

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.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	80	70	100	96
IL	99	95	99	99
IN	96	93	94	97
IA	94	87	99	99
KS	97	95	100	100
KY	100	99	99	100
MI	83	75	80	89
MN	89	83	99	98
MO	94	91	99	100
NE	90	82	97	97
NC	100	100	100	99
ND	66	47	100	96
OH	90	88	91	94
PA	88	87	77	85
SD	87	70	99	97
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	99	98	100	100
WI	75	64	92	92
18 Sts	92	86	97	97

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	88	82	95	94
IL	98	95	100	99
IN	98	97	100	100
IA	100	100	100	100
KS	88	87	96	98
KY	90	78	96	96
LA	100	99	100	96
MI	97	88	100	99
MN	99	99	99	99
MS	100	100	100	98
MO	86	80	94	96
NE	100	99	100	100
NC	51	35	55	54
ND	98	96	100	100
OH	95	92	100	99
SD	100	100	100	100
TN	80	66	90	90
WI	94	89	100	100
18 Sts	95	93	98	98

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.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	73	54	96	90
CA	45	35	44	51
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	100	100	100	100
IL	98	94	100	100
IN	95	94	100	100
KS	100	97	100	99
MI	100	99	100	100
MO	73	67	94	95
MT	100	100	100	100
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	82	72	76	65
OH	100	100	100	100
OK	95	94	100	95
OR	100	100	100	98
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	91	90	94	91
WA	100	100	100	100
18 Sts	95	93	98	96

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.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	54	39	88	77
CA	30	20	28	31
CO	100	100	98	100
ID	98	95	89	91
IL	95	86	99	97
IN	89	84	98	97
KS	94	88	93	94
MI	99	98	98	98
MO	66	57	85	86
MT	98	97	89	90
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	48	33	53	44
OH	100	95	100	98
OK	93	92	95	87
OR	99	94	77	83
SD	100	98	97	93
TX	81	80	83	78
WA	97	95	98	98
18 Sts	90	87	91	89

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	83	75	92	86
AZ	70	65	64	76
AR	90	81	96	97
CA	90	85	94	94
GA	85	78	73	78
LA	100	98	100	97
MS	97	94	100	97
MO	90	78	89	95
NC	91	88	72	74
OK	55	54	67	73
SC	79	68	68	77
TN	85	70	90	94
TX	45	41	59	66
VA	80	72	68	78
14 Sts	72	67	76	80

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	70	62	93	93
IL	95	89	97	99
KS	83	81	91	95
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	87	82	97	99
NE	93	85	98	99
NM	53	35	48	66
OK	68	67	86	89
SD	94	90	100	99
TX	79	78	79	91
11 Sts	82	80	87	94

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	98	95	100	98
FL	99	98	100	99
GA	99	97	100	100
NC	100	100	99	97
OK	94	90	100	96
TX	74	60	84	78
VA	100	100	100	100
7 Sts	94	89	97	95

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

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

State	Week Ending			1999- 2003 Avg.
	Nov 21, 2004	Nov 14, 2004	Nov 21, 2003	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	99	80	99	89
KS	79	77	97	97
ND	85	70	100	94
SD	89	76	100	98
4 Sts	86	73	100	95

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

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition
by Percent, Selected States
Week Ending Nov 21, 2004**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	10	46	40	4
CA	0	0	20	40	40
CO	3	4	17	41	35
ID	0	0	16	58	26
IL	0	4	23	65	8
IN	1	4	26	55	14
KS	1	3	19	61	16
MI	1	3	22	65	9
MO	0	2	29	63	6
MT	0	2	22	52	24
NE	0	2	30	54	14
NC	0	0	6	81	13
OH	0	1	17	60	22
OK	0	2	22	53	23
OR	0	0	20	71	9
SD	0	0	24	52	24
TX	1	3	16	42	38
WA	0	1	22	73	4
18 Sts	1	2	21	54	22
Prev Wk	1	2	19	56	22
Prev Yr	5	14	31	42	8

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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