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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 Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	3	0	4	2
IL	8	0	32	17
IN	3	0	11	6
IA	3	0	5	5
KS	23	7	20	19
KY	29	15	18	30
MI	0	0	8	3
MN	0	0	0	1
MO	50	16	46	38
NE	3	0	4	3
NC	61	35	29	37
ND	0	0	0	1
OH	2	0	8	3
PA	4	1	4	2
SD	0	0	0	0
TN	57	16	29	44
TX	68	64	64	59
WI	0	0	0	0
18 Sts	9	3	13	10

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Headed,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	43	NA	16	15
CA	50	NA	74	70
CO	0	NA	0	0
ID	0	NA	0	0
IL	0	NA	0	0
IN	0	NA	0	0
KS	6	NA	0	0
MI	0	NA	0	0
MO	2	NA	1	1
MT	0	NA	0	0
NE	0	NA	0	0
NC	26	NA	6	13
OH	0	NA	0	0
OK	12	NA	17	12
OR	0	NA	0	0
SD	0	NA	0	0
TX	27	NA	18	20
WA	0	NA	0	0
18 Sts	9	NA	6	6

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 92% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	9	1	8	9
AZ	23	15	26	32
AR	8	0	1	1
CA	14	0	27	40
GA	3	1	2	3
KS	0	0	1	0
LA	15	3	5	5
MS	11	1	0	3
MO	3	0	2	2
NC	4	0	0	1
OK	3	0	0	1
SC	4	0	3	4
TN	0	0	0	1
TX	20	17	18	16
VA	10	0	3	1
15 Sts	13	8	10	11

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States planted 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	40	16	17	29
CO	0	0	0	0
IL	0	0	0	0
KS	2	0	1	0
LA	43	26	34	21
MO	6	1	2	2
NE	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	8	1	4	4
SD	0	0	0	0
TX	63	54	44	43
11 Sts	23	18	16	15

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Rice: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	46	15	12	28
CA	0	0	0	1
LA	75	54	60	68
MS	44	6	10	18
MO	44	15	7	10
TX	83	73	65	72
6 Sts	45	22	20	31

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States planted 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Rice: Percent Emerged,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	6	NA	2	4
CA	0	NA	0	0
LA	54	NA	39	50
MS	7	NA	3	6
MO	4	NA	0	0
TX	73	NA	42	50
6 Sts	17	NA	10	13

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States planted 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Spring Wheat: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	17	7	57	48
MN	2	0	2	7
MT	9	2	15	10
ND	3	0	10	8
SD	35	15	65	40
WA	45	39	88	71
6 Sts	10	4	21	16

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States planted 99% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

**Barley: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	13	7	30	36
MN	7	0	3	4
MT	12	7	22	18
ND	2	0	5	3
WA	30	28	57	52
5 Sts	9	5	19	18

<sup>1</sup> These 5 States planted 79% of last year's barley acreage.

**Oats: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IA	55	19	85	61
MN	17	0	13	15
NE	73	27	83	62
ND	3	0	8	4
OH	44	17	43	31
PA	52	29	45	26
SD	32	13	55	33
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	14	2	29	18
9 Sts	44	31	52	43

<sup>1</sup> These 9 States planted 67% of last year's oat acreage.

**Oats: Percent Emerged,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IA	5	NA	28	12
MN	0	NA	0	0
NE	14	NA	31	19
ND	0	NA	0	0
OH	5	NA	3	7
PA	14	NA	8	6
SD	7	NA	10	6
TX	100	NA	100	100
WI	0	NA	0	0
9 Sts	27	NA	30	27

<sup>1</sup> These 9 States planted 67% of last year's oat acreage.

**Sugarbeets: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2001- 2005 Avg.
	Apr 16, 2006	Apr 9, 2006	Apr 16, 2005	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	36	9	73	65
MI	12	8	83	48
MN	0	0	0	8
ND	0	0	1	4
4 Sts	7	3	23	22

<sup>1</sup> These 4 States planted 82% of last year's sugarbeet acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States  
Week Ending Apr 16, 2006**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	4	26	51	19
CA	0	2	8	32	58
CO	6	16	33	36	9
ID	0	1	7	87	5
IL	0	2	24	47	27
IN	1	3	18	61	17
KS	7	16	39	34	4
MI	0	1	23	54	22
MO	0	9	31	49	11
MT	1	5	34	46	14
NE	4	8	34	48	6
NC	1	9	37	47	6
OH	0	3	16	64	17
OK	32	35	28	5	0
OR	0	0	35	62	3
SD	1	12	29	49	9
TX	48	30	18	3	1
WA	2	4	19	61	14
18 Sts	15	17	29	32	7
Prev Wk	14	16	29	35	6
Prev Yr	1	5	25	53	16

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2005 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 National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Field 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 NASS website at: [www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm](http://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 Field 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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