

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 Mature,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	89	67	100	99
IL	100	99	99	100
IN	99	96	95	98
IA	100	94	100	100
KS	100	98	100	100
KY	100	100	99	99
MI	90	66	92	94
MN	95	83	99	98
MO	100	100	100	100
NE	91	84	96	98
NC	100	100	100	100
ND	57	41	100	100
OH	94	88	86	92
PA	96	93	70	82
SD	93	83	100	98
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	72	45	98	93
18 Sts	95	88	97	98

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	29	20	47	36
IL	74	64	60	66
IN	60	47	32	47
IA	30	16	48	48
KS	73	64	85	83
KY	88	83	81	89
MI	19	13	15	26
MN	14	4	61	46
MO	78	72	81	82
NE	31	19	39	50
NC	97	95	96	87
ND	4	1	56	34
OH	38	25	18	30
PA	53	49	28	39
SD	14	9	41	36
TN	97	95	94	96
TX	91	80	91	94
WI	13	5	31	28
18 Sts	44	34	51	53

¹ These 18 States harvested 94% of last year's corn acreage.

**Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	89	82	74	81
IL	100	98	99	99
IN	99	98	98	99
IA	100	98	100	99
KS	95	90	94	97
KY	93	87	99	97
LA	93	90	93	96
MI	94	91	99	98
MN	99	99	99	99
MS	100	100	98	99
MO	94	90	93	95
NE	99	98	99	99
NC	55	51	69	68
ND	100	98	100	100
OH	97	94	99	100
SD	100	100	100	100
TN	90	83	84	90
WI	95	84	100	98
18 Sts	97	94	97	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	60	55	41	44
IL	78	70	75	74
IN	82	73	58	67
IA	91	81	91	83
KS	61	52	30	61
KY	45	37	31	45
LA	72	70	67	76
MI	52	40	62	52
MN	59	42	95	86
MS	96	95	87	78
MO	47	39	36	52
NE	80	63	81	79
NC	10	7	7	11
ND	79	51	94	86
OH	70	61	59	68
SD	76	43	88	74
TN	44	37	29	35
WI	57	28	70	61
18 Sts	71	58	70	70

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	11	7	30	23
CA	10	7	10	12
CO	100	97	99	98
ID	89	68	93	87
IL	51	34	50	61
IN	66	44	53	57
KS	80	70	83	86
MI	84	63	71	75
MO	27	22	48	48
MT	98	92	96	91
NE	96	91	98	98
NC	19	12	21	21
OH	74	58	64	73
OK	81	78	84	78
OR	80	60	61	52
SD	94	87	96	93
TX	71	68	79	71
WA	95	86	96	95
18 Sts	78	70	80	78

¹ These 18 States planted 91% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	3	1	13	8
CA	3	2	3	4
CO	94	80	81	81
ID	38	24	45	41
IL	20	6	20	25
IN	21	9	19	24
KS	57	43	59	59
MI	40	12	30	38
MO	12	6	26	23
MT	73	63	55	57
NE	85	71	88	87
NC	6	4	9	11
OH	35	9	18	34
OK	68	49	70	54
OR	31	14	29	24
SD	68	55	59	67
TX	49	44	57	45
WA	83	66	78	80
18 Sts	57	44	57	53

¹ These 18 States planted 91% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	97	94	95	97
AZ	100	99	100	100
AR	99	98	92	98
CA	98	95	98	98
GA	96	94	92	93
LA	98	96	100	100
MS	99	97	99	100
MO	100	97	90	98
NC	100	99	91	95
OK	91	87	96	95
SC	93	91	79	89
TN	99	98	93	98
TX	68	61	77	90
VA	99	95	78	89
14 Sts	85	81	87	94

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	39	37	35	44
AZ	27	20	19	30
AR	49	43	43	57
CA	35	15	16	23
GA	33	21	28	32
LA	54	45	78	80
MS	72	62	68	67
MO	46	40	34	62
NC	40	25	11	20
OK	22	20	21	34
SC	33	23	15	28
TN	40	35	30	57
TX	22	21	27	36
VA	28	17	9	25
14 Sts	36	29	33	42

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	60	48	93	86
IL	99	97	94	98
KS	81	68	71	89
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	95	91	92	96
NE	89	76	97	96
NM	19	12	52	70
OK	61	60	84	88
SD	93	85	99	96
TX	80	79	71	88
11 Sts	81	74	77	90

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	99	95	99	99
CO	17	12	38	34
IL	69	67	27	62
KS	34	27	34	58
LA	100	100	100	99
MO	59	56	64	73
NE	30	14	45	52
NM	2	1	10	17
OK	44	43	51	59
SD	39	23	78	58
TX	62	61	62	79
11 Sts	49	44	51	67

