



Crop Progress

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Special Note

COMING SOON - NASS's annual December surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of December, NASS will survey approximately 90,000 United States producers. One of USDA's largest survey efforts, the responses will provide the final information about the 2015 U.S. row crops focusing on harvested acreage, production, and storage. In addition, hog producers will be asked about their current inventory, pig crop, and farrowing intentions for the next six months. With both data collection and data release taking place over a span of only four weeks, the results will be available beginning with the *Hogs and Pigs* report on December 23, followed by the *Annual Crop Production Summary* and other reports on January 12. **Farmers should watch for their survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 29, 2014	November 22, 2015	November 29, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	91	81	85	92
Arizona	74	70	75	68
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	99	99	100	98
Georgia	90	64	74	85
Kansas	62	63	69	80
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Mississippi	100	96	99	100
Missouri	91	92	96	94
North Carolina	91	71	85	92
Oklahoma	57	70	75	74
South Carolina	98	58	64	89
Tennessee	94	90	96	93
Texas	58	60	75	80
Virginia	96	89	94	96
15 States	83	70	80	88

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 29, 2014	November 22, 2015	November 29, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	93	97	99	96
Illinois	99	100	100	100
Kansas	94	95	97	98
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	95	94	96	98
Nebraska	100	95	97	100
New Mexico	48	75	95	79
Oklahoma	93	95	96	93
South Dakota	100	95	97	99
Texas	85	91	98	94
11 States	91	94	98	97

Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 29, 2014	November 22, 2015	November 29, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	99	82	90	97
Florida	99	96	98	100
Georgia	100	89	94	100
North Carolina	99	85	90	99
Oklahoma	92	90	95	96
South Carolina	100	65	74	99
Texas	95	85	97	98
Virginia	100	99	100	100
8 States	100	87	93	99

Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	November 29, 2014	November 22, 2015	November 29, 2015	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	96	80	85	95
California	77	55	70	62
Colorado	100	100	100	99
Idaho	100	91	95	99
Illinois	97	95	100	98
Indiana	92	97	100	97
Kansas	99	97	99	98
Michigan	89	100	100	98
Missouri	74	90	96	86
Montana	100	97	98	93
Nebraska	100	100	100	100
North Carolina	73	40	60	64
Ohio	93	100	100	97
Oklahoma	99	93	97	96
Oregon	90	76	79	93
South Dakota	100	100	100	94
Texas	83	74	79	82
Washington	100	85	87	98
18 States	94	90	93	93

Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 29, 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	49	36	4
California	-	-	20	35	45
Colorado	1	8	40	43	8
Idaho	-	1	33	59	7
Illinois	1	5	27	55	12
Indiana	1	3	26	58	12
Kansas	2	8	42	42	6
Michigan	1	2	18	61	18
Missouri	-	9	42	45	4
Montana	-	2	25	57	16
Nebraska	-	6	31	54	9
North Carolina	2	9	20	64	5
Ohio	-	2	27	55	16
Oklahoma	3	10	36	38	13
Oregon	-	15	68	17	-
South Dakota	-	1	30	55	14
Texas	3	8	33	36	20
Washington	5	12	46	34	3
18 States	2	7	36	44	11
Previous week	2	8	37	42	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 29, 2014	November 22, 2015	November 29, 2015
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	5.1	3.5	5.9
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	4.5	2.1	1.6
California	5.6	6.4	6.4
Colorado	5.9	3.9	3.8
Connecticut	5.5	6.4	6.1
Delaware	5.0	4.5	6.5
Florida	5.8	5.9	6.4
Georgia	5.6	4.1	6.2
Idaho	2.7	3.8	1.3
Illinois	4.6	2.9	1.9
Indiana	3.6	4.1	3.7
Iowa	3.7	2.9	1.6
Kansas	6.5	4.0	2.8
Kentucky	4.2	4.1	4.0
Louisiana	4.6	2.4	3.9
Maine	4.2	3.4	6.0
Maryland	6.0	5.0	5.5
Massachusetts	3.9	6.1	6.1
Michigan	2.9	4.4	3.1
Minnesota	2.0	2.2	2.5
Mississippi	4.0	2.4	3.3
Missouri	4.9	2.3	2.0
Montana	1.6	3.9	1.5
Nebraska	5.6	3.7	3.6
Nevada	6.3	6.9	7.0
New Hampshire	5.3	5.5	6.2
New Jersey	5.5	6.0	6.0
New Mexico	6.3	6.6	5.9
New York	3.5	5.0	5.0
North Carolina	3.5	3.5	5.1
North Dakota	2.7	4.9	5.2
Ohio	4.0	5.0	4.5
Oklahoma	5.4	5.4	3.4
Oregon	1.9	3.9	3.3
Pennsylvania	4.0	5.0	5.0
Rhode Island	6.0	5.5	6.0
South Carolina	5.8	3.8	5.3
South Dakota	5.0	5.1	4.9
Tennessee	4.6	3.1	4.4
Texas	5.1	5.2	3.7
Utah	4.8	5.7	4.4
Vermont	3.0	3.4	3.7
Virginia	5.7	4.9	5.7
Washington	3.4	4.1	2.9
West Virginia	5.0	5.8	5.3
Wisconsin	2.7	3.7	3.4
Wyoming	3.7	4.5	1.8

