



Crop Progress

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NASS Survey Update!

In September, NASS will survey U.S. small grains growers for final production. We will also ask hog producers about their summer pig crop, current inventory, and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The responses will provide the foundation for the 2016 production estimates. **Farmers contacted can respond by mail, phone, or online.** Your information matters! NASS will release the results on September 30 at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>.

Corn Dough – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	79	56	80	77
Illinois	94	89	95	95
Indiana	86	84	95	88
Iowa	93	90	94	86
Kansas	92	87	92	93
Kentucky	83	80	88	83
Michigan	83	67	78	77
Minnesota	94	90	95	82
Missouri	93	93	97	94
Nebraska	89	87	95	92
North Carolina	98	98	100	98
North Dakota	88	71	84	77
Ohio	84	77	86	83
Pennsylvania	86	65	78	75
South Dakota	87	83	91	88
Tennessee	98	97	99	98
Texas	89	96	100	91
Wisconsin	81	72	85	71
18 States	90	85	92	87

Corn Dented – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	52	20	45	32
Illinois	68	47	68	66
Indiana	46	44	62	49
Iowa	50	45	65	54
Kansas	63	51	64	64
Kentucky	65	63	74	67
Michigan	26	15	33	27
Minnesota	56	31	58	42
Missouri	71	63	79	76
Nebraska	53	42	61	56
North Carolina	92	92	95	93
North Dakota	41	19	41	28
Ohio	46	26	44	39
Pennsylvania	51	25	47	42
South Dakota	43	23	45	39
Tennessee	82	81	90	86
Texas	68	70	74	77
Wisconsin	34	25	50	27
18 States	54	40	60	52

Corn Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	1	(NA)	-	1
Illinois	16	1	7	16
Indiana	2	2	8	7
Iowa	2	(NA)	4	8
Kansas	14	7	15	23
Kentucky	25	18	33	31
Michigan	-	(NA)	-	2
Minnesota	1	(NA)	-	1
Missouri	16	6	21	29
Nebraska	1	(NA)	5	7
North Carolina	75	68	81	77
North Dakota	-	(NA)	1	2
Ohio	1	(NA)	4	2
Pennsylvania	4	(NA)	2	6
South Dakota	2	(NA)	5	3
Tennessee	20	16	43	34
Texas	56	57	65	64
Wisconsin	1	(NA)	3	1
18 States	8	(NA)	9	11

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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	18	65	14
Illinois	1	2	12	58	27
Indiana	3	6	19	52	20
Iowa	1	3	13	57	26
Kansas	1	6	25	56	12
Kentucky	2	5	18	57	18
Michigan	3	11	28	46	12
Minnesota	1	3	11	59	26
Missouri	2	5	17	55	21
Nebraska	1	5	19	59	16
North Carolina	2	7	25	50	16
North Dakota	1	4	17	62	16
Ohio	6	14	35	39	6
Pennsylvania	4	14	30	39	13
South Dakota	5	13	30	44	8
Tennessee	2	7	24	43	24
Texas	2	11	31	45	11
Wisconsin	1	2	10	43	44
18 States	2	5	18	54	21
Previous week	2	5	18	54	21
Previous year	3	7	22	49	19

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	95	97	98	95
Illinois	92	89	94	94
Indiana	93	89	94	93
Iowa	94	92	96	94
Kansas	78	71	82	79
Kentucky	81	73	84	80
Louisiana	98	98	99	99
Michigan	96	87	92	96
Minnesota	99	95	97	95
Mississippi	94	92	94	97
Missouri	62	71	84	78
Nebraska	95	92	96	96
North Carolina	77	75	84	75
North Dakota	99	94	98	98
Ohio	94	92	95	94
South Dakota	94	94	96	95
Tennessee	88	87	91	90
Wisconsin	94	94	98	92
18 States	91	89	94	92

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	17	4	15	14
Illinois	1	(NA)	-	1
Indiana	2	1	5	5
Iowa	1	(NA)	-	1
Kansas	5	1	2	4
Kentucky	1	(NA)	2	5
Louisiana	55	24	38	41
Michigan	-	(NA)	-	1
Minnesota	2	(NA)	-	2
Mississippi	40	10	21	24
Missouri	1	(NA)	-	1
Nebraska	9	2	8	4
North Carolina	6	(NA)	5	2
North Dakota	28	6	13	12
Ohio	2	(NA)	4	5
South Dakota	15	7	14	12
Tennessee	3	(NA)	3	5
Wisconsin	1	(NA)	2	-
18 States	8	(NA)	5	5

