



Crop Progress

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Corn Dented – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	97	86	94	98
Illinois	100	94	97	100
Indiana	100	92	96	98
Iowa	99	94	97	98
Kansas	100	96	98	99
Kentucky	99	96	98	99
Michigan	93	84	89	93
Minnesota	100	93	96	98
Missouri	100	100	100	100
Nebraska	99	96	99	99
North Carolina	100	100	100	100
North Dakota	98	88	93	97
Ohio	99	90	95	98
Pennsylvania	94	84	87	96
South Dakota	99	89	95	98
Tennessee	100	99	100	100
Texas	97	95	100	98
Wisconsin	98	80	88	92
18 States	100	93	96	98

Corn Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	56	31	42	64
Illinois	96	57	73	89
Indiana	85	54	69	79
Iowa	86	52	73	80
Kansas	90	75	84	88
Kentucky	94	82	91	93
Michigan	63	37	58	60
Minnesota	85	33	55	73
Missouri	97	80	89	91
Nebraska	83	55	70	77
North Carolina	100	96	100	100
North Dakota	74	30	47	67
Ohio	69	39	58	67
Pennsylvania	68	51	65	74
South Dakota	78	32	52	75
Tennessee	99	95	96	96
Texas	85	83	89	85
Wisconsin	78	23	41	61
18 States	84	51	68	78

Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	8	4	5	13
Illinois	40	11	21	38
Indiana	23	10	16	23
Iowa	9	3	6	18
Kansas	44	29	39	49
Kentucky	70	36	56	60
Michigan	5	4	7	8
Minnesota	7	1	2	15
Missouri	53	32	44	53
Nebraska	14	7	12	20
North Carolina	89	77	85	83
North Dakota	6	1	2	11
Ohio	12	3	8	12
Pennsylvania	20	8	13	21
South Dakota	11	1	3	19
Tennessee	88	59	74	73
Texas	73	68	75	69
Wisconsin	5	-	2	9
18 States	23	11	17	26

- Represents zero.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 2017

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	1	10	24	48	17
Illinois	4	10	28	43	15
Indiana	6	12	29	41	12
Iowa	3	10	27	51	9
Kansas	5	13	31	39	12
Kentucky	2	3	11	65	19
Michigan	3	12	44	35	6
Minnesota	1	3	15	65	16
Missouri	2	5	26	51	16
Nebraska	3	8	23	48	18
North Carolina	1	3	19	46	31
North Dakota	6	10	26	51	7
Ohio	2	7	29	50	12
Pennsylvania	-	2	8	42	48
South Dakota	9	14	33	39	5
Tennessee	1	2	10	44	43
Texas	-	3	18	57	22
Wisconsin	3	9	22	45	21
18 States	3	9	25	49	14
Previous week	4	9	26	47	14
Previous year	2	6	19	53	20

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	79	72	82	70
Illinois	77	57	80	78
Indiana	80	64	81	84
Iowa	83	60	84	77
Kansas	53	60	78	61
Kentucky	55	39	55	59
Louisiana	90	91	96	91
Michigan	79	67	83	83
Minnesota	94	64	82	89
Mississippi	88	80	88	81
Missouri	58	35	54	52
Nebraska	87	80	93	86
North Carolina	51	37	50	40
North Dakota	96	88	93	96
Ohio	86	58	80	86
South Dakota	94	75	89	93
Tennessee	81	54	70	66
Wisconsin	86	46	71	76
18 States	81	63	80	78

Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	41	35	47	38
Illinois	15	9	30	21
Indiana	14	10	24	20
Iowa	19	5	16	23
Kansas	6	6	13	10
Kentucky	20	9	17	18
Louisiana	72	75	85	74
Michigan	4	4	21	14
Minnesota	36	7	13	40
Mississippi	64	50	64	60
Missouri	12	4	13	10
Nebraska	24	10	19	26
North Carolina	9	5	10	4
North Dakota	41	9	18	43
Ohio	11	5	24	20
South Dakota	35	4	10	37
Tennessee	27	6	14	18
Wisconsin	7	2	16	16
18 States	24	10	22	26

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 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	27	46	19
Illinois	5	9	27	47	12
Indiana	5	11	31	41	12
Iowa	3	9	27	52	9
Kansas	6	13	38	38	5
Kentucky	1	3	20	62	14
Louisiana	-	10	28	54	8
Michigan	4	16	34	40	6
Minnesota	1	6	22	59	12
Mississippi	-	6	24	43	27
Missouri	4	5	25	54	12
Nebraska	3	7	27	51	12
North Carolina	-	4	24	58	14
North Dakota	5	11	31	49	4
Ohio	3	10	29	48	10
South Dakota	5	10	36	42	7
Tennessee	2	5	15	38	40
Wisconsin	2	6	19	49	24
18 States	3	9	28	48	12
Previous week	3	9	28	49	11
Previous year	2	5	19	54	20

- Represents zero.