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	97	90	95	95
CA	90	80	67	77
LA	100	100	99	99
MS	98	97	96	93
MO	86	83	90	86
TX	100	100	100	100
6 Sts	96	91	91	92

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	71	69	79	73
FL	80	65	87	83
GA	63	44	69	70
NC	80	52	42	50
OK	43	23	41	51
TX	30	23	15	29
VA	74	55	51	73
7 Sts	60	45	57	61

¹ These 7 States harvested 97% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	31	18	31	34
MI	9	5	20	38
MN	90	55	91	90
ND	91	56	93	95
4 Sts	67	41	69	73

¹ These 4 States harvested 84% of last year's sugarbeets acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 10, 2004	Oct 17, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	32	27	36	27
KS	23	18	43	53
ND	8	2	54	33
SD	21	9	62	49
4 Sts	14	7	54	38

¹ These 4 States harvested 87% of last year's sunflowers acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 17, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	3	6	12	48	31
IL	1	2	13	57	27
IN	2	3	11	46	38
IA	2	5	18	49	26
KS	4	7	16	47	26
KY	1	3	14	40	42
MI	4	12	32	37	15
MN	3	6	24	50	17
MO	1	4	14	53	28
NE	2	5	17	48	28
NC	1	3	26	59	11
ND	9	19	28	38	6
OH	2	6	20	45	27
PA	0	4	13	41	42
SD	3	6	21	51	19
TN	0	2	9	47	42
TX	0	2	13	49	36
WI	4	12	27	36	21
18 Sts	2	5	18	49	26
Prev Wk	3	5	18	49	25
Prev Yr	7	12	28	40	13

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 17, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	11	24	22	29	14
AZ	0	0	20	45	35
AR	0	1	18	41	40
CA	0	0	0	40	60
GA	9	21	38	28	4
LA	1	12	34	47	6
MS	1	6	17	49	27
MO	0	0	24	49	27
NC	0	3	18	61	18
OK	2	2	41	47	8
SC	0	5	26	62	7
TN	0	1	10	53	36
TX	4	9	21	49	17
VA	0	1	19	57	23
14 Sts	3	8	21	47	21
Prev Wk	4	9	21	45	21
Prev Yr	8	13	29	36	14

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 17, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	2	35	51	11
CO	1	15	37	39	8
IL	0	1	9	68	22
KS	3	9	25	45	18
LA	0	6	52	42	0
MO	0	4	25	55	16
NE	3	9	42	38	8
NM	0	2	49	40	9
OK	0	1	33	52	14
SD	11	22	39	25	3
TX	1	7	24	49	19
11 Sts	2	8	28	46	16
Prev Wk	2	8	28	46	16
Prev Yr	16	29	32	20	3

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 17, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3	6	34	50	7
FL	0	1	19	80	0
GA	4	12	38	39	7
NC	0	1	10	77	12
OK	0	4	20	65	11
TX	6	12	22	43	17
VA	0	0	14	70	16
7 Sts	3	9	29	50	9
Prev Wk	3	8	27	52	10
Prev Yr	1	4	26	51	18

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2003 planted acres.

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 17, 2004**

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	16	38	42	3	NJ	0	0	70	30	0
AZ	23	36	17	18	6	NM	5	15	33	38	9
AR	10	25	39	21	5	NY	2	7	29	50	12
CA	65	35	0	0	0	NC	0	1	14	68	17
CO	4	21	45	26	4	ND	23	18	29	27	3
CT	0	16	31	53	0	OH	2	10	27	47	14
DE	0	2	13	77	8	OK	2	10	31	48	9
FL	5	15	35	40	5	OR	4	22	36	36	2
GA	0	4	35	56	5	PA	5	5	26	51	13
ID	1	16	41	42	0	RI	0	0	20	80	0
IL	4	16	36	40	4	SC	0	2	25	66	7
IN	9	25	37	27	2	SD	13	20	31	31	5
IA	6	17	32	38	7	TN	1	6	31	55	7
KS	5	20	37	33	5	TX	3	9	34	43	11
KY	6	14	32	37	11	UT	6	17	41	36	0
LA	6	22	48	23	1	VT	4	27	41	20	8
ME	0	7	38	38	17	VA	0	1	16	56	27
MD	0	7	26	44	23	WA	0	7	37	56	0
MA	0	0	15	85	0	WV	1	9	24	55	11
MI	9	27	38	18	8	WI	6	16	41	34	3
MN	2	9	34	50	5	WY	38	23	20	15	4
MS	4	22	39	32	3						
MO	5	17	31	40	7	48 Sts	10	16	31	37	6
MT	18	25	37	17	3						
NE	18	26	31	24	1	Prev Wk	11	16	32	34	7
NV	19	32	45	4	0	Prev Yr	15	22	29	28	6
NH	0	2	14	80	4						

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2003 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.

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