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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	8	9	25	44	14
Illinois	2	4	16	56	22
Indiana	2	5	18	55	20
Iowa	1	3	14	58	24
Kansas	1	4	27	55	13
Kentucky	2	5	20	57	16
Louisiana	4	10	28	52	6
Michigan	2	8	26	52	12
Minnesota	1	3	16	57	23
Mississippi	1	6	21	45	27
Missouri	2	4	21	55	18
Nebraska	1	3	19	61	16
North Carolina	1	7	28	50	14
North Dakota	2	5	19	60	14
Ohio	3	10	33	45	9
South Dakota	3	10	28	50	9
Tennessee	-	4	17	49	30
Wisconsin	1	2	11	48	38
18 States	2	5	20	55	18
Previous week	2	5	21	54	18
Previous year	3	8	26	48	15

- Represents zero.

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	97	97	98	94
Arizona	98	95	98	99
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	98	90	100	97
Georgia	98	96	98	97
Kansas	74	50	65	77
Louisiana	100	99	100	100
Mississippi	95	90	93	98
Missouri	83	78	83	95
North Carolina	97	93	97	98
Oklahoma	91	72	81	86
South Carolina	99	92	97	92
Tennessee	90	97	100	95
Texas	86	92	95	92
Virginia	96	92	95	98
15 States	91	92	95	94

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	29	16	29	17
Arizona	49	45	50	54
Arkansas	19	16	23	24
California	11	-	4	16
Georgia	26	18	30	24
Kansas	8	2	7	10
Louisiana	49	44	63	56
Mississippi	40	18	30	31
Missouri	10	1	3	14
North Carolina	24	11	20	15
Oklahoma	9	4	9	14
South Carolina	25	2	13	17
Tennessee	12	9	17	19
Texas	16	17	22	22
Virginia	20	5	10	15
15 States	20	16	23	23

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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	2	5	40	44	9
Arizona	4	-	4	52	40
Arkansas	6	6	17	41	30
California	-	-	30	30	40
Georgia	3	10	30	46	11
Kansas	1	2	29	64	4
Louisiana	1	7	35	49	8
Mississippi	1	6	33	44	16
Missouri	4	9	47	35	5
North Carolina	3	8	26	56	7
Oklahoma	-	-	48	47	5
South Carolina	-	1	49	45	5
Tennessee	1	2	17	58	22
Texas	5	16	39	33	7
Virginia	-	4	8	87	1
15 States	4	12	36	39	9
Previous week	4	14	35	39	8
Previous year	3	8	35	45	9

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	89	89	92	82
Illinois	91	82	85	92
Kansas	94	90	96	85
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	94	87	93	93
Nebraska	99	95	99	95
New Mexico	73	56	75	55
Oklahoma	91	85	90	81
South Dakota	95	96	96	97
Texas	95	88	94	93
11 States	94	89	95	88

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	96	92	99	95
Colorado	36	27	39	36
Illinois	68	63	73	63
Kansas	42	32	50	30
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	60	44	57	52
Nebraska	39	44	74	36
New Mexico	11	24	29	9
Oklahoma	49	45	51	49
South Dakota	42	43	53	47
Texas	74	76	78	78
11 States	55	52	62	51

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	73	76	90	62
Colorado	2	-	1	4
Illinois	4	3	20	4
Kansas	2	1	3	2
Louisiana	94	93	97	95
Missouri	11	3	7	11
Nebraska	-	-	2	-
New Mexico	-	-	2	-
Oklahoma	15	11	17	15
South Dakota	2	3	8	2
Texas	64	68	74	71
11 States	28	29	33	30

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	31	4	18	27
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	-
Kansas	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	76	70	80	77
Missouri	1	(NA)	-	-
Nebraska	-	(NA)	-	-
New Mexico	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	1	(NA)	1	3
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	48	46	47	58
11 States	19	(NA)	18	23

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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)
Arkansas	4	15	34	39	8
Colorado	-	5	28	60	7
Illinois	2	5	23	63	7
Kansas	1	3	22	59	15
Louisiana	-	15	30	43	12
Missouri	-	2	28	60	10
Nebraska	-	-	17	64	19
New Mexico	-	3	77	19	1
Oklahoma	-	1	31	65	3
South Dakota	-	3	43	53	1
Texas	2	7	34	41	16
11 States	1	5	29	52	13
Previous week	1	6	28	52	13
Previous year	2	5	25	56	12

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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)
Alabama	-	-	51	43	6
Florida	-	4	17	69	10
Georgia	3	9	25	46	17
North Carolina	-	4	14	68	14
Oklahoma	-	-	11	86	3
South Carolina	-	4	24	60	12
Texas	1	7	35	41	16
Virginia	-	1	3	95	1
8 States	1	6	27	52	14
Previous week	1	5	27	53	14
Previous year	1	3	22	57	17

- Represents zero.

