



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 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	38	16	28	38
Illinois	85	77	90	86
Indiana	66	50	78	74
Iowa	75	67	87	69
Kansas	75	63	86	76
Kentucky	83	75	85	75
Michigan	54	22	54	56
Minnesota	72	51	86	61
Missouri	80	92	97	84
Nebraska	77	55	82	76
North Carolina	94	93	96	97
North Dakota	43	25	45	42
Ohio	60	31	58	62
Pennsylvania	70	31	57	65
South Dakota	63	37	67	51
Tennessee	92	91	94	93
Texas	81	74	92	88
Wisconsin	49	33	64	44
18 States	71	56	79	70

Corn Dough – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	28	5	18	23
Indiana	4	1	10	7
Iowa	8	2	11	8
Kansas	15	(NA)	13	26
Kentucky	23	15	31	21
Michigan	-	(NA)	1	-
Minnesota	1	(NA)	2	2
Missouri	25	11	37	33
Nebraska	9	(NA)	13	13
North Carolina	68	60	75	73
North Dakota	-	(NA)	-	2
Ohio	2	(NA)	1	6
Pennsylvania	15	(NA)	2	6
South Dakota	1	(NA)	5	3
Tennessee	51	35	60	54
Texas	61	53	58	65
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	1	1
18 States	12	(NA)	13	13

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 2016

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

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Colorado	1	2	18	64	15
Illinois	1	3	14	58	24
Indiana	2	5	18	54	21
Iowa	1	3	14	59	23
Kansas	1	6	26	57	10
Kentucky	2	5	20	58	15
Michigan	3	10	31	46	10
Minnesota	-	3	13	62	22
Missouri	2	4	20	55	19
Nebraska	1	3	17	61	18
North Carolina	3	6	25	50	16
North Dakota	1	4	17	63	15
Ohio	2	7	31	51	9
Pennsylvania	2	9	27	49	13
South Dakota	3	8	29	51	9
Tennessee	3	7	25	43	22
Texas	2	9	30	47	12
Wisconsin	1	2	11	50	36
18 States	1	4	19	57	19
Previous week	1	4	19	57	19
Previous year	2	7	21	53	17

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Blooming – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	79	84	91	72
Illinois	67	60	76	71
Indiana	64	56	70	67
Iowa	73	66	83	73
Kansas	43	38	56	50
Kentucky	50	31	47	48
Louisiana	90	89	95	90
Michigan	71	43	67	67
Minnesota	86	72	90	70
Mississippi	83	77	83	86
Missouri	30	43	58	46
Nebraska	72	54	75	75
North Carolina	44	32	46	39
North Dakota	82	67	81	72
Ohio	62	49	70	62
South Dakota	66	65	82	72
Tennessee	57	55	73	56
Wisconsin	62	70	86	56
18 States	67	59	76	66

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	51	57	70	47
Illinois	27	15	33	27
Indiana	31	19	35	28
Iowa	31	20	44	27
Kansas	13	5	17	11
Kentucky	22	8	18	21
Louisiana	80	68	80	78
Michigan	21	8	20	20
Minnesota	37	12	39	24
Mississippi	59	50	65	60
Missouri	8	10	21	11
Nebraska	28	1	19	28
North Carolina	20	14	23	16
North Dakota	43	19	36	31
Ohio	22	8	19	17
South Dakota	23	17	42	21
Tennessee	31	28	40	29
Wisconsin	23	23	44	15
18 States	29	18	35	26

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	29	44	13
Illinois	2	4	17	58	19
Indiana	2	5	20	52	21
Iowa	1	3	15	60	21
Kansas	2	8	34	50	6
Kentucky	1	6	23	57	13
Louisiana	-	6	24	63	7
Michigan	3	10	28	49	10
Minnesota	1	3	18	60	18
Mississippi	2	9	24	44	21
Missouri	2	5	25	57	11
Nebraska	1	3	19	63	14
North Carolina	1	5	25	53	16
North Dakota	2	5	22	60	11
Ohio	2	6	28	54	10
South Dakota	1	6	32	54	7
Tennessee	1	4	24	47	24
Wisconsin	-	1	13	55	31
18 States	2	5	22	56	15
Previous week	2	5	22	57	14
Previous year	3	8	27	49	13

- Represents zero.

