.4
Oregon .....	2.2	5.7	3.9
Pennsylvania .....	4.1	5.0	5.0
Rhode Island .....	6.1	4.0	5.5
South Carolina .....	5.9	4.0	3.8
South Dakota .....	4.5	6.3	5.1
Tennessee .....	4.6	4.1	3.1
Texas .....	5.1	5.2	5.2
Utah .....	4.9	6.2	5.7
Vermont .....	3.0	3.4	3.4
Virginia .....	5.7	4.3	4.9
Washington .....	3.5	4.9	4.1
West Virginia .....	5.0	5.1	5.8
Wisconsin .....	3.7	4.6	3.7
Wyoming .....	3.6	6.3	4.5

## Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 22, 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 .....	1	5	71	23
Arizona .....	1	11	77	11
Arkansas .....	-	4	55	41
California .....	40	45	15	-
Colorado .....	5	29	62	4
Connecticut .....	10	35	52	3
Delaware .....	3	11	73	13
Florida .....	-	20	72	8
Georgia .....	1	7	61	31
Idaho .....	2	19	72	7
Illinois .....	3	14	75	8
Indiana .....	3	21	67	9
Iowa .....	-	4	84	12
Kansas .....	8	27	62	3
Kentucky .....	2	10	75	13
Louisiana .....	-	2	38	60
Maine .....	-	7	79	14
Maryland .....	-	2	91	7
Massachusetts .....	-	13	87	-
Michigan .....	-	5	76	19
Minnesota .....	1	9	79	11
Mississippi .....	3	7	56	34
Missouri .....	2	15	71	12
Montana .....	10	24	59	7
Nebraska .....	5	21	71	3
Nevada .....	10	20	70	-
New Hampshire .....	4	17	77	2
New Jersey .....	5	17	73	5
New Mexico .....	12	39	47	2
New York .....	2	6	69	23
North Carolina .....	4	4	52	40
North Dakota .....	3	20	73	4
Ohio .....	3	17	71	9
Oklahoma .....	9	28	61	2
Oregon .....	23	32	44	1
Pennsylvania .....	1	10	87	2
Rhode Island .....	-	25	75	-
South Carolina .....	-	-	51	49
South Dakota .....	8	26	65	1
Tennessee .....	-	4	69	27
Texas .....	3	12	67	18
Utah .....	6	30	63	1
Vermont .....	-	-	78	22
Virginia .....	-	6	80	14
Washington .....	15	36	47	2
West Virginia .....	2	17	76	5
Wisconsin .....	1	5	76	18
Wyoming .....	5	39	56	-
48 States .....	5	17	67	11
Previous week .....	6	20	66	8
Previous year .....	8	22	64	6

- Represents zero.

## Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 22, 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 .....	1	8	70	21
Arizona .....	1	9	82	8
Arkansas .....	2	10	69	19
California .....	40	45	15	-
Colorado .....	9	29	60	2
Connecticut .....	9	42	49	-
Delaware .....	6	11	72	11
Florida .....	1	17	75	7
Georgia .....	2	13	61	24
Idaho .....	11	27	60	2
Illinois .....	3	23	68	6
Indiana .....	5	26	63	6
Iowa .....	2	9	81	8
Kansas .....	11	33	55	1
Kentucky .....	1	14	77	8
Louisiana .....	-	4	48	48
Maine .....	3	2	81	14
Maryland .....	-	8	89	3
Massachusetts .....	-	19	81	-
Michigan .....	2	14	77	7
Minnesota .....	3	16	74	7
Mississippi .....	2	8	71	19
Missouri .....	6	21	67	6
Montana .....	12	32	47	9
Nebraska .....	5	25	69	1
Nevada .....	25	35	40	-
New Hampshire .....	1	14	84	1
New Jersey .....	4	17	74	5
New Mexico .....	9	26	64	1
New York .....	1	7	74	18
North Carolina .....	4	4	62	30
North Dakota .....	3	25	68	4
Ohio .....	4	21	69	6
Oklahoma .....	15	32	51	2
Oregon .....	28	48	24	-
Pennsylvania .....	2	13	84	1
Rhode Island .....	-	30	70	-
South Carolina .....	-	-	53	47
South Dakota .....	7	29	63	1
Tennessee .....	1	8	75	16
Texas .....	3	17	69	11
Utah .....	9	39	50	2
Vermont .....	-	22	77	1
Virginia .....	-	6	87	7
Washington .....	15	44	40	1
West Virginia .....	5	15	77	3
Wisconsin .....	1	9	81	9
Wyoming .....	9	37	54	-
48 States .....	6	22	65	7
Previous week .....	7	24	64	5
Previous year .....	9	24	63	4

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

**Cotton:** Harvested

**Sorghum:** Harvested

**Peanuts:** Harvested

**Winter Wheat:** Emerged, Condition

**Days Suitable for Fieldwork**

**Topsoil Moisture**

**Subsoil Moisture**

## 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](http://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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