



Crop Progress

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NASS Survey Update!

In September, NASS will survey U.S. small grains growers for final production. USDA relies on these numbers for farm programs that benefit producers. We will also ask hog producers about their summer pig crop, current inventory, and farrowing intentions. **Respond online**, or alternately by phone or mail.

Responding online is better than before! It is faster and more intuitive. AND, as a pilot, some small grains producers will see their June survey results already in the online form ready for a quick update. Your information matters! Look for results on September 27 and 28 and Small Grains County Estimates on December 13 at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Corn Dough – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	78	78	94	86
Illinois	96	97	100	96
Indiana	93	93	96	93
Iowa	93	92	95	91
Kansas	92	92	95	94
Kentucky	91	88	93	89
Michigan	78	76	84	82
Minnesota	92	92	97	89
Missouri	99	100	100	97
Nebraska	97	94	97	95
North Carolina	100	97	99	99
North Dakota	85	92	96	84
Ohio	90	89	92	90
Pennsylvania	65	75	81	79
South Dakota	88	94	98	91
Tennessee	98	99	100	98
Texas	97	95	97	95
Wisconsin	77	77	86	78
18 States	91	92	96	91

Corn Dented – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	29	25	45	45
Illinois	65	80	90	70
Indiana	63	59	74	60
Iowa	57	63	77	59
Kansas	73	71	81	70
Kentucky	80	71	82	75
Michigan	41	34	51	39
Minnesota	48	45	67	52
Missouri	87	88	91	81
Nebraska	66	59	72	64
North Carolina	95	91	93	95
North Dakota	29	47	70	37
Ohio	51	54	66	51
Pennsylvania	35	33	49	49
South Dakota	40	56	73	50
Tennessee	91	85	93	90
Texas	86	88	90	81
Wisconsin	31	36	54	39
18 States	58	61	75	60

Corn Mature – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	2	1	2	2
Illinois	11	11	36	14
Indiana	12	11	23	10
Iowa	3	7	15	5
Kansas	28	23	36	21
Kentucky	50	47	59	41
Michigan	1	2	7	2
Minnesota	1	-	6	2
Missouri	20	30	49	25
Nebraska	9	2	9	7
North Carolina	81	67	80	84
North Dakota	3	3	11	2
Ohio	6	3	13	5
Pennsylvania	1	-	1	6
South Dakota	1	3	14	4
Tennessee	57	27	47	42
Texas	66	61	68	64
Wisconsin	2	1	8	3
18 States	11	10	22	11

- Represents zero.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	2	6	20	66	6
Illinois	2	4	19	45	30
Indiana	2	6	20	53	19
Iowa	2	6	18	53	21
Kansas	11	17	28	36	8
Kentucky	1	5	19	64	11
Michigan	6	13	31	41	9
Minnesota	2	5	18	49	26
Missouri	20	20	31	24	5
Nebraska	1	5	13	52	29
North Carolina	11	19	34	32	4
North Dakota	2	10	24	48	16
Ohio	1	3	17	57	22
Pennsylvania	-	3	32	47	18
South Dakota	6	8	21	45	20
Tennessee	-	7	19	56	18
Texas	12	24	35	27	2
Wisconsin	3	7	18	42	30
18 States	4	8	21	46	21
Previous week	4	8	20	47	21
Previous year	4	9	26	48	13

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2017 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	32	10	17	22
Illinois	3	1	16	3
Indiana	12	9	21	9
Iowa	2	-	4	2
Kansas	7	4	10	6
Kentucky	10	1	11	5
Louisiana	63	54	65	54
Michigan	9	1	8	4
Minnesota	2	1	9	3
Mississippi	53	23	37	34
Missouri	3	-	2	2
Nebraska	7	8	15	10
North Carolina	8	1	7	7
North Dakota	23	26	37	23
Ohio	6	4	15	7
South Dakota	15	16	25	16
Tennessee	11	3	9	8
Wisconsin	-	1	4	1
18 States	10	7	16	9

- Represents zero.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[These 18 States planted 96% of the 2017 soybean acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	8	30	47	14
Illinois	2	3	19	48	28
Indiana	2	6	20	53	19
Iowa	2	6	20	53	19
Kansas	4	11	36	41	8
Kentucky	1	4	18	66	11
Louisiana	1	10	41	37	11
Michigan	4	7	24	53	12
Minnesota	3	6	22	50	19
Mississippi	-	3	27	54	16
Missouri	9	19	29	35	8
Nebraska	1	5	13	56	25
North Carolina	5	7	29	51	8
North Dakota	3	14	31	45	7
Ohio	1	3	16	58	22
South Dakota	9	11	23	43	14
Tennessee	1	4	22	54	19
Wisconsin	3	7	17	44	29
18 States	3	8	23	49	17
Previous week	3	8	23	49	17
Previous year	3	8	28	50	11

- Represents zero.

