

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.

Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	15	10	18	16
IL	5	2	8	15
IN	12	6	17	33
IA	13	*3	18	12
KS	35	20	28	38
KY	3	1	16	17
LA	28	19	27	42
MI	1	0	10	14
MN	28	5	19	16
MS	52	45	48	53
MO	8	4	9	12
NE	10	4	17	15
NC	6	2	7	7
ND	27	10	23	22
OH	12	2	16	26
SD	47	28	41	33
TN	13	7	18	18
WI	0	0	2	5
18 Sts	16	7	18	20

* Revised.

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

Winter Wheat: Percent Planted, Selected States ¹

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	0	NA	0	0
CA	0	NA	0	0
CO	11	NA	12	10
ID	3	NA	4	4
IL	0	NA	0	0
IN	0	NA	0	0
KS	2	NA	4	3
MI	0	NA	1	1
MO	0	NA	0	0
MT	2	NA	7	4
NE	12	NA	10	9
NC	0	NA	0	0
OH	0	NA	0	0
OK	7	NA	11	6
OR	0	NA	0	0
SD	10	NA	13	11
TX	13	NA	10	10
WA	36	NA	35	30
18 Sts	7	NA	8	7

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

**Corn: Percent Dough,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	97	93	95	92
IL	97	94	98	98
IN	93	85	93	98
IA	97	*87	99	96
KS	99	97	100	100
KY	97	95	100	100
MI	78	72	76	82
MN	98	96	98	98
MO	100	98	100	99
NE	97	95	100	98
NC	100	93	100	100
ND	99	95	99	99
OH	93	85	91	95
PA	70	68	89	84
SD	97	89	96	95
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	99	97	100	100
WI	86	74	85	86
18 Sts	95	90	96	96

* Revised.

¹ These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Dented,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	75	50	43	54
IL	75	62	78	83
IN	53	41	61	84
IA	80	61	86	85
KS	94	77	91	93
KY	88	86	94	95
MI	32	18	45	55
MN	84	56	77	80
MO	92	87	92	94
NE	78	62	87	88
NC	92	82	96	93
ND	84	63	64	76
OH	49	32	49	66
PA	39	22	68	56
SD	71	44	73	72
TN	100	98	100	98
TX	95	90	97	96
WI	51	27	54	54
18 Sts	74	57	77	80

¹ These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Mature,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	14	9	9	11
IL	20	8	23	34
IN	7	3	18	32
IA	27	10	32	33
KS	65	38	56	59
KY	60	49	69	70
MI	0	0	8	11
MN	16	3	8	12
MO	67	52	63	64
NE	14	7	29	23
NC	77	47	83	79
ND	18	5	6	16
OH	2	0	6	12
PA	5	3	28	16
SD	14	6	23	18
TN	79	65	89	84
TX	82	75	81	83
WI	0	0	0	7
18 Sts	23	13	27	30

¹ These 18 States planted 92% of last year's corn acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Bolls Opening,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	45	23	62	55
AZ	71	52	86	77
AR	44	22	42	58
CA	30	20	44	30
GA	40	19	61	54
LA	62	46	71	84
MS	56	45	70	80
MO	21	11	41	57
NC	17	6	50	37
OK	43	23	32	33
SC	17	15	39	36
TN	29	25	47	63
TX	29	22	41	45
VA	25	14	46	35
14 Sts	35	24	49	52

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

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	93	91	79	91
IL	96	94	99	98
KS	90	83	98	99
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	100	97	100	100
NE	94	90	97	99
NM	75	66	86	82
OK	90	85	90	91
SD	100	100	99	99
TX	85	77	94	97
11 Sts	89	83	95	97

¹ These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	99	99	97	97
CO	57	35	33	42
IL	71	40	76	76
KS	59	40	70	80
LA	100	99	98	100
MO	69	58	79	85
NE	52	34	67	71
NM	21	15	30	37
OK	67	51	68	65
SD	81	54	77	71
TX	62	60	79	86
11 Sts	62	50	72	79

¹ These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	91	79	86	84
CO	27	8	4	4
IL	1	0	26	24
KS	16	7	26	30
LA	96	93	89	97
MO	20	11	40	46
NE	2	1	11	13
NM	1	0	2	1
OK	32	23	48	29
SD	9	5	16	15
TX	56	54	69	73
11 Sts	33	27	43	45

¹ These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	53	NA	49	50
CO	0	NA	0	0
IL	0	NA	0	0
KS	7	NA	5	12
LA	78	NA	67	77
MO	0	NA	0	0
NE	0	NA	2	1
NM	0	NA	0	0
OK	14	NA	26	13
SD	1	NA	3	2
TX	53	NA	60	62
11 Sts	26	NA	28	31

¹ These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Spring Wheat: Percent Harvested,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	94	84	91	87
MN	99	96	89	93
MT	97	92	56	80
ND	97	91	68	81
SD	100	100	100	100
WA	99	99	98	95
6 Sts	97	93	72	85

¹ These 6 States harvested 99% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	89	78	90	86
MN	99	99	95	95
MT	97	91	60	83
ND	100	97	79	87
WA	100	99	98	95
5 Sts	97	92	79	87

