



Crop Progress

ISSN: 1948-3007

Released August 21, 2017, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Corn Dough – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	52	25	50	58
Illinois	88	77	91	87
Indiana	82	65	80	77
Iowa	89	62	78	75
Kansas	86	70	83	85
Kentucky	79	64	76	75
Michigan	64	39	56	64
Minnesota	88	54	72	73
Missouri	92	85	90	89
Nebraska	85	65	83	83
North Carolina	98	95	97	96
North Dakota	68	37	50	59
Ohio	74	55	70	75
Pennsylvania	63	28	47	61
South Dakota	81	45	65	75
Tennessee	97	90	96	96
Texas	95	71	92	88
Wisconsin	69	34	51	54
18 States	83	61	76	77

Corn Dented – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	17	1	7	16
Illinois	44	26	41	46
Indiana	41	20	40	34
Iowa	42	8	21	32
Kansas	48	24	40	46
Kentucky	61	42	57	56
Michigan	13	3	11	13
Minnesota	28	2	13	24
Missouri	60	47	64	60
Nebraska	38	14	28	36
North Carolina	91	79	89	87
North Dakota	17	1	6	14
Ohio	24	6	16	26
Pennsylvania	22	1	6	23
South Dakota	21	4	13	21
Tennessee	79	52	72	73
Texas	69	62	77	69
Wisconsin	22	2	5	14
18 States	37	16	29	35

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Colorado	-	3	16	71	10
Illinois	4	10	32	42	12
Indiana	5	12	30	42	11
Iowa	3	9	27	51	10
Kansas	4	10	29	43	14
Kentucky	1	3	19	61	16
Michigan	2	10	32	45	11
Minnesota	1	2	15	65	17
Missouri	3	6	30	50	11
Nebraska	3	10	24	45	18
North Carolina	1	6	21	51	21
North Dakota	6	11	33	45	5
Ohio	2	7	31	45	15
Pennsylvania	-	1	7	45	47
South Dakota	9	18	31	40	2
Tennessee	-	2	12	51	35
Texas	-	3	18	57	22
Wisconsin	2	7	20	50	21
18 States	3	9	26	48	14
Previous week	3	9	26	49	13
Previous year	2	5	18	54	21

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Blooming – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2016 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	98	99	98
Illinois	99	97	100	97
Indiana	97	93	96	97
Iowa	99	94	97	98
Kansas	93	90	95	90
Kentucky	88	79	84	86
Louisiana	99	100	100	100
Michigan	99	93	95	99
Minnesota	100	97	100	98
Mississippi	96	98	100	98
Missouri	90	88	92	88
Nebraska	100	97	100	100
North Carolina	92	86	90	82
North Dakota	99	94	96	99
Ohio	99	91	95	98
South Dakota	99	95	99	98
Tennessee	97	92	94	93
Wisconsin	100	92	96	95
18 States	98	94	97	97

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2016 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	97	92	96	91
Illinois	88	83	92	87
Indiana	87	78	86	88
Iowa	91	82	88	88
Kansas	69	66	79	66
Kentucky	71	60	71	69
Louisiana	98	99	100	97
Michigan	85	76	85	89
Minnesota	94	84	91	90
Mississippi	92	92	96	92
Missouri	69	64	75	64
Nebraska	90	78	89	90
North Carolina	73	58	64	62
North Dakota	93	78	88	93
Ohio	90	73	83	89
South Dakota	93	82	89	88
Tennessee	86	79	84	79
Wisconsin	93	77	87	84
18 States	88	79	87	85

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2016 soybean acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	6	25	50	17
Illinois	3	9	28	52	8
Indiana	4	11	32	43	10
Iowa	4	10	28	49	9
Kansas	2	8	35	49	6
Kentucky	1	3	22	63	11
Louisiana	-	3	22	66	9
Michigan	2	10	31	47	10
Minnesota	1	5	20	60	14
Mississippi	-	5	24	49	22
Missouri	3	6	30	51	10
Nebraska	3	8	28	50	11
North Carolina	1	4	23	63	9
North Dakota	5	12	36	44	3
Ohio	3	11	32	41	13
South Dakota	7	15	36	38	4
Tennessee	1	4	15	51	29
Wisconsin	2	6	18	55	19
18 States	3	9	28	50	10
Previous week	3	9	29	49	10
Previous year	2	5	21	54	18

- Represents zero.