Cotton Squaring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	94	90	92	87
Arizona	97	90	95	93
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	96	85	90	92
Georgia	93	90	93	88
Kansas	51	44	53	66
Louisiana	98	91	98	99
Mississippi	91	82	90	94
Missouri	90	78	87	89
North Carolina	93	83	90	92
Oklahoma	70	43	65	61
South Carolina	90	75	85	85
Tennessee	84	83	92	86
Texas	76	71	82	80
Virginia	91	73	85	92
15 States	82	77	85	84

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	70	51	66	55
Arizona	62	50	65	63
Arkansas	89	86	97	88
California	89	15	60	73
Georgia	61	52	68	57
Kansas	4	5	8	11
Louisiana	79	65	76	82
Mississippi	68	51	72	64
Missouri	29	7	34	38
North Carolina	57	24	50	60
Oklahoma	17	10	19	22
South Carolina	59	24	40	47
Tennessee	41	33	55	42
Texas	27	18	36	30
Virginia	38	21	30	40
15 States	41	28	46	43

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	3	16	46	30
California	-	5	25	20	50
Georgia	2	7	30	50	11
Kansas	1	1	32	63	3
Louisiana	-	5	21	70	4
Mississippi	2	9	34	42	13
Missouri	2	8	46	39	5
North Carolina	3	7	27	57	6
Oklahoma	-	-	46	47	7
South Carolina	-	1	53	40	6
Tennessee	1	2	20	58	19
Texas	3	14	38	39	6
Virginia	-	4	24	71	1
15 States	3	10	35	43	9
Previous week	1	9	36	45	9
Previous year	1	7	35	47	10

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	80	74	81	84
Colorado	6	6	24	16
Illinois	38	27	37	37
Kansas	9	13	27	11
Louisiana	98	95	99	98
Missouri	39	24	46	34
Nebraska	36	7	25	23
New Mexico	4	10	11	4
Oklahoma	39	30	38	39
South Dakota	47	23	42	32
Texas	80	76	80	79
11 States	42	39	49	41

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	42	12	25	36
Colorado	1	-	-	2
Illinois	2	-	1	3
Kansas	-	1	1	-
Louisiana	76	62	76	74
Missouri	1	1	5	3
Nebraska	1	-	-	1
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	7	2	7	8
South Dakota	-	1	3	1
Texas	53	48	58	66
11 States	22	19	23	26

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	26	44	18
Colorado	-	1	35	59	5
Illinois	3	6	27	60	4
Kansas	1	3	25	62	9
Louisiana	-	5	29	53	13
Missouri	-	3	28	62	7
Nebraska	-	-	18	68	14
New Mexico	-	2	78	19	1
Oklahoma	-	2	25	70	3
South Dakota	-	2	36	62	-
Texas	1	8	33	41	17
11 States	1	5	29	54	11
Previous week	-	3	29	57	11
Previous year	2	4	26	59	9

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Pegging – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	80	61	63	68
Florida	90	85	94	80
Georgia	82	90	94	77
North Carolina	77	65	79	86
Oklahoma	49	55	60	73
South Carolina	94	84	90	84
Texas	47	42	57	61
Virginia	59	37	48	69
8 States	79	77	84	75

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	-	4	29	60	7
Georgia	2	5	24	52	17
North Carolina	-	3	16	66	15
Oklahoma	-	-	8	90	2
South Carolina	-	-	16	66	18
Texas	-	7	39	49	5
Virginia	-	-	7	92	1
8 States	1	4	29	53	13
Previous week	-	3	28	57	12
Previous year	-	2	24	58	16

- Represents zero.

Rice Headed – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	41	34	61	36
California	19	25	26	11
Louisiana	89	81	86	84
Mississippi	67	43	57	60
Missouri	40	3	16	23
Texas	74	83	91	77
6 States	48	41	57	41

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	43	19
California	-	-	15	75	10
Louisiana	-	5	31	56	8
Mississippi	-	2	23	47	28
Missouri	1	3	24	51	21
Texas	3	4	36	48	9
6 States	2	5	26	51	16
Previous week	2	5	25	53	15
Previous year	2	4	25	49	20

- 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 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	96	97	97	95
Colorado	81	70	90	85
Idaho	22	5	10	10
Illinois	94	97	99	97
Indiana	86	96	99	96
Kansas	99	98	99	99
Michigan	37	43	81	66
Missouri	94	98	98	99
Montana	33	2	20	12
Nebraska	76	75	92	74
North Carolina	100	99	100	98
Ohio	74	96	100	92
Oklahoma	100	100	100	100
Oregon	63	22	35	30
South Dakota	36	53	82	38
Texas	98	100	100	100
Washington	55	10	23	23
18 States	82	76	83	79

Spring Wheat Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	69	8
Minnesota	3	5	23	55	14
Montana	1	4	29	51	15
North Dakota	3	7	19	63	8
South Dakota	3	12	44	38	3
Washington	-	1	13	79	7
6 States	2	6	24	58	10
Previous week	2	5	24	58	11
Previous year	1	6	22	56	15

- Represents zero.