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2017 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	99	95	97	99
Arizona	99	98	100	99
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	80	65	67	95
Georgia	98	96	97	98
Kansas	68	88	95	75
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Mississippi	99	97	99	98
Missouri	100	100	100	95
North Carolina	97	91	95	97
Oklahoma	87	86	91	91
South Carolina	97	88	95	96
Tennessee	100	99	100	97
Texas	94	88	96	94
Virginia	99	95	98	99
15 States	96	91	96	96

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2017 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	25	28	41	28
Arizona	71	55	63	60
Arkansas	24	33	53	28
California	9	-	-	24
Georgia	32	14	26	34
Kansas	14	8	17	11
Louisiana	68	67	79	69
Mississippi	29	36	55	32
Missouri	30	46	52	15
North Carolina	19	7	25	22
Oklahoma	7	9	18	18
South Carolina	36	7	16	26
Tennessee	13	23	52	18
Texas	20	20	23	23
Virginia	18	15	25	20
15 States	24	21	29	26

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2017 cotton acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	18	60	22
Arizona	3	4	38	42	13
Arkansas	-	3	14	38	45
California	-	-	-	30	70
Georgia	1	7	28	50	14
Kansas	1	2	25	59	13
Louisiana	-	3	42	48	7
Mississippi	-	5	22	54	19
Missouri	-	10	27	50	13
North Carolina	3	10	27	53	7
Oklahoma	13	13	53	20	1
South Carolina	-	1	30	53	16
Tennessee	-	1	10	54	35
Texas	25	28	26	16	5
Virginia	1	2	14	80	3
15 States	15	18	26	31	10
Previous week	13	18	25	33	11
Previous year	6	5	24	46	19

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	94	91	94	89
Illinois	99	91	96	94
Kansas	94	93	96	95
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	99	90	93	96
Nebraska	99	99	100	99
New Mexico	70	76	81	70
Oklahoma	95	87	92	93
South Dakota	97	92	95	98
Texas	97	95	97	96
11 States	95	93	96	95

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	99	97	100	98
Colorado	43	37	60	43
Illinois	79	71	81	74
Kansas	43	38	60	47
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	74	58	68	70
Nebraska	61	62	75	63
New Mexico	50	37	55	25
Oklahoma	61	43	58	60
South Dakota	40	41	53	58
Texas	82	82	84	81
11 States	60	55	69	62

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	86	91	95	77
Colorado	-	-	-	4
Illinois	28	29	36	15
Kansas	5	3	6	5
Louisiana	96	98	100	97
Missouri	22	7	14	17
Nebraska	5	3	7	3
New Mexico	2	1	2	1
Oklahoma	25	14	22	20
South Dakota	6	-	1	5
Texas	72	71	74	73
11 States	31	27	30	33

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	64	19	51	36
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	-	-
Kansas	-	-	1	-
Louisiana	83	80	91	83
Missouri	1	-	1	1
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	3	-	4	3
South Dakota	-	-	-	-
Texas	61	62	65	58
11 States	23	20	22	23

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	2	47	43	8
Colorado	4	6	26	62	2
Illinois	-	4	22	57	17
Kansas	2	6	26	52	14
Louisiana	-	3	75	22	-
Missouri	6	20	41	30	3
Nebraska	-	1	15	56	28
New Mexico	-	6	50	42	2
Oklahoma	8	5	26	56	5
South Dakota	1	4	30	63	2
Texas	12	26	39	18	5
11 States	5	12	31	43	9
Previous week	5	12	30	44	9
Previous year	2	6	29	53	10

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[These 8 States harvested 96% of the 2017 peanut acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	3	20	57	20
Florida	-	2	13	59	26
Georgia	1	4	17	57	21
North Carolina	3	3	30	57	7
Oklahoma	-	8	14	71	7
South Carolina	-	-	13	58	29
Texas	-	4	41	54	1
Virginia	1	2	12	81	4
8 States	1	3	21	57	18
Previous week	1	3	20	58	18
Previous year	-	4	16	60	20

- Represents zero.