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2016 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	96	90	97	96
Arizona	94	89	92	97
Arkansas	100	99	100	100
California	88	65	74	94
Georgia	96	87	94	94
Kansas	48	37	44	56
Louisiana	99	98	99	99
Mississippi	90	87	95	93
Missouri	75	83	90	84
North Carolina	92	87	90	94
Oklahoma	69	60	67	76
South Carolina	91	76	84	88
Tennessee	96	91	97	90
Texas	91	75	86	84
Virginia	91	91	94	95
15 States	91	80	88	88

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2016 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	15	1	6	10
Arizona	43	28	46	43
Arkansas	15	6	9	15
California	-	-	-	7
Georgia	17	4	11	11
Kansas	2	2	7	5
Louisiana	43	19	30	32
Mississippi	17	6	17	17
Missouri	1	-	-	5
North Carolina	10	4	6	7
Oklahoma	4	2	3	4
South Carolina	2	2	9	4
Tennessee	8	4	7	8
Texas	17	13	14	16
Virginia	4	-	-	6
15 States	15	10	12	14

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2016 cotton acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	8	32	52	8
Arizona	1	4	15	50	30
Arkansas	1	3	14	49	33
California	-	-	-	10	90
Georgia	2	7	22	52	17
Kansas	3	4	38	50	5
Louisiana	-	3	26	65	6
Mississippi	-	7	24	47	22
Missouri	1	11	29	48	11
North Carolina	2	6	21	59	12
Oklahoma	-	2	7	90	1
South Carolina	-	-	6	54	40
Tennessee	1	1	4	59	35
Texas	8	7	30	43	12
Virginia	1	1	22	76	-
15 States	5	6	26	48	15
Previous week	8	4	27	44	17
Previous year	4	14	35	39	8

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	87	68	79	74
Illinois	81	85	91	83
Kansas	89	65	79	77
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	86	88	93	87
Nebraska	94	77	92	88
New Mexico	53	34	49	40
Oklahoma	84	65	79	77
South Dakota	95	73	85	93
Texas	88	89	91	88
11 States	88	75	84	82

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	91	85	91	90
Colorado	26	6	16	27
Illinois	61	46	62	49
Kansas	30	3	11	20
Louisiana	100	97	100	99
Missouri	42	38	53	39
Nebraska	42	12	24	23
New Mexico	22	5	24	7
Oklahoma	44	38	49	40
South Dakota	41	14	22	30
Texas	76	68	79	77
11 States	51	31	40	45

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	73	52	67	53
Colorado	-	-	-	1
Illinois	3	5	22	2
Kansas	1	-	-	1
Louisiana	92	85	90	89
Missouri	3	-	4	4
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	10	2	10	10
South Dakota	3	2	3	1
Texas	66	58	69	69
11 States	28	21	26	28

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	4	6	15	13
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	-
Kansas	-	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	69	37	43	60
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	-
Nebraska	-	(NA)	-	-
New Mexico	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	-	(NA)	-	-
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Texas	46	51	56	52
11 States	16	(NA)	19	18

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	11	30	52	7
Colorado	3	4	13	74	6
Illinois	7	12	32	49	-
Kansas	1	6	31	53	9
Louisiana	-	1	36	59	4
Missouri	1	4	34	59	2
Nebraska	3	2	29	48	18
New Mexico	1	1	43	48	7
Oklahoma	-	5	39	53	3
South Dakota	18	14	59	9	-
Texas	1	3	18	62	16
11 States	2	5	27	56	10
Previous week	2	6	28	54	10
Previous year	1	6	28	52	13

- Represents zero.

