

Crop Progress

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Note: These data are preliminary and will be released after 4:00 p.m. each Monday, except for holidays. See tomorrow's Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin for final progress and condition estimates.

Corn: Percent Harvested, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	82	78	100	99
IL	99	98	99	99
IN	98	96	98	98
IA	99	96	99	99
KS	99	97	100	99
KY	100	100	100	100
MI	96	93	90	89
MN	97	93	99	99
MO	100	100	100	99
NE	95	88	100	98
NC	94	92	100	100
ND	96	91	100	96
OH	96	91	98	94
PA	92	89	95	87
SD	95	84	100	97
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	88	78	97	95
18 Sts	97	93	99	98

¹ These 18 States harvested 95% of last year's corn acreage.

Soybeans: Percent Harvested, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	91	79	99	96
IL	99	99	99	99
IN	99	98	100	100
IA	100	100	100	100
KS	97	93	100	98
KY	92	82	100	95
LA	83	76	100	100
MI	100	100	99	99
MN	99	99	99	99
MS	92	85	100	99
MO	96	91	98	98
NE	99	98	100	99
NC	22	18	86	66
ND	100	100	100	100
OH	99	96	100	100
SD	100	98	100	100
TN	83	72	96	93
WI	99	96	100	100
18 Sts	97	94	99	98

¹ These 18 States harvested 96% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Planted,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	85	70	93	93
CA	70	50	54	58
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	100	100	100	100
IL	100	99	99	100
IN	100	99	100	100
KS	99	98	100	99
MI	100	100	100	100
MO	96	91	97	97
MT	100	100	100	100
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	42	32	81	76
OH	100	100	100	100
OK	99	97	100	96
OR	95	90	100	99
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	93	90	98	93
WA	100	100	100	100
18 Sts	96	94	98	97

¹ These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Emerged,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	68	57	77	80
CA	42	32	39	28
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	88	83	99	94
IL	98	96	98	98
IN	98	96	96	97
KS	96	94	99	95
MI	100	97	93	98
MO	87	80	88	89
MT	95	92	92	91
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	32	29	56	57
OH	99	97	97	98
OK	94	93	93	87
OR	70	55	99	92
SD	100	100	100	94
TX	87	84	82	81
WA	96	95	100	99
18 Sts	91	89	93	90

¹ These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	70	63	84	91
AZ	83	77	82	83
AR	94	83	100	99
CA	99	98	95	88
GA	68	62	89	82
LA	88	77	100	100
MS	94	79	100	99
MO	95	82	100	98
NC	66	57	91	84
OK	68	55	73	80
SC	66	55	88	87
TN	84	79	99	98
TX	65	52	80	77
VA	80	79	94	85
14 Sts	77	67	90	87

¹ These 14 States harvested 98% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	93	88	99	81
IL	99	98	99	99
KS	89	80	100	98
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	99	97	100	99
NE	99	94	100	99
NM	66	48	89	83
OK	88	85	95	90
SD	99	95	100	97
TX	88	85	97	96
11 Sts	90	84	99	96

¹ These 11 States harvested 98% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Peanuts: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	99	94	98	99
FL	98	97	100	100
GA	100	95	100	100
NC	95	93	100	98
OK	97	91	99	96
TX	79	60	94	83
VA	100	98	100	100
7 Sts	95	87	98	96

¹ These 7 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

**Sunflowers: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1997- 2001 Avg.
	Nov 24, 2002	Nov 17, 2002	Nov 24, 2001	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	86	76	100	80
KS	96	89	100	98
ND	93	84	100	95
SD	97	91	100	98
4 Sts	94	86	100	95

¹ These 4 States harvested 89% of last year's sunflowers acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition
by Percent, Selected States**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	3	42	47	8
CA	0	0	20	55	25
CO	2	6	47	39	6
ID	0	6	31	61	2
IL	0	1	25	69	5
IN	0	2	32	56	10
KS	1	7	30	55	7
MI	0	3	31	52	14
MO	0	4	42	50	4
MT	2	7	22	65	4
NE	11	11	34	42	2
NC	2	10	34	50	4
OH	1	3	22	55	19
OK	1	4	26	51	18
OR	30	15	40	15	0
SD	5	6	39	42	8
TX	1	3	22	50	24
WA	3	17	58	20	2
18 Sts	2	6	31	50	11
Prev Wk	2	5	31	50	12
Prev Yr	5	15	36	38	6

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2001 planted acres.

Crop Progress and Condition Survey and Estimating Procedures

Survey Procedures: Crop progress and condition estimates are based on survey data that are collected each week from early April to the end of November. The Crop progress and condition surveys are non-probability surveys that include a sample of more than 5,000 reporters 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 reporters subjectively estimate progress of farmers' activities and progress of crops through their stages of development. They also provide subjective evaluations of crop conditions.

Most reporters complete their questionnaire on Friday or early Monday morning and submit it to the Agricultural Statistics Service's office in their State 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 the time that the questionnaire is completed, reporters are asked to report for the week ending on Sunday. For reports submitted prior to the Sunday reference date, a degree of uncertainty is introduced into the projections for weekend progress and crop condition changes. By the end of the 2001 season, nearly two-thirds of the data were being submitted through the internet website. As a result, about one-half of all data are submitted on Monday morning, which has significantly reduced this projection uncertainty.

Reporters 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 that are used as reporting guidelines are available on the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) website at: www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm.

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. Each State Statistical Office summarizes 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 reporter 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 at 4:00 pm ET on the first business day of the week. These estimates are preliminary and subject to corrections or updates in the "**Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin**" National Summary that is released at 12:00 pm ET on the second business day of the week. These estimates are then subject to revision the following week.

The next "Crop Progress" report will be released after 4 p.m. ET on March 31, 2003.

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