¹ These 5 States harvested 82% of last year's barley acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Sep 7, 2003	Aug 31, 2003	Sep 7, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	16	6	21	22
CA	2	0	2	2
LA	82	76	80	83
MS	32	15	21	25
MO	0	0	5	4
TX	86	81	94	90
6 Sts	30	22	31	32

¹ These 6 States harvested 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Corn: 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>
CO	6	10	22	48	14
IL	2	7	27	51	13
IN	5	10	24	48	13
IA	12	24	35	27	2
KS	25	29	29	15	2
KY	1	4	26	40	29
MI	2	8	28	47	15
MN	13	23	37	25	2
MO	28	27	24	17	4
NE	16	15	23	30	16
NC	2	5	24	50	19
ND	8	16	35	36	5
OH	2	6	22	48	22
PA	2	7	18	46	27
SD	9	17	30	37	7
TN	2	3	15	56	24
TX	17	19	32	28	4
WI	19	25	36	18	2
18 Sts	11	16	29	35	9
Prev Wk	9	16	29	36	10
Prev Yr	14	17	28	32	9

**Soybeans: 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	4	9	27	41	19
IL	3	7	31	49	10
IN	5	9	26	49	11
IA	13	26	37	22	2
KS	22	34	32	11	1
KY	0	1	17	55	27
LA	5	16	33	41	5
MI	5	8	31	47	9
MN	11	23	40	23	3
MS	0	4	18	38	40
MO	24	29	28	15	4
NE	21	25	28	20	6
NC	1	5	27	59	8
ND	4	14	40	38	4
OH	3	7	25	49	16
SD	7	19	31	39	4
TN	0	2	14	58	26
WI	21	26	32	18	3
18 Sts	9	17	31	35	8
Prev Wk	8	16	31	36	9
Prev Yr	10	16	29	36	9

**Cotton: 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>
AL	4	6	23	45	22
AZ	0	3	14	40	43
AR	1	5	26	51	17
CA	0	0	15	55	30
GA	1	4	26	52	17
LA	1	3	31	52	13
MS	3	10	17	43	27
MO	4	18	37	32	9
NC	3	7	28	57	5
OK	4	12	42	35	7
SC	0	3	25	69	3
TN	0	3	19	63	15
TX	15	22	40	18	5
VA	0	8	22	47	23
14 Sts	7	12	31	37	13
Prev Wk	6	13	29	40	12
Prev Yr	5	13	29	39	14

**Sorghum: 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	4	22	54	20
CO	32	31	27	8	2
IL	0	3	35	51	11
KS	25	38	28	9	0
LA	0	3	23	65	9
MO	10	24	36	25	5
NE	18	28	39	15	0
NM	23	30	43	2	2
OK	5	36	31	28	0
SD	32	14	21	30	3
TX	10	24	34	27	5
11 Sts	17	29	31	20	3
Prev Wk	16	29	33	19	3
Prev Yr	20	25	33	20	2

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2002 planted acres.

**Rice: 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	1	3	21	51	24
CA	0	5	45	40	10
LA	0	1	25	57	17
MS	0	1	5	39	55
MO	1	2	13	43	41
TX	0	2	13	72	13
6 Sts	1	3	23	50	23
Prev Wk	1	3	26	49	21
Prev Yr	1	3	28	43	25

**Peanuts: 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>
AL	2	8	25	38	27
FL	1	1	23	60	15
GA	1	3	19	59	18
NC	0	3	15	72	10
OK	0	10	42	42	6
TX	0	3	23	48	26
VA	0	7	13	54	26
7 Sts	1	4	22	53	20
Prev Wk	0	3	22	55	20
Prev Yr	3	11	37	39	10

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX	State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1	3	19	52	25	NJ	0	0	27	73	0
AZ	14	28	28	21	9	NM	56	23	19	2	0
AR	1	12	37	45	5	NY	0	2	16	63	19
CA	30	35	30	5	0	NC	0	1	11	77	11
CO	13	29	35	22	1	ND	21	35	31	13	0
CT	0	5	23	59	13	OH	2	4	19	53	22
DE	0	2	8	72	18	OK	8	26	39	26	1
FL	0	5	25	55	15	OR	9	27	44	19	1
GA	0	3	18	64	15	PA	1	4	21	52	22
ID	7	37	49	7	0	RI	0	0	0	55	45
IL	6	14	41	35	4	SC	0	0	12	60	28
IN	2	7	26	57	8	SD	19	34	32	14	1
IA	56	32	10	2	0	TN	0	2	15	63	20
KS	33	32	30	5	0	TX	15	24	35	21	5
KY	0	3	19	55	23	UT	8	21	39	32	0
LA	1	8	45	42	4	VT	9	15	34	40	2
ME	0	8	28	53	11	VA	0	2	12	53	33
MD	2	4	23	47	24	WA	4	21	63	12	0
MA	0	2	12	80	6	WV	0	1	18	58	23
MI	16	23	35	22	4	WI	58	25	13	4	0
MN	39	33	23	5	0	WY	15	27	42	16	0
MS	0	5	24	61	10						
MO	34	34	22	9	1	48 Sts	18	22	29	25	6
MT	42	35	19	4	0						
NE	33	31	30	6	0	Prev Wk	19	23	29	23	6
NV	3	24	46	23	4	Prev Yr	26	24	27	20	3
NH	0	1	18	59	22						

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2002 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 after 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 after 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 September 15, 2003.

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