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	91	60	71	78
Arizona	93	93	95	92
Arkansas	99	86	96	92
California	76	55	70	80
Georgia	89	78	84	84
Kansas	49	41	49	52
Louisiana	100	98	99	98
Mississippi	94	74	84	89
Missouri	83	73	84	72
North Carolina	84	66	77	81
Oklahoma	62	52	55	70
South Carolina	77	73	89	74
Tennessee	88	65	77	75
Texas	58	45	56	61
Virginia	64	55	70	80
15 States	70	57	67	70

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	10	3	6	9
Arizona	19	15	18	16
Arkansas	27	4	8	16
California	-	-	3	2
Georgia	12	6	11	8
Kansas	4	3	4	2
Louisiana	43	26	43	45
Mississippi	30	6	18	20
Missouri	13	-	6	8
North Carolina	5	2	4	4
Oklahoma	-	1	2	1
South Carolina	8	5	14	7
Tennessee	14	1	4	9
Texas	16	21	22	16
Virginia	-	-	-	-
15 States	15	14	17	13

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 2017

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	8	39	40	12
Arizona	1	4	14	55	26
Arkansas	1	3	14	48	34
California	-	-	-	5	95
Georgia	8	21	23	39	9
Kansas	1	3	32	55	9
Louisiana	1	27	47	25	-
Mississippi	-	9	34	38	19
Missouri	2	9	34	49	6
North Carolina	-	4	18	55	23
Oklahoma	-	1	7	90	2
South Carolina	-	-	3	63	34
Tennessee	2	7	10	52	29
Texas	10	8	30	38	14
Virginia	-	-	15	65	20
15 States	7	9	27	42	15
Previous week	6	8	26	43	17
Previous year	3	12	36	39	10

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	95	90	93	94
Illinois	95	94	96	94
Kansas	98	90	94	93
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	96	92	94	95
Nebraska	100	98	99	96
New Mexico	75	81	84	68
Oklahoma	97	87	91	94
South Dakota	100	80	92	97
Texas	93	91	95	94
11 States	96	90	94	94

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	99	100	100
Colorado	43	20	26	43
Illinois	69	73	84	74
Kansas	61	35	48	49
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	80	68	78	71
Nebraska	85	50	62	66
New Mexico	22	17	35	14
Oklahoma	72	53	61	67
South Dakota	79	31	35	66
Texas	80	78	80	81
11 States	70	52	60	63

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	92	96	90
Colorado	5	-	1	8
Illinois	27	15	23	26
Kansas	17	6	7	13
Louisiana	100	99	100	100
Missouri	33	14	25	26
Nebraska	21	13	17	10
New Mexico	-	2	3	-
Oklahoma	39	27	33	38
South Dakota	25	-	1	22
Texas	68	72	73	68
11 States	40	32	34	37

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 2017

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	10	36	47	7
Colorado	4	9	20	58	9
Illinois	9	18	27	46	-
Kansas	2	8	32	47	11
Louisiana	-	1	36	59	4
Missouri	-	8	31	60	1
Nebraska	2	2	20	55	21
New Mexico	1	5	49	33	12
Oklahoma	-	4	43	50	3
South Dakota	21	21	41	17	-
Texas	1	3	18	62	16
11 States	2	6	28	52	12
Previous week	2	6	28	52	12
Previous year	1	5	28	52	14

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	31	8	25	19
Florida	55	28	42	42
Georgia	26	13	29	19
North Carolina	12	4	13	13
Oklahoma	4	-	1	6
South Carolina	17	12	23	25
Texas	7	4	5	9
Virginia	17	3	20	9
8 States	26	12	25	21

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 2017

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	4	26	65	5
Florida	1	13	27	39	20
Georgia	1	5	18	55	21
North Carolina	-	1	15	63	21
Oklahoma	-	-	8	78	14
South Carolina	-	1	5	59	35
Texas	-	6	21	57	16
Virginia	-	-	5	85	10
8 States	1	5	19	56	19
Previous week	1	6	18	58	17
Previous year	2	8	30	47	13

- Represents zero.

