



# 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
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	91	80	91	91
Illinois .....	99	95	97	98
Indiana .....	92	95	99	94
Iowa .....	96	94	97	93
Kansas .....	96	92	94	97
Kentucky .....	92	88	93	91
Michigan .....	90	78	85	87
Minnesota .....	98	95	98	92
Missouri .....	96	97	99	98
Nebraska .....	93	95	97	96
North Carolina .....	99	100	100	100
North Dakota .....	95	84	94	89
Ohio .....	93	86	91	91
Pennsylvania .....	94	78	89	85
South Dakota .....	94	91	95	93
Tennessee .....	99	99	100	99
Texas .....	91	100	100	94
Wisconsin .....	89	85	91	82
18 States .....	95	92	96	94

## Corn Dented – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	68	45	62	53
Illinois .....	84	68	83	81
Indiana .....	62	62	77	64
Iowa .....	71	65	80	71
Kansas .....	77	64	80	78
Kentucky .....	78	74	84	78
Michigan .....	47	33	54	47
Minnesota .....	79	58	77	64
Missouri .....	83	79	91	87
Nebraska .....	70	61	76	73
North Carolina .....	95	95	97	96
North Dakota .....	64	41	64	48
Ohio .....	61	44	60	56
Pennsylvania .....	69	47	63	55
South Dakota .....	62	45	65	61
Tennessee .....	91	90	96	93
Texas .....	73	74	82	82
Wisconsin .....	51	50	71	45
18 States .....	71	60	76	69

## Corn Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado .....	5	-	6	5
Illinois .....	37	7	22	30
Indiana .....	14	8	20	16
Iowa .....	8	4	14	17
Kansas .....	28	15	26	34
Kentucky .....	45	33	58	47
Michigan .....	2	-	5	4
Minnesota .....	4	-	7	6
Missouri .....	33	21	44	43
Nebraska .....	9	5	8	13
North Carolina .....	84	81	91	88
North Dakota .....	4	1	8	7
Ohio .....	9	4	12	7
Pennsylvania .....	15	2	11	11
South Dakota .....	11	5	8	9
Tennessee .....	41	43	72	51
Texas .....	57	65	66	66
Wisconsin .....	4	3	13	5
18 States .....	17	9	18	20

- Represents zero.

## Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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	21	61	15
Illinois .....	1	2	12	58	27
Indiana .....	3	5	18	54	20
Iowa .....	1	3	13	59	24
Kansas .....	2	6	25	56	11
Kentucky .....	2	5	17	57	19
Michigan .....	4	10	28	46	12
Minnesota .....	1	3	12	58	26
Missouri .....	2	5	18	54	21
Nebraska .....	1	5	20	58	16
North Carolina .....	3	7	25	49	16
North Dakota .....	1	4	17	63	15
Ohio .....	6	13	36	39	6
Pennsylvania .....	5	14	33	38	10
South Dakota .....	5	13	30	44	8
Tennessee .....	2	7	24	44	23
Texas .....	2	11	31	45	11
Wisconsin .....	1	2	10	43	44
18 States .....	2	5	19	54	20
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
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	98	98	99	98
Illinois .....	95	94	97	97
Indiana .....	98	94	97	97
Iowa .....	96	96	98	97
Kansas .....	88	82	90	88
Kentucky .....	89	84	90	88
Louisiana .....	100	99	100	100
Michigan .....	99	92	95	99
Minnesota .....	100	97	100	98
Mississippi .....	97	94	95	99
Missouri .....	76	84	93	88
Nebraska .....	98	96	98	99
North Carolina .....	86	84	91	86
North Dakota .....	100	98	100	100
Ohio .....	99	95	100	99
South Dakota .....	97	96	98	98
Tennessee .....	94	91	95	95
Wisconsin .....	97	98	100	96
18 States .....	95	94	97	97

## Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	26	15	25	22
Illinois .....	9	-	2	6
Indiana .....	15	5	11	15
Iowa .....	4	-	5	4
Kansas .....	9	2	5	9
Kentucky .....	7	2	7	10
Louisiana .....	67	38	52	55
Michigan .....	4	-	6	4
Minnesota .....	11	-	6	9
Mississippi .....	52	21	34	37
Missouri .....	2	-	2	4
Nebraska .....	18	8	16	9
North Carolina .....	12	5	11	6
North Dakota .....	40	13	29	26
Ohio .....	13	4	9	12
South Dakota .....	29	14	26	28
Tennessee .....	12	3	14	11
Wisconsin .....	2	2	5	2
18 States .....	15	5	12	12

- Represents zero.

## Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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	43	15
Illinois .....	2	4	15	58	21
Indiana .....	2	5	18	55	20
Iowa .....	1	3	14	58	24
Kansas .....	1	4	26	55	14
Kentucky .....	2	5	19	55	19
Louisiana .....	5	10	31	49	5
Michigan .....	2	7	24	53	14
Minnesota .....	1	4	16	56	23
Mississippi .....	1	7	20	46	26
Missouri .....	2	4	20	56	18
Nebraska .....	1	4	18	61	16
North Carolina .....	1	7	29	50	13
North Dakota .....	2	5	19	60	14
Ohio .....	3	9	33	46	9
South Dakota .....	3	10	28	50	9
Tennessee .....	-	4	17	51	28
Wisconsin .....	1	2	12	47	38
18 States .....	2	5	20	55	18
Previous week .....	2	5	20	55	18
Previous year .....	3	8	26	49	14

- Represents zero.

## Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	45	29	47	28
Arizona .....	61	50	63	65
Arkansas .....	27	23	53	40
California .....	29	4	30	31
Georgia .....	43	30	49	40
Kansas .....	13	7	11	15
Louisiana .....	69	63	83	73
Mississippi .....	55	30	46	47
Missouri .....	18	3	17	24
North Carolina .....	39	20	31	33
Oklahoma .....	13	9	11	21
South Carolina .....	47	13	22	31
Tennessee .....	19	17	29	28
Texas .....	20	22	28	29
Virginia .....	33	10	18	28
15 States .....	28	23	33	33

## Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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	42	43	10
Arizona .....	4	-	4	52	40
Arkansas .....	5	6	17	44	28
California .....	-	-	30	30	40
Georgia .....	4	11	30	45	10
Kansas .....	1	2	29	66	2
Louisiana .....	1	9	37	48	5
Mississippi .....	1	7	31	45	16
Missouri .....	5	14	49	27	5
North Carolina .....	3	10	32	49	6
Oklahoma .....	-	-	48	47	5
South Carolina .....	-	1	57	37	5
Tennessee .....	1	2	16	58	23
Texas .....	4	16	40	33	7
Virginia .....	-	4	19	77	-
15 States .....	3	12	37	39	9
Previous week .....	4	12	36	39	9
Previous year .....	2	10	35	44	9

- Represents zero.

## Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	99	99	100	98
Colorado .....	42	39	61	47
Illinois .....	79	73	79	77
Kansas .....	61	50	69	46
Louisiana .....	100	100	100	100
Missouri .....	78	57	77	67
Nebraska .....	62	74	89	60
New Mexico .....	17	29	37	15
Oklahoma .....	70	51	56	59
South Dakota .....	67	53	79	71
Texas .....	76	78	80	79
11 States .....	67	62	74	61

## Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	86	90	99	76
Colorado .....	5	1	3	9
Illinois .....	17	20	25	16
Kansas .....	7	3	9	6
Louisiana .....	98	97	100	98
Missouri .....	20	7	17	20
Nebraska .....	2	2	12	1
New Mexico .....	-	2	6	-
Oklahoma .....	22	17	27	22
South Dakota .....	3	8	19	6
Texas .....	65	74	76	73
11 States .....	32	33	38	33

- Represents zero.

## Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	47	18	53	40
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	-	-	-	1
Kansas .....	1	-	-	1
Louisiana .....	83	80	90	88
Missouri .....	4	-	-	2
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma .....	4	1	9	6
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	51	47	49	60
11 States .....	22	18	20	25

- Represents zero.

## Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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 .....	5	18	33	37	7
Colorado .....	-	5	27	60	8
Illinois .....	2	5	22	63	8
Kansas .....	1	3	22	59	15
Louisiana .....	-	15	30	43	12
Missouri .....	-	2	28	60	10
Nebraska .....	-	-	16	64	20
New Mexico .....	-	2	75	22	1
Oklahoma .....	-	1	31	65	3
South Dakota .....	-	3	41	54	2
Texas .....	2	7	33	43	15
11 States .....	1	5	28	53	13
Previous week .....	1	5	29	52	13
Previous year .....	2	5	25	56	12

- Represents zero.

## Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas .....	26	12	31	22
California .....	1	-	1	1
Louisiana .....	88	70	77	82
Mississippi .....	31	10	28	29
Missouri .....	1	2	18	6
Texas .....	76	82	88	83
6 States .....	32	22	35	30

- Represents zero.

## Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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 .....	10	14	31	33	12
California .....	-	-	15	75	10
Louisiana .....	6	11	30	50	3
Mississippi .....	-	2	22	48	28
Missouri .....	1	3	25	50	21
Texas .....	3	4	25	55	13
6 States .....	6	9	27	46	12
Previous week .....	5	8	27	47	13
Previous year .....	2	5	28	48	17

- Represents zero.

## Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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 .....	-	-	51	42	7
Florida .....	-	4	19	68	9
Georgia .....	4	9	25	45	17
North Carolina .....	-	4	16	67	13
Oklahoma .....	-	-	11	86	3
South Carolina .....	2	5	25	58	10
Texas .....	1	7	34	42	16
Virginia .....	-	11	14	75	-
8 States .....	2	6	28	51	13
Previous week .....	1	6	27	52	14
Previous year .....	1	4	24	54	17

- Represents zero.

## Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho .....	93	75	82	80
Minnesota .....	97	88	98	84
Montana .....	90	73	87	70
North Dakota .....	91	82	91	70
South Dakota .....	97	91	93	95
Washington .....	100	78	91	86
6 States .....	92	81	91	75

## Barley Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 4, 2015	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho .....	92	85	88	83
Minnesota .....	97	96	100	91
Montana .....	94	82	89	83
North Dakota .....	96	90	95	79
Washington .....	100	79	93	88
5 States .....	94	86	91	82



## Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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	47	4
Arizona .....	11	14	32	35	8
Arkansas .....	1	6	33	45	15
California .....	20	20	25	30	5
Colorado .....	3	6	25	58	8
Connecticut .....	5	64	31	-	-
Delaware .....	7	18	38	31	6
Florida .....	3	4	24	55	14
Georgia .....	10	23	38	26	3
Idaho .....	7	25	34	30	4
Illinois .....	1	2	15	58	24
Indiana .....	2	6	24	58	10
Iowa .....	2	7	28	52	11
Kansas .....	1	4	23	60	12
Kentucky .....	1	5	20	63	11
Louisiana .....	3	13	35	45	4
Maine .....	35	15	21	23	6
Maryland .....	1	11	36	45	7
Massachusetts .....	38	50	12	-	-
Michigan .....	7	16	31	37	9
Minnesota .....	1	6	17	59	17
Mississippi .....	1	7	31	53	8
Missouri .....	-	3	31	56	10
Montana .....	15	21	34	25	5
Nebraska .....	3	9	24	55	9
Nevada .....	20	20	35	25	-
New Hampshire .....	26	42	27	5	-
New Jersey .....	-	6	45	43	6
New Mexico .....	2	22	46	26	4
New York .....	5	12	40	37	6
North Carolina .....	3	13	37	42	5
North Dakota .....	6	12	29	49	4
Ohio .....	8	17	33	36	6
Oklahoma .....	2	8	41	43	6
Oregon .....	30	24	26	17	3
Pennsylvania .....	20	19	36	22	3
Rhode Island .....	10	55	35	-	-
South Carolina .....	4	20	30	43	3
South Dakota .....	8	20	35	36	1
Tennessee .....	4	12	37	40	7
Texas .....	3	8	31	41	17
Utah .....	2	10	42	40	6
Vermont .....	-	31	50	19	-
Virginia .....	2	12	37	44	5
Washington .....	10	16	25	45	4
West Virginia .....	3	19	30	44	4
Wisconsin .....	1	3	17	55	24
Wyoming .....	11	18	31	35	5
48 States .....	5	11	31	44	9
Previous week .....	5	11	31	45	8
Previous year .....	5	14	33	41	7