Barley Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	20	68	11
Minnesota	6	7	25	53	9
Montana	1	4	32	40	23
North Dakota	2	4	17	67	10
Washington	-	-	10	84	6
5 States	1	3	23	58	15
Previous week	1	3	23	58	15
Previous year	1	5	25	51	18

- Represents zero.

Oats Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	49	35	54	50
Minnesota	8	2	10	14
Nebraska	51	49	65	67
North Dakota	-	3	26	5
Ohio	22	40	63	38
Pennsylvania	15	3	24	20
South Dakota	33	38	58	29
Texas	99	100	100	99
Wisconsin	10	8	17	17
9 States	24	22	37	30

- Represents zero.

Oat Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	65	14
Minnesota	1	4	17	59	19
Nebraska	2	1	26	63	8
North Dakota	4	8	21	62	5
Ohio	1	2	25	65	7
Pennsylvania	2	7	22	58	11
South Dakota	1	7	38	51	3
Texas	8	15	38	34	5
Wisconsin	-	1	13	56	30
9 States	3	7	26	53	11
Previous week	3	7	24	55	11
Previous year	4	7	21	55	13

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	9	17	31	39	4
Arizona	16	19	40	22	3
Arkansas	3	10	35	44	8
California	15	25	20	35	5
Colorado	3	5	24	57	11
Connecticut	4	65	31	-	-
Delaware	5	12	38	40	5
Florida	3	6	26	48	17
Georgia	14	22	37	23	4
Idaho	1	7	33	47	12
Illinois	1	4	19	59	17
Indiana	2	5	22	59	12
Iowa	1	7	30	50	12
Kansas	1	5	26	60	8
Kentucky	1	6	22	60	11
Louisiana	1	10	35	48	6
Maine	-	32	37	31	-
Maryland	1	7	27	58	7
Massachusetts	10	25	40	25	-
Michigan	7	19	34	32	8
Minnesota	1	5	15	63	16
Mississippi	2	11	34	46	7
Missouri	1	6	37	50	6
Montana	11	17	35	32	5
Nebraska	2	3	21	63	11
Nevada	5	10	25	35	25
New Hampshire	12	38	44	6	-
New Jersey	1	2	53	40	4
New Mexico	3	24	46	25	2
New York	6	9	42	37	6
North Carolina	3	12	40	39	6
North Dakota	5	10	27	52	6
Ohio	8	17	29	39	7
Oklahoma	1	7	37	48	7
Oregon	15	22	27	33	3
Pennsylvania	8	26	36	26	4
Rhode Island	10	50	25	15	-
South Carolina	10	21	22	43	4
South Dakota	5	16	35	42	2
Tennessee	6	18	36	36	4
Texas	5	14	41	34	6
Utah	1	8	36	47	8
Vermont	5	25	56	14	-
Virginia	2	10	34	48	6
Washington	2	7	22	60	9
West Virginia	1	7	32	52	8
Wisconsin	1	3	19	57	20
Wyoming	7	12	22	53	6
48 States	4	11	32	46	7
Previous week	4	10	30	47	9
Previous year	3	9	27	49	12