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	13	4	12	10
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	81	60	70	71
Mississippi	19	2	10	16
Missouri	-	-	2	2
Texas	69	70	82	72
6 States	24	15	22	21

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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	7	12	31	36	14
California	-	-	15	75	10
Louisiana	6	11	30	50	3
Mississippi	-	2	21	49	28
Missouri	1	3	24	51	21
Texas	3	4	25	55	13
6 States	5	8	27	47	13
Previous week	4	9	26	48	13
Previous year	2	4	28	48	18

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	90	60	75	65
Minnesota	94	77	88	74
Montana	80	53	73	55
North Dakota	81	64	82	55
South Dakota	92	89	91	87
Washington	100	66	78	73
6 States	84	65	81	62

Oats Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	100	97	97	99
Minnesota	96	85	93	90
Nebraska	98	95	98	99
North Dakota	87	80	91	63
Ohio	99	98	100	99
Pennsylvania	88	81	85	92
South Dakota	98	96	99	97
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	91	88	94	87
9 States	94	89	95	89

Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 86% of the 2015 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	August 28, 2015	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	87	64	85	68
Minnesota	95	85	96	81
Montana	90	66	82	67
North Dakota	93	77	90	66
Washington	99	65	79	73
5 States	91	70	86	67

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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	12	29	46	5
Arizona	11	15	35	31	8
Arkansas	2	7	30	47	14
California	20	20	25	30	5
Colorado	3	6	25	58	8
Connecticut	5	64	31	-	-
Delaware	7	17	34	37	5
Florida	2	3	24	56	15
Georgia	9	24	39	25	3
Idaho	8	25	33	30	4
Illinois	1	2	16	56	25
Indiana	2	6	24	57	11
Iowa	2	7	27	52	12
Kansas	1	4	24	61	10
Kentucky	1	6	20	62	11
Louisiana	2	13	34	45	6
Maine	34	16	27	14	9
Maryland	1	10	35	47	7
Massachusetts	40	48	12	-	-
Michigan	8	17	30	37	8
Minnesota	1	6	17	58	18
Mississippi	1	6	30	53	10
Missouri	-	3	30	57	10
Montana	14	21	34	26	5
Nebraska	3	9	23	55	10
Nevada	20	20	35	25	-
New Hampshire	21	37	36	6	-
New Jersey	-	1	51	43	5
New Mexico	3	23	46	25	3
New York	6	13	39	36	6
North Carolina	3	12	38	42	5
North Dakota	6	11	28	51	4
Ohio	9	18	31	34	8
Oklahoma	2	9	41	42	6
Oregon	26	26	28	17	3
Pennsylvania	15	23	36	22	4
Rhode Island	19	52	29	-	-
South Carolina	8	24	26	39	3
South Dakota	8	19	36	36	1
Tennessee	4	12	36	40	8
Texas	4	10	33	41	12
Utah	2	10	41	41	6
Vermont	-	29	59	12	-
Virginia	2	11	35	47	5
Washington	10	16	27	43	4
West Virginia	1	11	35	49	4
Wisconsin	-	3	16	55	26
Wyoming	10	18	32	35	5
48 States	5	11	31	45	8
Previous week	6	12	31	43	8
Previous year	5	13	32	42	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	August 28, 2015 (Days)	August 21, 2016 (Days)	August 28, 2016 (Days)
Alabama	5.6	4.7	5.7
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	6.8	0.9	5.2
California	6.8	6.5	7.0
Colorado	6.7	6.7	6.4
Connecticut	7.0	7.0	6.0
Delaware	7.0	6.5	6.5
Florida	5.1	6.3	6.1
Georgia	5.9	6.1	6.4
Idaho	6.7	7.0	6.9
Illinois	6.6	3.5	3.8
Indiana	6.5	2.8	3.7
Iowa	3.9	4.7	4.1
Kansas	6.1	6.1	4.4
Kentucky	6.6	3.4	5.6
Louisiana	6.7	1.2	3.3
Maine	5.6	5.5	6.2
Maryland	7.0	6.0	7.0
Massachusetts	6.7	6.9	7.0
Michigan	5.2	3.6	4.5
Minnesota	5.3	3.5	4.3
Mississippi	6.5	2.1	4.9
Missouri	6.5	4.5	4.3
Montana	6.8	5.6	6.0
Nebraska	6.0	5.9	5.6
Nevada	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	6.1	6.6	6.7
New Jersey	7.0	6.0	7.0
New Mexico	6.4	6.7	6.1
New York	6.0	5.5	6.0
North Carolina	6.3	6.2	6.7
North Dakota	6.5	5.2	6.3
Ohio	6.5	3.4	5.0
Oklahoma	6.5	6.7	6.0
Oregon	6.3	6.8	6.6
Pennsylvania	6.5	6.0	6.0
Rhode Island	7.0	7.0	7.0
South Carolina	5.7	6.2	6.8
South Dakota	5.8	5.4	6.1
Tennessee	6.3	3.0	5.2
Texas	6.6	4.7	5.0
Utah	6.7	6.8	6.8
Vermont	5.5	5.3	5.0
Virginia	6.8	5.4	6.6
Washington	6.7	6.8	6.8
West Virginia	6.4	4.3	5.6
Wisconsin	5.0	4.1	4.3
Wyoming	6.7	6.2	6.7

