



Crop Progress

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Corn Silking – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 93% of the 2015 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	22	7	16	19
Illinois	69	53	77	68
Indiana	43	24	50	51
Iowa	45	29	67	42
Kansas	59	47	63	59
Kentucky	68	62	75	61
Michigan	23	3	22	27
Minnesota	36	16	51	30
Missouri	65	81	92	71
Nebraska	51	29	55	48
North Carolina	92	89	93	94
North Dakota	14	17	25	18
Ohio	36	7	31	38
Pennsylvania	48	11	31	40
South Dakota	32	19	37	23
Tennessee	86	81	91	86
Texas	75	67	74	81
Wisconsin	17	4	33	19
18 States	47	32	56	46

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	1	2	14	65	18
Illinois	2	3	15	58	22
Indiana	3	5	18	53	21
Iowa	1	3	15	58	23
Kansas	1	5	25	58	11
Kentucky	2	5	21	57	15
Michigan	2	10	29	46	13
Minnesota	1	3	14	61	21
Missouri	2	4	21	55	18
Nebraska	1	3	16	62	18
North Carolina	3	5	23	53	16
North Dakota	1	4	17	63	15
Ohio	1	5	30	53	11
Pennsylvania	1	4	24	57	14
South Dakota	3	8	26	54	9
Tennessee	2	7	23	45	23
Texas	1	5	31	51	12
Wisconsin	-	2	12	52	34
18 States	1	4	19	57	19
Previous week	1	4	19	58	18
Previous year	2	7	22	52	17

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Blooming – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2015 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	72	73	84	62
Illinois	49	39	60	54
Indiana	46	38	56	50
Iowa	56	40	66	55
Kansas	28	20	38	34
Kentucky	32	18	31	34
Louisiana	87	81	89	86
Michigan	51	21	43	47
Minnesota	72	48	72	51
Mississippi	73	66	77	79
Missouri	18	28	43	31
Nebraska	56	28	54	56
North Carolina	34	25	32	27
North Dakota	65	50	67	49
Ohio	43	25	49	40
South Dakota	47	52	65	53
Tennessee	38	35	55	41
Wisconsin	43	45	70	35
18 States	51	40	59	49

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2015 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	38	44	57	34
Illinois	12	7	15	13
Indiana	14	2	19	13
Iowa	12	6	20	10
Kansas	5	1	5	4
Kentucky	9	-	8	9
Louisiana	73	54	68	67
Michigan	8	1	8	7
Minnesota	17	3	12	10
Mississippi	44	32	50	46
Missouri	1	2	10	4
Nebraska	13	-	1	13
North Carolina	12	2	14	9
North Dakota	17	6	19	11
Ohio	8	-	8	5
South Dakota	5	5	17	7
Tennessee	16	10	28	16
Wisconsin	9	5	23	5
18 States	14	7	18	13

- Represents zero.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	7	7	30	43	13
Illinois	2	4	18	59	17
Indiana	2	5	21	53	19
Iowa	1	3	16	62	18
Kansas	1	6	33	54	6
Kentucky	1	5	24	58	12
Louisiana	-	5	21	66	8
Michigan	4	9	27	49	11
Minnesota	1	3	18	61	17
Mississippi	1	8	24	47	20
Missouri	2	6	25	56	11
Nebraska	1	3	19	62	15
North Carolina	-	4	25	57	14
North Dakota	1	5	22	61	11
Ohio	1	6	27	55	11
South Dakota	1	6	27	59	7
Tennessee	-	4	20	51	25
Wisconsin	-	1	14	56	29
18 States	2	5	22	57	14
Previous week	1	5	23	57	14
Previous year	3	8	27	50	12

- Represents zero.

Cotton Squaring – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2015 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	90	85	90	80
Arizona	89	85	90	88
Arkansas	99	97	100	99
California	94	83	85	89
Georgia	86	81	90	82
Kansas	31	34	44	54
Louisiana	95	85	91	97
Mississippi	88	75	82	90
Missouri	76	76	78	79
North Carolina	87	68	83	88
Oklahoma	41	30	43	46
South Carolina	68	60	75	73
Tennessee	72	75	83	76
Texas	63	43	71	69
Virginia	83	58	73	86
15 States	72	57	77	76

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2015 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	46	38	51	35
Arizona	46	40	50	51
Arkansas	69	66	86	69
California	75	-	5	60
Georgia	49	33	52	45
Kansas	1	5	5	7
Louisiana	64	46	65	71
Mississippi	51	33	51	46
Missouri	15	7	7	21
North Carolina	38	12	24	40
Oklahoma	6	7	10	13
South Carolina	29	12	24	31
Tennessee	22	17	33	24
Texas	19	13	18	20
Virginia	19	5	21	15
15 States	29	19	28	30