Rice Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 100% of the 2017 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	17	5	20	16
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	86	76	84	80
Mississippi	34	24	49	19
Missouri	1	-	1	3
Texas	90	74	86	81
6 States	28	20	31	26

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2017 rice acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	4	24	50	22
California	-	-	5	90	5
Louisiana	-	4	23	65	8
Mississippi	-	1	23	54	22
Missouri	-	11	16	51	22
Texas	-	1	50	44	5
6 States	-	3	22	59	16
Previous week	-	4	21	60	15
Previous year	-	6	23	55	16

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2017 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	85	67	73	82
Minnesota	86	94	98	80
Montana	92	61	75	76
North Dakota	83	77	88	69
South Dakota	96	97	99	91
Washington	86	71	88	90
6 States	87	77	87	75

Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 85% of the 2017 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	88	81	85	85
Minnesota	96	96	99	89
Montana	93	67	72	86
North Dakota	92	91	94	78
Washington	79	76	90	89
5 States	91	80	84	83

Oats Harvested – Selected States

[These 9 States harvested 67% of the 2017 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	100	98	99	100
Minnesota	84	88	95	91
Nebraska	100	100	100	100
North Dakota	89	82	91	77
Ohio	100	100	100	100
Pennsylvania	86	81	88	90
South Dakota	95	99	100	98
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	84	78	84	88
9 States	90	89	94	91

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[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	69	18
Arizona	38	26	20	14	2
Arkansas	6	11	31	43	9
California	35	10	25	25	5
Colorado	22	26	20	30	2
Connecticut	20	60	20	-	-
Delaware	4	7	31	55	3
Florida	-	5	21	53	21
Georgia	1	5	31	54	9
Idaho	5	35	48	12	-
Illinois	6	12	31	39	12
Indiana	5	11	37	41	6
Iowa	7	15	31	42	5
Kansas	9	18	35	33	5
Kentucky	2	6	22	57	13
Louisiana	5	22	41	29	3
Maine	-	-	19	78	3
Maryland	2	10	27	50	11
Massachusetts	-	5	25	70	-
Michigan	8	16	36	33	7
Minnesota	5	13	30	45	7
Mississippi	1	14	40	40	5
Missouri	17	37	31	14	1
Montana	11	15	28	35	11
Nebraska	1	5	17	65	12
Nevada	10	25	40	25	-
New Hampshire	-	1	47	52	-
New Jersey	1	7	43	48	1
New Mexico	10	36	40	12	2
New York	4	19	35	37	5
North Carolina	1	9	43	45	2
North Dakota	7	21	38	32	2
Ohio	2	6	37	50	5
Oklahoma	5	13	32	48	2
Oregon	46	27	24	3	-
Pennsylvania	-	5	23	54	18
Rhode Island	35	35	30	-	-
South Carolina	-	10	19	71	-
South Dakota	10	15	35	37	3
Tennessee	1	13	33	43	10
Texas	19	34	33	13	1
Utah	20	37	35	8	-
Vermont	-	-	66	34	-
Virginia	3	8	25	49	15
Washington	25	32	20	23	-
West Virginia	-	9	26	61	4
Wisconsin	3	7	27	42	21
Wyoming	12	12	31	38	7
48 States	10	18	30	36	6
Previous week	12	18	30	34	6
Previous year	8	13	32	40	7

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	September 2, 2017	August 26, 2018	September 2, 2018
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	4.7	5.8	6.2
Arizona	7.0	6.7	7.0
Arkansas	4.2	5.2	5.8
California	6.8	7.0	7.0
Colorado	6.9	6.7	6.7
Connecticut	6.0	4.0	5.0
Delaware	5.0	6.5	6.0
Florida	5.9	6.1	5.7
Georgia	5.6	5.8	5.9
Idaho	6.9	6.9	6.1
Illinois	6.3	4.7	5.1
Indiana	5.9	4.0	5.3
Iowa	6.2	4.0	2.7
Kansas	6.7	3.8	5.2
Kentucky	4.5	5.4	6.0
Louisiana	1.8	5.9	4.7
Maine	6.9	5.0	7.0
Maryland	4.5	6.5	6.5
Massachusetts	7.0	6.0	6.8
Michigan	6.0	4.8	3.6
Minnesota	5.0	5.1	4.8
Mississippi	3.3	6.0	6.1
Missouri	6.1	4.8	4.2
Montana	7.0	6.2	5.7
Nebraska	6.5	5.3	5.1
Nevada	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	5.8	6.0	7.0
New Jersey	5.5	6.5	6.5
New Mexico	7.0	6.3	6.5
New York	5.5	3.5	4.5
North Carolina	5.1	6.4	6.6
North Dakota	6.4	5.8	5.6
Ohio	5.4	4.3	5.4
Oklahoma	6.5	5.2	6.3
Oregon	7.0	7.0	6.9
Pennsylvania	5.5	4.5	5.0
Rhode Island	6.5	6.5	7.0
South Carolina	5.7	6.5	6.9
South Dakota	5.9	5.9	5.9
Tennessee	3.8	6.1	6.0
Texas	5.9	6.6	6.5
Utah	6.7	6.5	6.9
Vermont	5.0	5.0	5.0
Virginia	5.1	5.8	6.0
Washington	7.0	6.6	6.7
West Virginia	5.4	4.3	4.9
Wisconsin	5.3	4.7	2.6
Wyoming	6.9	6.7	6.8