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	July 24, 2015	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	5.3	6.0	5.6
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	5.2	6.3	6.8
California	7.0	7.0	6.4
Colorado	6.0	6.4	6.3
Connecticut	7.0	6.6	6.7
Delaware	7.0	6.5	7.0
Florida	6.3	6.5	6.4
Georgia	5.9	6.4	6.1
Idaho	6.6	6.1	6.9
Illinois	5.2	4.6	3.8
Indiana	4.8	5.0	5.0
Iowa	5.0	4.5	4.0
Kansas	5.3	4.8	6.7
Kentucky	4.7	4.3	5.5
Louisiana	6.7	6.2	6.0
Maine	3.2	5.4	6.7
Maryland	6.5	6.5	7.0
Massachusetts	6.8	7.0	6.0
Michigan	6.4	5.9	5.8
Minnesota	5.1	3.3	4.0
Mississippi	5.6	5.4	5.8
Missouri	3.5	4.0	5.4
Montana	6.4	4.6	6.3
Nebraska	6.0	5.7	6.2
Nevada	6.3	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	6.4	6.2	6.4
New Jersey	7.0	6.5	6.5
New Mexico	6.5	7.0	6.9
New York	5.5	5.5	6.5
North Carolina	5.9	5.5	6.3
North Dakota	5.9	4.3	5.0
Ohio	5.1	6.1	6.3
Oklahoma	5.7	5.9	6.6
Oregon	6.7	5.5	6.2
Pennsylvania	6.0	6.5	6.5
Rhode Island	6.0	7.0	7.0
South Carolina	6.0	6.5	6.5
South Dakota	5.7	6.0	6.0
Tennessee	4.6	5.2	6.3
Texas	6.5	6.8	6.9
Utah	6.9	7.0	6.9
Vermont	4.3	5.2	5.0
Virginia	6.3	6.0	6.5
Washington	6.9	6.4	6.7
West Virginia	5.6	5.6	6.2
Wisconsin	6.0	5.1	4.2
Wyoming	6.7	7.0	7.0

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	17	33	48	2
Arizona	2	29	65	4
Arkansas	26	42	26	6
California	40	35	25	-
Colorado	3	21	68	8
Connecticut	35	50	15	-
Delaware	4	27	66	3
Florida	5	20	59	16
Georgia	17	40	38	5
Idaho	20	20	56	4
Illinois	1	6	83	10
Indiana	4	16	71	9
Iowa	1	9	81	9
Kansas	4	21	70	5
Kentucky	1	10	73	16
Louisiana	14	41	41	4
Maine	22	23	44	11
Maryland	4	24	67	5
Massachusetts	30	50	20	-
Michigan	16	35	45	4
Minnesota	-	1	75	24
Mississippi	18	34	42	6
Missouri	4	17	75	4
Montana	11	23	58	8
Nebraska	8	27	64	1
Nevada	30	15	50	5
New Hampshire	35	35	30	-
New Jersey	7	32	49	12
New Mexico	21	60	19	-
New York	29	25	34	12
North Carolina	3	21	66	10
North Dakota	2	12	71	15
Ohio	22	40	34	4
Oklahoma	5	31	62	2
Oregon	13	31	53	3
Pennsylvania	22	41	32	5
Rhode Island	55	42	3	-
South Carolina	9	31	54	6
South Dakota	13	34	52	1
Tennessee	12	33	51	4
Texas	22	52	24	2
Utah	8	34	56	2
Vermont	3	22	53	22
Virginia	9	22	66	3
Washington	2	18	80	-
West Virginia	5	26	65	4
Wisconsin	-	6	84	10
Wyoming	8	35	46	11
48 States	9	24	60	7
Previous week	8	22	62	8
Previous year	6	19	62	13

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending July 24, 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	15	36	47	2
Arizona	15	14	69	2
Arkansas	17	44	34	5
California	40	35	25	-
Colorado	3	18	75	4
Connecticut	35	50	15	-
Delaware	7	22	63	8
Florida	4	19	60	17
Georgia	13	39	44	4
Idaho	14	27	56	3
Illinois	1	8	85	6
Indiana	4	16	74	6
Iowa	2	10	82	6
Kansas	3	17	77	3
Kentucky	1	8	77	14
Louisiana	12	37	45	6
Maine	32	22	46	-
Maryland	3	16	78	3
Massachusetts	20	45	35	-
Michigan	16	38	44	2
Minnesota	1	4	77	18
Mississippi	12	40	42	6
Missouri	3	15	78	4
Montana	11	26	58	5
Nebraska	5	23	71	1
Nevada	25	25	45	5
New Hampshire	29	36	34	1
New Jersey	6	31	49	14
New Mexico	17	44	39	-
New York	25	25	40	10
North Carolina	2	13	74	11
North Dakota	3	14	71	12
Ohio	15	36	45	4
Oklahoma	3	23	72	2
Oregon	14	37	47	2
Pennsylvania	14	43	39	4
Rhode Island	52	40	8	-
South Carolina	6	22	67	5
South Dakota	12	34	53	1
Tennessee	11	35	51	3
Texas	16	42	40	2
Utah	7	35	57	1
Vermont	-	33	49	18
Virginia	4	21	72	3
Washington	2	17	81	-
West Virginia	4	22	69	5
Wisconsin	1	8	83	8
Wyoming	8	36	51	5
48 States	8	22	65	5
Previous week	7	21	66	6
Previous year	5	18	65	12

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested, 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: Harvested, 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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