

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			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	37	29	73	57
IL	81	74	76	79
IN	72	60	47	60
IA	47	30	71	68
KS	81	73	91	91
KY	92	88	87	92
MI	34	19	24	39
MN	28	14	85	68
MO	81	78	87	88
NE	45	31	54	65
NC	99	97	98	91
ND	9	4	80	58
OH	48	38	31	43
PA	55	53	36	45
SD	21	14	63	53
TN	99	97	97	99
TX	92	91	95	97
WI	26	13	47	43
18 Sts	55	44	67	68

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	63	60	57	57
IL	81	78	87	86
IN	87	82	78	81
IA	95	91	97	94
KS	73	61	49	75
KY	53	45	52	58
LA	83	72	79	84
MI	65	52	83	71
MN	91	59	99	94
MS	97	96	91	86
MO	57	47	53	67
NE	91	80	92	91
NC	12	10	12	16
ND	81	79	99	94
OH	73	70	77	79
SD	90	76	96	91
TN	45	44	43	48
WI	67	57	88	78
18 Sts	80	71	82	82

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	17	11	48	38
CA	19	10	17	18
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	94	89	98	94
IL	61	51	73	80
IN	76	66	80	77
KS	88	80	90	92
MI	93	84	89	90
MO	39	27	62	64
MT	99	98	99	96
NE	98	96	100	100
NC	24	19	26	27
OH	82	74	83	86
OK	89	81	91	85
OR	85	80	73	71
SD	97	94	99	97
TX	82	71	83	77
WA	98	95	99	98
18 Sts	85	78	87	85

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	9	3	28	18
CA	7	3	5	7
CO	99	94	86	89
ID	54	38	55	54
IL	38	20	41	49
IN	44	21	47	47
KS	70	57	69	71
MI	56	40	55	59
MO	23	12	40	38
MT	82	73	75	70
NE	92	85	95	94
NC	10	6	12	15
OH	55	35	44	59
OK	76	68	79	65
OR	60	31	38	35
SD	78	68	71	78
TX	62	49	65	53
WA	85	83	84	87
18 Sts	68	57	67	64

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	98	97	97	98
AZ	100	100	100	100
AR	100	99	95	99
CA	99	98	100	100
GA	97	96	94	95
LA	100	98	100	100
MS	100	99	100	100
MO	100	100	92	98
NC	100	100	95	98
OK	94	91	98	97
SC	97	93	86	93
TN	100	99	96	99
TX	75	68	86	94
VA	100	99	87	94
14 Sts	89	85	92	96

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	41	39	49	54
AZ	28	27	28	41
AR	56	49	58	70
CA	60	35	34	46
GA	44	33	38	43
LA	75	54	90	86
MS	78	72	81	77
MO	48	46	48	72
NC	53	40	23	30
OK	34	22	36	44
SC	45	33	25	38
TN	42	40	43	68
TX	26	22	32	41
VA	40	28	24	35
14 Sts	44	36	43	51

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	96
CO	82	60	98	94
IL	100	99	96	98
KS	90	81	81	93
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	97	95	95	98
NE	95	89	99	99
NM	32	19	57	83
OK	71	61	88	91
SD	97	93	100	99
TX	89	80	77	91
11 Sts	89	81	83	93

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	99	100	99
CO	25	17	48	49
IL	79	69	46	72
KS	43	34	47	70
LA	100	100	100	99
MO	64	59	73	82
NE	43	30	60	69
NM	5	2	17	28
OK	54	44	61	67
SD	54	39	88	72
TX	66	62	64	82
11 Sts	55	49	59	75

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Oct 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	75	71	88	81
FL	91	80	94	92
GA	72	63	82	82
NC	91	80	68	68
OK	62	43	64	67
TX	33	30	26	38
VA	87	74	78	87
7 Sts	68	60	70	72

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	64	31	45	53
MI	36	9	62	57
MN	94	90	99	98
ND	96	91	100	100
4 Sts	80	67	83	84

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 24, 2004	Oct 17, 2004	Oct 24, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	41	32	59	42
KS	32	23	60	70
ND	12	8	80	56
SD	28	21	77	69
4 Sts	19	14	76	60