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 29, 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	6	73	20
Arizona	1	11	78	10
Arkansas	-	-	33	67
California	40	45	15	-
Colorado	4	27	65	4
Connecticut	14	26	60	-
Delaware	3	13	71	13
Florida	-	19	75	6
Georgia	1	10	71	18
Idaho	1	24	67	8
Illinois	2	8	75	15
Indiana	2	16	68	14
Iowa	-	3	77	20
Kansas	6	17	67	10
Kentucky	1	7	73	19
Louisiana	-	3	61	36
Maine	-	8	80	12
Maryland	-	3	88	9
Massachusetts	-	18	82	-
Michigan	-	2	72	26
Minnesota	1	8	77	14
Mississippi	2	5	61	32
Missouri	-	4	60	36
Montana	10	23	60	7
Nebraska	5	18	73	4
Nevada	10	20	70	-
New Hampshire	2	18	69	11
New Jersey	5	9	81	5
New Mexico	12	31	49	8
New York	2	6	70	22
North Carolina	4	4	60	32
North Dakota	3	21	72	4
Ohio	3	14	72	11
Oklahoma	6	19	64	11
Oregon	22	31	46	1
Pennsylvania	1	11	86	2
Rhode Island	-	30	70	-
South Carolina	-	1	57	42
South Dakota	8	26	65	1
Tennessee	-	3	60	37
Texas	2	8	59	31
Utah	5	25	68	2
Vermont	-	1	86	13
Virginia	-	7	82	11
Washington	15	41	42	2
West Virginia	2	16	76	6
Wisconsin	1	4	70	25
Wyoming	5	41	54	-
48 States	4	14	67	15
Previous week	5	17	67	11
Previous year	8	22	64	6

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 29, 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	74	17
Arizona	1	9	83	7
Arkansas	1	8	40	51
California	40	40	20	-
Colorado	8	28	62	2
Connecticut	9	33	58	-
Delaware	6	11	73	10
Florida	-	18	75	7
Georgia	3	14	71	12
Idaho	10	30	58	2
Illinois	2	16	74	8
Indiana	4	20	68	8
Iowa	1	6	82	11
Kansas	9	25	64	2
Kentucky	1	10	78	11
Louisiana	-	4	60	36
Maine	-	8	80	12
Maryland	-	8	90	2
Massachusetts	-	20	80	-
Michigan	1	12	77	10
Minnesota	3	16	74	7
Mississippi	2	6	74	18
Missouri	2	11	70	17
Montana	12	31	48	9
Nebraska	5	23	70	2
Nevada	25	35	40	-
New Hampshire	-	17	75	8
New Jersey	4	13	78	5
New Mexico	8	23	68	1
New York	1	7	75	17
North Carolina	4	4	65	27
North Dakota	3	25	69	3
Ohio	3	18	72	7
Oklahoma	13	27	52	8
Oregon	28	47	25	-
Pennsylvania	2	13	84	1
Rhode Island	-	39	61	-
South Carolina	-	-	58	42
South Dakota	7	30	62	1
Tennessee	1	6	72	21
Texas	2	12	64	22
Utah	9	39	50	2
Vermont	-	13	86	1
Virginia	-	6	85	9
Washington	15	49	35	1
West Virginia	3	16	77	4
Wisconsin	1	6	79	14
Wyoming	8	38	54	-
48 States	6	19	65	10
Previous week	6	22	65	7
Previous year	9	24	63	4

- Represents zero.

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acres.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Today's publication is the last weekly Crop Progress report issued for the 2015 season. The first weekly report for 2016 will be released on Monday, April 4, 2016.

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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