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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	6	29	63	2
Arizona	1	30	65	4
Arkansas	1	6	65	28
California	40	30	30	-
Colorado	7	24	67	2
Connecticut	41	39	20	-
Delaware	20	46	30	4
Florida	2	16	62	20
Georgia	16	46	35	3
Idaho	31	30	38	1
Illinois	1	2	75	22
Indiana	-	6	74	20
Iowa	1	4	83	12
Kansas	4	13	75	8
Kentucky	-	4	77	19
Louisiana	-	1	37	62
Maine	21	24	44	11
Maryland	3	17	66	14
Massachusetts	31	64	5	-
Michigan	4	14	65	17
Minnesota	-	2	76	22
Mississippi	2	14	69	15
Missouri	2	7	77	14
Montana	15	28	52	5
Nebraska	8	32	57	3
Nevada	35	30	35	-
New Hampshire	29	37	30	4
New Jersey	3	27	60	10
New Mexico	15	58	24	3
New York	23	24	40	13
North Carolina	7	27	58	8
North Dakota	4	17	69	10
Ohio	8	27	58	7
Oklahoma	7	32	59	2
Oregon	31	31	35	3
Pennsylvania	15	23	57	5
Rhode Island	55	45	-	-
South Carolina	6	33	55	6
South Dakota	10	28	61	1
Tennessee	4	18	67	11
Texas	9	24	56	11
Utah	11	33	54	2
Vermont	24	46	30	-
Virginia	13	33	52	2
Washington	9	27	64	-
West Virginia	3	25	65	7
Wisconsin	1	4	81	14
Wyoming	16	32	42	10
48 States	7	18	64	11
Previous week	8	19	61	12
Previous year	9	27	58	6

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 28, 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	10	32	56	2
Arizona	14	13	71	2
Arkansas	1	9	68	22
California	40	40	20	-
Colorado	6	20	72	2
Connecticut	30	59	11	-
Delaware	23	37	36	4
Florida	1	16	64	19
Georgia	16	42	41	1
Idaho	24	31	44	1
Illinois	1	3	80	16
Indiana	1	9	75	15
Iowa	1	7	82	10
Kansas	3	15	78	4
Kentucky	-	5	76	19
Louisiana	-	2	45	53
Maine	20	17	52	11
Maryland	6	16	73	5
Massachusetts	40	51	9	-
Michigan	7	23	64	6
Minnesota	-	3	77	20
Mississippi	2	11	73	14
Missouri	2	7	83	8
Montana	15	31	51	3
Nebraska	7	30	61	2
Nevada	30	35	35	-
New Hampshire	27	34	37	2
New Jersey	2	20	65	13
New Mexico	17	38	43	2
New York	21	26	43	10
North Carolina	4	22	65	9
North Dakota	5	15	70	10
Ohio	11	29	56	4
Oklahoma	5	28	65	2
Oregon	28	37	33	2
Pennsylvania	15	28	54	3
Rhode Island	60	40	-	-
South Carolina	7	24	65	4
South Dakota	10	34	55	1
Tennessee	4	22	67	7
Texas	9	28	55	8
Utah	13	32	54	1
Vermont	12	46	39	3
Virginia	7	31	61	1
Washington	5	29	66	-
West Virginia	2	21	73	4
Wisconsin	1	4	83	12
Wyoming	14	36	45	5
48 States	7	19	66	8
Previous week	7	20	64	9
Previous year	8	26	61	5

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested
Corn: Dough, Dented, Mature, Condition
Cotton: Bolls Opening, Condition
Pasture & Range: Condition
Peanuts: Condition
Rice: Harvested, Condition
Sorghum: Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition
Soybeans: Setting Pods, Dropping Leaves, Condition
Spring 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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