Sugarbeets Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 83% of the 2016 sugarbeet acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	23	30	31	21
Michigan	18	16	25	16
Minnesota	18	10	17	24
North Dakota	20	12	23	25
4 States	19	15	22	23

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	90	78	88	77
California	35	8	18	28
Louisiana	98	97	99	98
Mississippi	81	76	86	76
Missouri	81	54	65	64
Texas	100	98	99	99
6 States	81	69	77	71

Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 90% of the 2016 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	6	7	13	5
California	7	6	7	5
Colorado	71	39	57	69
Idaho	48	38	65	49
Illinois	5	-	9	10
Indiana	11	4	11	13
Kansas	37	14	21	39
Michigan	27	9	25	27
Missouri	8	4	10	9
Montana	67	23	53	70
Nebraska	83	47	70	76
North Carolina	-	2	3	2
Ohio	9	3	18	17
Oklahoma	40	16	30	43
Oregon	28	21	36	26
South Dakota	54	50	65	65
Texas	34	33	40	40
Washington	73	53	63	69
18 States	41	24	36	43

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 90% of the 2016 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	(NA)	1	1
California	-	(NA)	-	-
Colorado	37	13	29	33
Idaho	28	2	13	16
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	2
Indiana	3	(NA)	-	3
Kansas	11	3	9	14
Michigan	8	(NA)	3	5
Missouri	3	(NA)	3	2
Montana	28	(NA)	2	20
Nebraska	57	15	42	40
North Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Ohio	1	(NA)	-	3
Oklahoma	14	(NA)	2	14
Oregon	7	-	9	5
South Dakota	17	6	21	18
Texas	17	4	15	15
Washington	50	19	42	48
18 States	18	(NA)	12	16

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 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	-	3	16	70	11
Arizona	16	3	32	40	9
Arkansas	9	23	34	30	4
California	15	30	30	25	-
Colorado	1	13	25	46	15
Connecticut	-	5	15	80	-
Delaware	2	8	52	24	14
Florida	2	8	22	55	13
Georgia	2	6	30	57	5
Idaho	5	9	39	45	2
Illinois	24	28	35	12	1
Indiana	9	25	33	31	2
Iowa	20	26	32	21	1
Kansas	5	14	37	41	3
Kentucky	2	5	20	66	7
Louisiana	3	12	45	36	4
Maine	19	39	36	6	-
Maryland	1	7	28	54	10
Massachusetts	-	5	15	80	-
Michigan	12	26	30	29	3
Minnesota	3	13	29	51	4
Mississippi	-	10	30	51	9
Missouri	5	13	43	37	2
Montana	40	25	21	12	2
Nebraska	5	16	39	35	5
Nevada	-	10	20	50	20
New Hampshire	-	23	45	22	10
New Jersey	-	16	30	52	2
New Mexico	2	10	30	46	12
New York	-	6	38	40	16
North Carolina	2	14	40	43	1
North Dakota	22	27	37	13	1
Ohio	3	17	34	42	4
Oklahoma	2	9	44	42	3
Oregon	25	25	37	13	-
Pennsylvania	3	20	36	36	5
Rhode Island	-	-	-	100	-
South Carolina	-	4	35	58	3
South Dakota	31	25	26	18	-
Tennessee	2	9	30	49	10
Texas	6	16	36	35	7
Utah	1	6	32	53	8
Vermont	-	8	92	-	-
Virginia	14	20	38	27	1
Washington	17	30	32	19	2
West Virginia	12	24	29	33	2
Wisconsin	5	13	25	41	16
Wyoming	9	17	35	37	2
48 States	10	16	33	36	5
Previous week	9	16	33	37	5
Previous year	6	12	32	42	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	October 1, 2016	September 24, 2017	October 1, 2017
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	6.8	5.8	6.4
Arizona	6.9	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	7.0	6.8	6.9
California	6.5	7.0	7.0
Colorado	6.8	5.6	3.2
Connecticut	5.1	6.0	6.0
Delaware	2.0	5.5	7.0
Florida	6.3	6.3	5.8
Georgia	6.6	5.8	6.6
Idaho	5.9	4.0	5.9
Illinois	5.2	6.7	7.0
Indiana	3.9	5.9	6.8
Iowa	5.4	5.8	5.1
Kansas	6.1	6.1	3.4
Kentucky	5.6	5.7	6.6
Louisiana	6.7	6.8	6.9
Maine	6.0	7.0	5.5
Maryland	3.0	7.0	7.0
Massachusetts	5.6	6.0	6.0
Michigan	3.3	6.6	6.6
Minnesota	4.9	4.4	3.6
Mississippi	6.7	6.1	6.8
Missouri	6.7	6.1	6.6
Montana	5.7	4.5	5.7
Nebraska	6.6	5.7	4.1
Nevada	6.9	6.7	7.0
New Hampshire	5.0	6.8	6.5
New Jersey	5.0	7.0	7.0
New Mexico	6.7	6.1	2.2
New York	5.0	7.0	6.0
North Carolina	3.8	6.6	6.6
North Dakota	5.9	4.2	4.5
Ohio	3.0	5.8	6.8
Oklahoma	5.9	6.1	3.6
Oregon	6.4	5.1	6.8
Pennsylvania	4.0	6.5	7.0
Rhode Island	6.0	3.5	7.0
South Carolina	4.8	6.4	6.8
South Dakota	6.7	5.3	4.3
Tennessee	6.5	6.4	6.9
Texas	6.0	6.3	3.7
Utah	6.0	5.3	5.6
Vermont	6.5	7.0	6.0
Virginia	3.8	6.9	6.9
Washington	6.8	4.9	6.2
West Virginia	4.1	6.5	6.9
Wisconsin	3.7	6.0	6.2
Wyoming	6.0	4.6	4.3