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[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	30	62	5
Arizona	-	18	80	2
Arkansas	1	16	76	7
California	60	10	30	-
Colorado	10	29	60	1
Connecticut	-	-	95	5
Delaware	8	17	73	2
Florida	-	2	76	22
Georgia	5	24	64	7
Idaho	16	58	26	-
Illinois	4	17	72	7
Indiana	2	14	74	10
Iowa	4	6	69	21
Kansas	3	13	77	7
Kentucky	5	19	71	5
Louisiana	4	27	54	15
Maine	57	33	10	-
Maryland	-	50	46	4
Massachusetts	1	4	72	23
Michigan	2	9	63	26
Minnesota	5	15	70	10
Mississippi	5	31	60	4
Missouri	12	36	51	1
Montana	19	42	38	1
Nebraska	1	13	79	7
Nevada	-	45	55	-
New Hampshire	28	8	53	11
New Jersey	8	11	63	18
New Mexico	22	41	32	5
New York	-	2	69	29
North Carolina	1	28	68	3
North Dakota	16	35	47	2
Ohio	1	10	84	5
Oklahoma	10	26	61	3
Oregon	67	31	2	-
Pennsylvania	-	1	92	7
Rhode Island	-	35	65	-
South Carolina	10	44	46	-
South Dakota	15	25	59	1
Tennessee	6	27	65	2
Texas	25	43	31	1
Utah	28	48	24	-
Vermont	16	49	35	-
Virginia	9	17	69	5
Washington	11	57	32	-
West Virginia	-	10	83	7
Wisconsin	1	4	58	37
Wyoming	17	35	48	-
48 States	10	23	60	7
Previous week	12	24	59	5
Previous year	13	25	56	6

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 2, 2018

[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	27	66	5
Arizona	-	17	81	2
Arkansas	3	25	70	2
California	60	15	25	-
Colorado	13	22	63	2
Connecticut	-	4	87	9
Delaware	5	31	62	2
Florida	-	2	74	24
Georgia	3	17	72	8
Idaho	16	54	30	-
Illinois	5	23	69	3
Indiana	3	17	74	6
Iowa	6	9	71	14
Kansas	5	19	73	3
Kentucky	5	21	68	6
Louisiana	4	34	55	7
Maine	57	38	5	-
Maryland	-	49	48	3
Massachusetts	-	4	87	9
Michigan	4	14	71	11
Minnesota	6	16	67	11
Mississippi	7	32	56	5
Missouri	29	37	34	-
Montana	16	48	35	1
Nebraska	1	15	80	4
Nevada	-	45	55	-
New Hampshire	21	16	59	4
New Jersey	-	9	75	16
New Mexico	36	34	27	3
New York	1	14	61	24
North Carolina	-	15	81	4
North Dakota	14	38	46	2
Ohio	1	11	83	5
Oklahoma	14	29	55	2
Oregon	63	33	4	-
Pennsylvania	-	1	88	11
Rhode Island	3	22	73	2
South Carolina	7	40	53	-
South Dakota	16	27	56	1
Tennessee	10	31	58	1
Texas	25	45	29	1
Utah	36	44	20	-
Vermont	30	31	39	-
Virginia	9	14	74	3
Washington	10	49	41	-
West Virginia	-	12	79	9
Wisconsin	2	7	59	32
Wyoming	18	35	47	-
48 States	12	25	58	5
Previous week	13	26	57	4
Previous year	12	26	57	5

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested

Corn: Dented, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Cotton: Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition

Oats: Harvested

Pasture and 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

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 2017 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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