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	4	47	43	5
Arizona	4	1	4	54	37
Arkansas	5	2	16	45	32
California	-	-	25	25	50
Georgia	2	6	29	52	11
Kansas	-	1	32	64	3
Louisiana	-	5	17	72	6
Mississippi	2	8	34	44	12
Missouri	2	9	46	39	4
North Carolina	3	7	28	56	6
Oklahoma	-	-	46	47	7
South Carolina	-	1	59	34	6
Tennessee	1	2	19	60	18
Texas	1	12	40	41	6
Virginia	-	4	21	74	1
15 States	1	9	36	45	9
Previous week	1	10	35	45	9
Previous year	1	7	35	46	11

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2015 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	73	57	74	74
Colorado	4	3	6	9
Illinois	23	1	27	22
Kansas	2	11	13	5
Louisiana	95	91	95	94
Missouri	21	14	24	21
Nebraska	15	-	7	8
New Mexico	3	3	10	2
Oklahoma	32	19	30	28
South Dakota	27	15	23	18
Texas	64	63	76	70
11 States	32	31	39	33

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2015 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	22	1	12	21
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Illinois	1	-	-	1
Kansas	-	-	1	-
Louisiana	57	38	62	61
Missouri	-	-	1	1
Nebraska	-	-	-	1
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	2	1	2	3
South Dakota	-	-	1	-
Texas	48	44	48	60
11 States	19	16	19	23

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	3	9	27	46	15
Colorado	-	-	34	62	4
Illinois	3	6	25	61	5
Kansas	-	2	23	66	9
Louisiana	-	6	27	55	12
Missouri	-	3	30	61	6
Nebraska	-	-	18	68	14
New Mexico	-	2	77	20	1
Oklahoma	-	3	23	71	3
South Dakota	-	2	35	63	-
Texas	-	4	34	45	17
11 States	-	3	29	57	11
Previous week	-	2	29	58	11
Previous year	3	4	26	56	11

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Pegging – Selected States

[These 8 States planted 97% of the 2015 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	78	53	61	59
Florida	81	80	85	71
Georgia	71	79	90	66
North Carolina	64	40	65	75
Oklahoma	34	50	55	61
South Carolina	81	80	84	74
Texas	33	34	42	51
Virginia	39	25	37	52
8 States	69	67	77	65

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	53	41	6
Florida	-	5	28	60	7
Georgia	1	4	23	55	17
North Carolina	-	2	16	68	14
Oklahoma	-	-	8	90	2
South Carolina	-	-	16	66	18
Texas	-	1	41	53	5
Virginia	-	-	8	91	1
8 States	-	3	28	57	12
Previous week	-	2	28	58	12
Previous year	-	2	24	59	15

- Represents zero.

Rice Headed – Selected States

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2015 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	27	14	34	22
California	18	25	25	7
Louisiana	82	70	81	75
Mississippi	48	29	43	42
Missouri	32	3	3	14
Texas	60	71	83	66
6 States	37	28	41	30

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acres]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	3	8	27	44	18
California	-	-	15	75	10
Louisiana	-	5	30	58	7
Mississippi	-	2	23	46	29
Missouri	1	3	23	51	22
Texas	3	4	36	48	9
6 States	2	5	25	53	15
Previous week	2	5	25	53	15
Previous year	2	4	22	49	23

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 90% of the 2015 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	94	97	97	91
Colorado	62	33	70	66
Idaho	10	2	5	4
Illinois	89	95	97	94
Indiana	68	83	96	86
Kansas	95	91	98	97
Michigan	6	15	43	37
Missouri	86	98	98	96
Montana	10	-	2	4
Nebraska	52	38	75	52
North Carolina	100	98	99	97
Ohio	51	83	96	76
Oklahoma	98	98	100	99
Oregon	41	12	22	16
South Dakota	17	21	53	22
Texas	96	97	100	99
Washington	27	4	10	9
18 States	72	66	76	73

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Headed – Selected States

[These 6 States planted 99% of the 2015 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	95	89	96	90
Minnesota	99	94	97	91
Montana	96	75	90	74
North Dakota	92	96	98	76
South Dakota	96	99	100	96
Washington	100	95	100	95
6 States	95	91	96	81

Spring Wheat Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	-	1	22	68	9
Minnesota	3	6	21	52	18
Montana	1	4	30	50	15
North Dakota	2	5	20	64	9
South Dakota	3	11	42	41	3
Washington	-	1	14	78	7
6 States	2	5	24	58	11
Previous week	2	5	23	60	10
Previous year	1	6	23	55	15

- Represents zero.