Rice Headed – Selected States

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2016 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	98	92	98	92
California	93	74	86	87
Louisiana	98	100	100	98
Mississippi	95	97	99	92
Missouri	94	88	90	84
Texas	100	100	100	99
6 States	97	91	96	92

Rice Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 100% of the 2016 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	4	1	3	4
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	59	59	69	56
Mississippi	2	-	5	6
Missouri	-	1	1	-
Texas	70	52	70	52
6 States	15	12	16	14

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2016 rice acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	8	23	51	17
California	-	-	15	75	10
Louisiana	-	10	25	55	10
Mississippi	-	1	33	46	20
Missouri	1	4	34	51	10
Texas	-	1	33	44	22
6 States	1	6	24	54	15
Previous week	1	6	22	56	15
Previous year	4	9	26	48	13

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[These 8 States harvested 96% of the 2016 peanut acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	10	18	71	1
Florida	1	4	13	56	26
Georgia	-	4	17	54	25
North Carolina	-	2	16	72	10
Oklahoma	-	-	10	82	8
South Carolina	-	-	5	43	52
Texas	-	-	25	74	1
Virginia	-	1	2	97	-
8 States	-	4	17	59	20
Previous week	-	4	16	60	20
Previous year	1	5	27	53	14

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2016 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	60	33	49	53
Minnesota	74	26	42	62
Montana	51	39	66	45
North Dakota	61	36	52	45
South Dakota	88	79	88	74
Washington	63	43	62	67
6 States	63	40	58	51

Spring Wheat Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[These 6 States planted 99% of the 2016 spring wheat acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	5	15	24	40	16
Minnesota	1	2	11	58	28
Montana	42	23	27	6	2
North Dakota	20	19	26	30	5
South Dakota	41	34	17	7	1
Washington	2	19	38	39	2
6 States	23	19	24	27	7
Previous week	24	18	25	27	6
Previous year	3	6	25	56	10

Oats Harvested – Selected States

[These 9 States harvested 66% of the 2016 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	97	95	98	98
Minnesota	83	47	64	82
Nebraska	94	95	98	97
North Dakota	78	57	72	57
Ohio	97	95	100	96
Pennsylvania	80	64	77	83
South Dakota	96	80	89	91
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	86	43	62	78
9 States	88	66	78	83

Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 85% of the 2016 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	63	47	63	56
Minnesota	82	54	81	70
Montana	64	57	72	60
North Dakota	74	52	75	58
Washington	63	42	54	63
5 States	68	52	70	58