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 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	1	16	77	6
Arizona	-	9	91	-
Arkansas	25	51	24	-
California	45	30	25	-
Colorado	1	13	74	12
Connecticut	4	13	70	13
Delaware	12	23	60	5
Florida	2	13	46	39
Georgia	6	42	49	3
Idaho	5	24	62	9
Illinois	36	48	16	-
Indiana	20	42	37	1
Iowa	17	26	56	1
Kansas	8	29	55	8
Kentucky	5	21	73	1
Louisiana	10	46	43	1
Maine	10	25	65	-
Maryland	12	33	52	3
Massachusetts	4	13	70	13
Michigan	37	41	21	1
Minnesota	1	5	72	22
Mississippi	6	31	60	3
Missouri	21	38	41	-
Montana	19	38	42	1
Nebraska	4	19	73	4
Nevada	25	35	40	-
New Hampshire	16	17	67	-
New Jersey	29	35	36	-
New Mexico	1	11	71	17
New York	7	3	78	12
North Carolina	9	36	52	3
North Dakota	8	24	63	5
Ohio	13	43	44	-
Oklahoma	2	16	74	8
Oregon	32	46	22	-
Pennsylvania	17	45	38	-
Rhode Island	-	-	100	-
South Carolina	5	26	69	-
South Dakota	15	22	58	5
Tennessee	11	23	65	1
Texas	7	13	56	24
Utah	-	26	69	5
Vermont	-	69	31	-
Virginia	17	45	38	-
Washington	17	37	46	-
West Virginia	15	47	38	-
Wisconsin	8	25	65	2
Wyoming	13	26	54	7
48 States	13	28	53	6
Previous week	14	30	53	3
Previous year	7	18	64	11

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending October 1, 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	-	14	80	6
Arizona	-	10	90	-
Arkansas	19	45	36	-
California	30	45	25	-
Colorado	2	23	74	1
Connecticut	2	11	74	13
Delaware	2	36	54	8
Florida	1	14	50	35
Georgia	4	29	66	1
Idaho	9	28	60	3
Illinois	32	46	22	-
Indiana	18	40	41	1
Iowa	20	32	47	1
Kansas	11	31	57	1
Kentucky	5	19	75	1
Louisiana	7	30	63	-
Maine	10	30	60	-
Maryland	3	41	49	7
Massachusetts	2	11	74	13
Michigan	34	42	22	2
Minnesota	2	9	80	9
Mississippi	6	28	61	5
Missouri	15	39	46	-
Montana	40	40	18	2
Nebraska	7	28	63	2
Nevada	20	20	60	-
New Hampshire	13	12	75	-
New Jersey	26	33	41	-
New Mexico	-	11	86	3
New York	-	4	80	16
North Carolina	8	32	53	7
North Dakota	13	29	55	3
Ohio	9	38	52	1
Oklahoma	3	18	79	-
Oregon	38	39	23	-
Pennsylvania	9	29	62	-
Rhode Island	-	-	100	-
South Carolina	-	17	83	-
South Dakota	24	26	48	2
Tennessee	12	19	67	2
Texas	9	14	58	19
Utah	-	37	63	-
Vermont	-	7	93	-
Virginia	13	34	53	-
Washington	3	45	52	-
West Virginia	13	42	45	-
Wisconsin	4	22	72	2
Wyoming	17	27	53	3
48 States	14	29	53	4
Previous week	14	32	52	2
Previous year	6	19	66	9

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Corn: Mature, Harvested, Condition

Cotton: Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition

Pasture and Range: Condition

Peanuts: Harvested, Condition

Rice: Harvested

Sorghum: Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Soybeans: Dropping Leaves, Harvested, Condition

Sugarbeets: Harvested

Sunflowers: Harvested

Winter Wheat: Planted, Emerged

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.

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