Oats Harvested – Selected States

[These 9 States harvested 70% of the 2015 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	24	16	35	30
Minnesota	1	-	2	6
Nebraska	25	26	49	43
North Dakota	-	-	3	2
Ohio	6	7	40	19
Pennsylvania	6	-	3	7
South Dakota	13	20	38	15
Texas	97	97	100	97
Wisconsin	5	2	8	10
9 States	15	13	22	20

- Represents zero.

Oat Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	-	2	19	64	15
Minnesota	1	3	15	61	20
Nebraska	1	1	26	64	8
North Dakota	3	9	20	63	5
Ohio	1	2	24	66	7
Pennsylvania	1	5	21	64	9
South Dakota	1	6	29	61	3
Texas	8	15	38	34	5
Wisconsin	-	1	14	55	30
9 States	3	7	24	55	11
Previous week	3	6	24	56	11
Previous year	4	7	22	55	12

- Represents zero.

Barley Headed – Selected States

[These 5 States planted 82% of the 2015 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	99	82	88	92
Minnesota	98	92	97	89
Montana	99	86	95	86
North Dakota	95	97	98	79
Washington	100	92	96	93
5 States	99	89	95	86

Barley Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	-	1	22	66	11
Minnesota	4	7	25	54	10
Montana	1	4	33	40	22
North Dakota	1	3	16	69	11
Washington	-	-	11	83	6
5 States	1	3	23	58	15
Previous week	1	3	22	59	15
Previous year	1	5	23	52	19

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

[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	8	16	32	39	5
Arizona	16	19	40	22	3
Arkansas	2	8	33	47	10
California	10	25	25	30	10
Colorado	3	5	22	58	12
Connecticut	14	39	40	7	-
Delaware	3	8	38	46	5
Florida	3	6	26	47	18
Georgia	14	20	38	24	4
Idaho	1	3	31	51	14
Illinois	1	6	19	60	14
Indiana	2	5	21	59	13
Iowa	2	7	30	50	11
Kansas	1	4	23	63	9
Kentucky	1	6	22	59	12
Louisiana	1	9	35	49	6
Maine	-	9	15	36	40
Maryland	1	5	24	63	7
Massachusetts	15	40	35	10	-
Michigan	5	19	30	38	8
Minnesota	1	5	15	64	15
Mississippi	2	11	34	46	7
Missouri	1	7	37	49	6
Montana	10	16	36	33	5
Nebraska	2	2	19	64	13
Nevada	5	10	35	40	10
New Hampshire	1	21	65	13	-
New Jersey	1	2	41	51	5
New Mexico	3	21	47	27	2
New York	4	9	42	39	6
North Carolina	3	12	37	42	6
North Dakota	4	10	26	54	6
Ohio	3	16	29	43	9
Oklahoma	1	7	35	49	8
Oregon	13	22	27	35	3
Pennsylvania	8	16	38	33	5
Rhode Island	-	12	35	53	-
South Carolina	10	24	20	42	4
South Dakota	5	14	34	45	2
Tennessee	4	16	32	42	6
Texas	3	11	37	39	10
Utah	1	8	35	48	8
Vermont	10	35	41	14	-
Virginia	2	6	30	54	8
Washington	2	8	18	63	9
West Virginia	1	5	28	56	10
Wisconsin	1	3	19	57	20
Wyoming	6	10	21	57	6
48 States	4	10	30	47	9
Previous week	3	10	30	48	9
Previous year	3	8	26	49	14

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	July 17, 2015	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	5.8	5.8	6.0
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	6.5	6.0	6.3
California	6.9	6.6	7.0
Colorado	6.3	5.9	6.4
Connecticut	5.1	6.0	6.6
Delaware	6.0	6.0	6.5
Florida	6.4	6.6	6.5
Georgia	5.9	6.3	6.4
Idaho	6.6	6.1	6.1
Illinois	3.3	4.1	4.6
Indiana	2.3	4.6	5.0
Iowa	4.5	4.5	4.5
Kansas	5.3	4.3	4.8
Kentucky	3.9	2.4	4.3
Louisiana	6.9	6.4	6.2
Maine	5.5	4.4	5.4
Maryland	6.0	6.5	6.5
Massachusetts	6.7	6.8	7.0
Michigan	3.9	5.5	5.9
Minnesota	4.3	4.0	3.3
Mississippi	6.5	5.5	5.4
Missouri	3.9	3.1	4.0
Montana	6.5	5.4	4.6
Nebraska	5.9	5.7	5.7
Nevada	6.4	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	5.8	5.0	6.2
New Jersey	5.5	6.5	6.5
New Mexico	6.6	6.8	7.0
New York	4.5	6.0	5.5
North Carolina	6.0	5.6	5.5
North Dakota	5.1	5.1	4.3
Ohio	1.6	5.9	6.1
Oklahoma	6.6	5.9	5.9
Oregon	6.6	5.7	5.5
Pennsylvania	4.5	6.0	6.5
Rhode Island	6.5	7.0	7.0
South Carolina	6.2	6.7	6.5
South Dakota	6.5	5.7	6.0
Tennessee	5.8	5.0	5.2
Texas	6.5	6.7	6.8
Utah	6.2	7.0	7.0
Vermont	5.3	5.1	5.2
Virginia	5.6	5.8	6.0
Washington	6.9	5.7	6.4
West Virginia	3.1	4.9	5.6
Wisconsin	4.6	4.9	5.1
Wyoming	6.7	6.9	7.0