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

[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	-	2	11	65	22
Arizona	1	14	24	40	21
Arkansas	-	6	34	46	14
California	15	20	40	20	5
Colorado	1	11	22	54	12
Connecticut	20	35	15	30	-
Delaware	1	15	36	44	4
Florida	1	6	15	60	18
Georgia	1	7	24	61	7
Idaho	4	12	18	58	8
Illinois	5	13	43	35	4
Indiana	3	12	36	43	6
Iowa	19	24	31	23	3
Kansas	2	9	33	50	6
Kentucky	1	5	25	63	6
Louisiana	3	6	31	52	8
Maine	-	-	42	41	17
Maryland	1	5	14	39	41
Massachusetts	-	-	20	80	-
Michigan	7	21	30	34	8
Minnesota	4	12	26	52	6
Mississippi	-	6	25	55	14
Missouri	2	6	35	52	5
Montana	42	25	27	6	-
Nebraska	5	22	43	28	2
Nevada	-	5	30	45	20
New Hampshire	10	5	35	48	2
New Jersey	-	-	19	76	5
New Mexico	2	25	34	31	8
New York	1	2	19	48	30
North Carolina	2	6	32	58	2
North Dakota	30	35	29	6	-
Ohio	1	6	27	55	11
Oklahoma	-	4	36	47	13
Oregon	15	28	20	22	15
Pennsylvania	-	5	23	64	8
Rhode Island	-	-	20	80	-
South Carolina	-	-	28	70	2
South Dakota	34	24	28	14	-
Tennessee	1	5	22	59	13
Texas	5	15	39	31	10
Utah	8	18	33	34	7
Vermont	-	-	38	55	7
Virginia	2	19	39	38	2
Washington	11	26	32	31	-
West Virginia	1	13	39	45	2
Wisconsin	1	4	22	56	17
Wyoming	2	13	41	43	1
48 States	8	14	31	39	8
Previous week	8	14	31	39	8
Previous year	6	12	31	43	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	August 20, 2016	August 13, 2017	August 20, 2017
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	4.7	3.9	5.0
Arizona	7.0	7.0	6.5
Arkansas	0.9	5.2	4.0
California	6.5	7.0	7.0
Colorado	6.7	4.2	5.9
Connecticut	7.0	6.0	6.0
Delaware	6.5	4.5	5.5
Florida	6.3	6.1	6.1
Georgia	6.1	5.4	6.2
Idaho	7.0	6.8	6.9
Illinois	3.5	6.2	6.3
Indiana	2.8	6.3	6.3
Iowa	4.7	6.3	4.8
Kansas	6.1	4.3	5.1
Kentucky	3.4	5.6	5.7
Louisiana	1.2	2.2	3.7
Maine	5.5	7.0	6.0
Maryland	6.0	5.0	4.5
Massachusetts	6.9	6.0	6.0
Michigan	3.6	6.1	5.4
Minnesota	3.5	4.6	2.6
Mississippi	2.1	1.8	3.9
Missouri	4.5	5.5	5.1
Montana	5.6	6.7	6.8
Nebraska	5.9	5.7	4.6
Nevada	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	6.6	6.0	5.3
New Jersey	6.0	5.5	5.5
New Mexico	6.7	3.9	6.1
New York	5.5	5.0	5.0
North Carolina	6.2	4.8	5.3
North Dakota	5.2	5.3	5.1
Ohio	3.4	5.9	6.0
Oklahoma	6.7	4.2	3.4
Oregon	6.8	6.6	6.9
Pennsylvania	6.0	5.5	5.5
Rhode Island	7.0	7.0	6.0
South Carolina	6.2	5.1	5.5
South Dakota	5.4	5.6	4.4
Tennessee	3.0	5.0	4.4
Texas	4.7	5.3	5.5
Utah	6.8	6.5	6.9
Vermont	5.3	4.0	5.8
Virginia	5.4	5.7	5.7
Washington	6.8	6.4	7.0
West Virginia	4.3	5.0	5.5
Wisconsin	4.1	5.2	4.8
Wyoming	6.2	6.0	5.9

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	-	3	79	18
Arizona	-	-	95	5
Arkansas	5	9	75	11
California	40	25	35	-
Colorado	3	18	75	4
Connecticut	-	20	80	-
Delaware	-	1	73	26
Florida	-	7	77	16
Georgia	4	31	60	5
Idaho	36	28	36	-
Illinois	9	41	49	1
Indiana	6	33	58	3
Iowa	19	31	49	1
Kansas	5	26	66	3
Kentucky	4	23	70	3
Louisiana	2	5	62	31
Maine	8	47	45	-
Maryland	2	5	85	8
Massachusetts	-	25	75	-
Michigan	11	36	48	5
Minnesota	3	12	70	15
Mississippi	2	9	63	26
Missouri	9	24	66	1
Montana	78	20	2	-
Nebraska	7	26	63	4
Nevada	20	30	50	-
New Hampshire	7	12	73	8
New Jersey	-	3	91	6
New Mexico	3	17	59	21
New York	-	4	68	28
North Carolina	4	20	64	12
North Dakota	16	34	48	2
Ohio	3	23	70	4
Oklahoma	-	10	79	11
Oregon	48	37	15	-
Pennsylvania	1	5	93	1
Rhode Island	-	25	75	-
South Carolina	-	19	73	8
South Dakota	23	29	47	1
Tennessee	5	9	79	7
Texas	9	24	51	16
Utah	8	45	47	-
Vermont	-	19	76	5
Virginia	3	22	73	2
Washington	35	44	21	-
West Virginia	-	14	80	6
Wisconsin	-	7	84	9
Wyoming	20	33	45	2
48 States	13	24	57	6
Previous week	15	25	53	7
Previous year	8	19	61	12