- Represents zero.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	September 4, 2015 (Days)	August 28, 2016 (Days)	September 4, 2016 (Days)
Alabama .....	6.3	5.7	6.5
Arizona .....	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas .....	6.9	5.2	6.7
California .....	7.0	7.0	5.9
Colorado .....	6.7	6.4	6.0
Connecticut .....	7.0	6.0	6.0
Delaware .....	7.0	6.5	5.5
Florida .....	5.8	6.1	4.9
Georgia .....	6.0	6.4	5.2
Idaho .....	6.3	6.9	6.5
Illinois .....	6.7	3.8	5.2
Indiana .....	6.5	3.7	5.4
Iowa .....	4.9	4.1	5.1
Kansas .....	6.8	4.4	4.0
Kentucky .....	6.8	5.6	6.6
Louisiana .....	6.2	3.3	5.3
Maine .....	7.0	6.2	6.4
Maryland .....	7.0	7.0	7.0
Massachusetts .....	6.7	7.0	7.0
Michigan .....	4.7	4.5	6.0
Minnesota .....	5.3	4.3	4.8
Mississippi .....	6.6	4.9	6.4
Missouri .....	6.7	4.3	5.2
Montana .....	5.7	6.0	5.5
Nebraska .....	6.5	5.6	5.8
Nevada .....	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire .....	6.5	6.7	6.8
New Jersey .....	6.9	7.0	7.0
New Mexico .....	7.0	6.1	3.7
New York .....	7.0	6.0	6.0
North Carolina .....	5.7	6.7	5.2
North Dakota .....	5.6	6.3	5.9
Ohio .....	5.9	5.0	5.9
Oklahoma .....	6.8	6.0	5.3
Oregon .....	5.3	6.6	6.6
Pennsylvania .....	7.0	6.0	6.5
Rhode Island .....	7.0	7.0	6.5
South Carolina .....	5.9	6.8	5.5
South Dakota .....	6.3	6.1	5.8
Tennessee .....	6.5	5.2	6.6
Texas .....	6.7	5.0	4.3
Utah .....	6.6	6.8	6.8
Vermont .....	6.7	5.0	7.0
Virginia .....	6.5	6.6	6.4
Washington .....	6.1	6.8	6.5
West Virginia .....	6.4	5.6	6.6
Wisconsin .....	5.3	4.3	5.8
Wyoming .....	6.8	6.7	6.1

## Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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	34	58	2
Arizona .....	2	28	66	4
Arkansas .....	4	15	64	17
California .....	40	30	30	-
Colorado .....	7	24	66	3
Connecticut .....	41	39	20	-
Delaware .....	12	33	51	4
Florida .....	1	9	60	30
Georgia .....	8	32	49	11
Idaho .....	19	39	41	1
Illinois .....	1	4	80	15
Indiana .....	-	8	81	11
Iowa .....	1	5	86	8
Kansas .....	3	10	78	9
Kentucky .....	1	9	79	11
Louisiana .....	-	2	65	33
Maine .....	22	15	53	10
Maryland .....	3	19	64	14
Massachusetts .....	35	58	7	-
Michigan .....	4	18	68	10
Minnesota .....	-	3	72	25
Mississippi .....	4	27	58	11
Missouri .....	2	10	83	5
Montana .....	14	25	54	7
Nebraska .....	9	29	59	3
Nevada .....	35	30	35	-
New Hampshire .....	35	36	24	5
New Jersey .....	3	33	54	10
New Mexico .....	8	51	36	5
New York .....	22	25	41	12
North Carolina .....	3	18	63	16
North Dakota .....	4	17	67	12
Ohio .....	6	29	59	6
Oklahoma .....	6	31	61	2
Oregon .....	31	31	35	3
Pennsylvania .....	17	30	48	5
Rhode Island .....	55	45	-	-
South Carolina .....	5	20	57	18
South Dakota .....	10	27	62	1
Tennessee .....	6	23	64	7
Texas .....	6	17	60	17
Utah .....	11	33	54	2
Vermont .....	33	45	21	1
Virginia .....	12	37	48	3
Washington .....	8	29	63	-
West Virginia .....	6	32	57	5
Wisconsin .....	1	6	85	8
Wyoming .....	16	32	42	10
48 States .....	7	18	65	10
Previous week .....	7	18	64	11
Previous year .....	10	30	55	5

- Represents zero.

## Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 4, 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	37	51	2
Arizona .....	14	13	71	2
Arkansas .....	4	14	67	15
California .....	40	40	20	-
Colorado .....	6	22	70	2
Connecticut .....	30	59	11	-
Delaware .....	17	36	43	4
Florida .....	-	10	62	28
Georgia .....	10	35	52	3
Idaho .....	22	31	46	1
Illinois .....	1	4	83	12
Indiana .....	1	10	80	9
Iowa .....	1	7	85	7
Kansas .....	2	15	78	5
Kentucky .....	1	8	81	10
Louisiana .....	-	2	60	38
Maine .....	20	13	61	6
Maryland .....	6	16	73	5
Massachusetts .....	39	49	12	-
Michigan .....	7	23	64	6
Minnesota .....	-	2	78	20
Mississippi .....	3	25	63	9
Missouri .....	2	7	86	5
Montana .....	15	30	52	3
Nebraska .....	8	30	60	2
Nevada .....	35	30	35	-
New Hampshire .....	36	27	31	6
New Jersey .....	2	27	59	12
New Mexico .....	8	32	58	2
New York .....	21	27	43	9
North Carolina .....	2	17	67	14
North Dakota .....	5	15	69	11
Ohio .....	10	28	58	4
Oklahoma .....	4	27	67	2
Oregon .....	29	37	32	2
Pennsylvania .....	17	28	52	3
Rhode Island .....	60	40	-	-
South Carolina .....	6	17	61	16
South Dakota .....	10	34	55	1
Tennessee .....	6	23	68	3
Texas .....	6	19	65	10
Utah .....	13	32	54	1
Vermont .....	21	37	42	-
Virginia .....	5	33	61	1
Washington .....	5	32	63	-
West Virginia .....	4	28	64	4
Wisconsin .....	1	6	85	8
Wyoming .....	15	35	45	5
48 States .....	7	19	67	7
Previous week .....	7	19	66	8
Previous year .....	9	28	59	4

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

**Barley:** Harvested  
**Corn:** Dented, Mature, Harvested, Condition  
**Cotton:** Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition  
**Pasture & Range:** Condition  
**Peanuts:** Harvested, Condition  
**Rice:** Harvested, Condition  
**Sorghum:** Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition  
**Soybeans:** Dropping Leaves, Condition  
**Spring Wheat:** Harvested  
**Sugarbeets:** Harvested  
**Winter Wheat:** Planted

## 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](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. 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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