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

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 24, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	2	4	12	48	34
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	3	11	30	35	21
MN	2	7	28	47	16
MO	1	4	14	53	28
NE	2	4	14	47	33
NC	1	3	26	59	11
ND	12	16	36	31	5
OH	2	6	19	45	28
PA	0	4	13	41	42
SD	3	5	18	49	25
TN	0	2	9	47	42
TX	0	2	13	49	36
WI	5	13	24	44	14
18 Sts	2	5	18	48	27
Prev Wk	2	5	18	49	26
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition
by Percent, Selected States
Week Ending Oct 24, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	15	14	67	4
CA	0	0	35	10	55
CO	0	2	17	48	33
ID	0	0	13	61	26
IL	0	2	32	62	4
IN	1	3	38	51	7
KS	1	2	19	65	13
MI	4	11	46	34	5
MO	0	0	34	61	5
MT	1	3	21	47	28
NE	0	2	36	53	9
NC	0	0	18	57	25
OH	1	2	27	54	16
OK	0	2	20	55	23
OR	0	0	18	69	13
SD	1	2	32	49	16
TX	0	2	19	42	37
WA	0	2	25	68	5
18 Sts	0	2	22	56	20
Prev Wk	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prev Yr	5	12	30	44	9

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 24, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	11	17	25	32	15
AZ	0	0	20	47	33
AR	0	1	16	42	41
CA	0	0	5	55	40
GA	8	19	39	30	4
LA	1	12	34	47	6
MS	1	6	17	49	27
MO	0	1	22	52	25
NC	0	1	20	66	13
OK	2	1	41	48	8
SC	0	4	26	63	7
TN	0	1	10	53	36
TX	5	9	23	47	16
VA	0	0	28	52	20
14 Sts	3	8	23	47	19
Prev Wk	3	8	21	47	21
Prev Yr	8	12	28	37	15

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Oct 24, 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	14	36	41	8
IL	0	1	9	68	22
KS	4	10	23	44	19
LA	0	6	52	42	0
MO	0	4	25	55	16
NE	3	10	33	40	14
NM	0	1	42	53	4
OK	0	3	36	49	12
SD	15	26	33	23	3
TX	1	7	24	49	19
11 Sts	3	9	26	45	17
Prev Wk	2	8	28	46	16
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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 24, 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	2	10	41	44	3	NJ	0	0	75	25	0
AZ	41	21	18	17	3	NM	2	9	39	36	14
AR	6	21	43	26	4	NY	1	10	32	44	13
CA	55	35	10	0	0	NC	1	3	19	60	17
CO	3	17	43	32	5	ND	20	17	37	23	3
CT	0	12	33	55	0	OH	3	8	27	48	14
DE	0	2	12	80	6	OK	1	8	28	54	9
FL	0	20	25	50	5	OR	4	28	27	40	1
GA	0	4	36	54	6	PA	3	20	16	59	2
ID	1	10	43	46	0	RI	0	0	15	85	0
IL	2	10	39	42	7	SC	1	2	28	63	6
IN	6	22	40	30	2	SD	14	20	31	29	6
IA	8	17	30	36	9	TN	0	5	25	62	8
KS	8	20	32	35	5	TX	2	9	33	46	10
KY	3	10	31	47	9	UT	6	11	33	49	1
LA	4	17	47	29	3	VT	0	23	48	27	2
ME	0	0	45	45	10	VA	0	3	16	56	25
MD	2	7	19	52	20	WA	1	14	36	49	0
MA	0	0	13	87	0	WV	1	11	23	54	11
MI	6	22	43	22	7	WI	8	13	39	37	3
MN	2	10	32	50	6	WY	38	22	24	12	4
MS	10	19	39	29	3						
MO	2	13	33	46	6	48 Sts	9	15	32	38	6
MT	23	25	34	15	3						
NE	15	22	36	26	1	Prev Wk	10	16	31	37	6
NV	11	25	50	14	0	Prev Yr	16	23	29	27	5
NH	0	0	10	88	2						

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.

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