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 20, 2017

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	-	2	77	21
Arizona	-	-	95	5
Arkansas	6	15	74	5
California	30	30	40	-
Colorado	3	19	76	2
Connecticut	-	10	90	-
Delaware	-	3	73	24
Florida	-	7	74	19
Georgia	4	26	66	4
Idaho	33	28	39	-
Illinois	8	38	53	1
Indiana	3	30	65	2
Iowa	22	34	44	-
Kansas	4	24	70	2
Kentucky	3	23	72	2
Louisiana	2	4	68	26
Maine	8	60	32	-
Maryland	-	4	91	5
Massachusetts	-	20	80	-
Michigan	12	31	51	6
Minnesota	3	13	75	9
Mississippi	2	7	68	23
Missouri	7	25	68	-
Montana	62	28	9	1
Nebraska	11	31	57	1
Nevada	20	20	60	-
New Hampshire	9	11	73	7
New Jersey	-	1	91	8
New Mexico	2	26	64	8
New York	-	-	66	34
North Carolina	4	22	62	12
North Dakota	17	36	45	2
Ohio	2	19	76	3
Oklahoma	2	20	72	6
Oregon	44	36	20	-
Pennsylvania	1	3	95	1
Rhode Island	-	20	80	-
South Carolina	-	11	82	7
South Dakota	29	33	37	1
Tennessee	5	13	77	5
Texas	10	28	53	9
Utah	10	34	56	-
Vermont	-	19	62	19
Virginia	3	26	70	1
Washington	22	40	38	-
West Virginia	2	12	80	6
Wisconsin	-	2	87	11
Wyoming	20	36	44	-
48 States	13	25	58	4
Previous week	14	26	55	5
Previous year	7	20	64	9

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested

Corn: Dough, Dented, Mature, Condition

Cotton: Setting Bolls, Bolls Opening, Condition

Oats: Harvested

Pasture and Range: Condition

Peanuts: Condition

Rice: Harvested, Condition

Sorghum: Headed, Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Soybeans: Setting Pods, Dropping Leaves, Condition

Spring Wheat: Harvested

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil Moisture Condition

Subsoil Moisture Condition

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 3,600 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 2016 season, over 95 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. National crop planting progress, progress of development stages, and condition estimates are weighted using the program State's average planted acres over the previous three crop years. National crop harvest progress estimates are weighted using the program State's average harvested acres over the previous three crop years. Pasture and range condition is weighted using pasture acreage and/or livestock inventories from the most recent Census of Agriculture. Days suitable for fieldwork, topsoil moisture and subsoil moisture are weighted using cropland acreage from the Census of Agriculture.

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.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity statisticians in the Crops Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@nass.usda.gov

Lance Honig, Chief, Crops Branch.....	(202) 720-2127
Anthony Prillaman, Head, Field Crops Section.....	(202) 720-2127
Chris Hawthorn – Corn, Flaxseed, Proso Millet.....	(202) 720-9526
James Johanson – County Estimates, Hay.....	(202) 690-8533
Jeff Lemmons – Oats, Soybeans.....	(202) 690-3234
Scott Matthews – Crop Weather, Barley.....	(202) 720-7621
Sammy Neal – Peanuts, Rice.....	(202) 720-7688
Jean Porter – Rye, Wheat.....	(202) 720-8068
Bianca Pruneda – Cotton, Cotton Ginnings, Sorghum.....	(202) 720-5944
Travis Thorson – Sunflower, Other Oilseeds.....	(202) 720-7369

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit www.nass.usda.gov and click on “National” or “State” in upper right corner above “search” box to create an account and select the reports you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.