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	19	33	47	1
Arizona	2	29	65	4
Arkansas	15	43	35	7
California	40	30	30	-
Colorado	3	18	71	8
Connecticut	8	34	58	-
Delaware	-	16	73	11
Florida	7	18	59	16
Georgia	19	46	34	1
Idaho	13	25	58	4
Illinois	1	9	80	10
Indiana	5	14	67	14
Iowa	3	12	78	7
Kansas	2	14	76	8
Kentucky	1	4	66	29
Louisiana	13	39	45	3
Maine	11	14	65	10
Maryland	3	15	67	15
Massachusetts	33	53	14	-
Michigan	16	33	48	3
Minnesota	-	1	73	26
Mississippi	16	28	48	8
Missouri	3	10	76	11
Montana	10	20	59	11
Nebraska	7	22	70	1
Nevada	35	20	45	-
New Hampshire	31	32	37	-
New Jersey	5	25	58	12
New Mexico	20	61	19	-
New York	24	28	36	12
North Carolina	2	13	72	13
North Dakota	2	11	71	16
Ohio	18	38	37	7
Oklahoma	4	25	69	2
Oregon	10	31	56	3
Pennsylvania	15	41	39	5
Rhode Island	27	55	18	-
South Carolina	12	34	51	3
South Dakota	11	32	56	1
Tennessee	8	25	62	5
Texas	13	51	34	2
Utah	7	34	57	2
Vermont	18	45	28	9
Virginia	2	18	75	5
Washington	2	16	81	1
West Virginia	2	16	72	10
Wisconsin	1	11	80	8
Wyoming	7	33	49	11
48 States	8	22	62	8
Previous week	7	22	63	8
Previous year	5	17	61	17

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending July 17, 2016

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	17	35	47	1
Arizona	15	13	70	2
Arkansas	14	38	43	5
California	40	35	25	-
Colorado	3	14	79	4
Connecticut	10	46	43	1
Delaware	2	7	75	16
Florida	6	19	59	16
Georgia	13	41	46	-
Idaho	12	25	60	3
Illinois	1	11	83	5
Indiana	5	16	71	8
Iowa	3	12	80	5
Kansas	2	14	80	4
Kentucky	1	6	70	23
Louisiana	12	33	51	4
Maine	23	28	49	-
Maryland	3	9	82	6
Massachusetts	23	54	22	1
Michigan	15	34	49	2
Minnesota	1	5	77	17
Mississippi	11	35	46	8
Missouri	3	11	80	6
Montana	10	26	58	6
Nebraska	4	19	75	2
Nevada	30	25	45	-
New Hampshire	31	31	38	-
New Jersey	3	25	57	15
New Mexico	16	45	39	-
New York	22	27	41	10
North Carolina	1	13	74	12
North Dakota	3	15	70	12
Ohio	9	38	48	5
Oklahoma	2	20	75	3
Oregon	13	36	48	3
Pennsylvania	10	40	46	4
Rhode Island	22	55	23	-
South Carolina	11	25	61	3
South Dakota	10	32	57	1
Tennessee	8	29	59	4
Texas	9	40	48	3
Utah	7	34	58	1
Vermont	11	49	40	-
Virginia	2	15	79	4
Washington	2	15	83	-
West Virginia	1	15	78	6
Wisconsin	1	11	81	7
Wyoming	7	34	53	6
48 States	7	21	66	6
Previous week	6	21	67	6
Previous year	5	16	64	15

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Condition

Corn: Silking, Dough, Condition

Cotton: Squaring, Setting Bolls, Condition

Oats: Harvested, Condition

Pasture & Range: Condition

Peanuts: Pegging, Condition

Rice: Headed, Condition

Sorghum: Headed, Coloring, Condition

Soybeans: Blooming, Setting Pods, Condition

Spring Wheat: Condition

Winter Wheat: Harvested

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 2015 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. Field Offices summarize 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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