

# Crop Progress

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Cotton: Percent Squaring, Selected States <sup>1</sup>				
	V	Week Ending	5	2002-
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	50	41	60	74
AZ	90	75	88	85
AR	99	96	99	94
CA	94	77	62	71
GA	55	39	85	84
KS	75	10	28	21
LA	94	82	98	93
MS	96	90	93	86
MO	89	78	76	76
NC	95	77	80	82
OK	41	28	39	49
SC	50	39	71	64
TN	94	88	90	87
TX	51	30	56	53
VA	76	27	64	62
15 Sts	69	53	71	69

## Cotton: Percent Setting Bolls, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

	Week Ending			2002-
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	15	8	16	18
AZ	45	30	44	44
AR	48	20	44	35
CA	55	40	7	18
GA	11	4	41	37
KS	0	0	0	1
LA	43	14	68	50
MS	32	16	55	43
MO	30	24	16	16
NC	8	1	5	16
OK	0	0	5	5
SC	1	0	12	11
TN	20	2	16	18
TX	17	15	19	19
VA	3	0	3	11
15 Sts	22	13	26	24

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

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	v	Week Ending			
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
CO	6	1	6	6	
IL	68	32	36	34	
IN	35	10	12	19	
IA	18	1	7	5	
KS	50	22	52	41	
KY	67	50	68	60	
MI	0	0	0	1	
MN	28	2	4	2	
MO	62	44	69	61	
NE	27	3	24	14	
NC	83	74	87	78	
ND	7	2	6	2	
OH	18	1	5	6	
PA	17	1	4	7	
SD	1	0	0	0	
TN	86	75	88	82	
TX	63	61	72	73	
WI	3	1	1	1	
18 Sts	32	13	21	18	

# Corn: Percent Silking, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

# Winter Wheat: Percent Harvested, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

	b	elected Sta	les	
	Week Ending			2002-
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	99	98	100	99
CA	98	77	90	88
CO	48	18	75	52
ID	0	0	0	0
IL	96	78	93	91
IN	87	49	65	71
KS	81	59	98	96
MI	14	3	4	2
MO	83	67	98	96
MT	0	0	0	0
NE	41	10	76	49
NC	97	93	92	93
OH	81	11	17	34
OK	69	59	100	99
OR	4	3	3	4
SD	13	1	35	10
TX	81	68	98	95
WA	3	0	0	1
18 Sts	58	40	70	65

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

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

Sorghum:	Percent Headed,
Selec	cted States 1

	١	2002-		
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	71	39	70	60
CO	12	1	7	1
IL	10	2	8	7
KS	0	0	3	3
LA	90	56	84	68
MO	19	9	9	10
NE	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	6	2	6	8
SD	8	0	2	3
ТХ	86	57	68	55
11 Sts	31	19	26	21

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

# Sorghum: Percent Coloring, Selected States<sup>1</sup>

	V	Week Ending		
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	3	NA	1	2
CO	0	NA	0	0
IL	0	NA	0	0
KS	0	NA	0	0
LA	17	NA	29	13
MO	0	NA	0	0
NE	0	NA	0	0
NM	0	NA	0	0
OK	0	NA	1	1
SD	0	NA	0	0
TX	70	NA	50	42
11 Sts	22	NA	16	14

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

# Rice: Percent Headed, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

	V	2002-		
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	1	0	2	2
CA	2	1	0	4
LA	54	33	47	54
MS	13	4	10	11
MO	6	3	4	5
TX	52	33	73	57
6 Sts	12	6	12	13

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

# Peanuts: Percent Pegging, Selected States<sup>1</sup>

State	V	2002-		
	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	27	15	13	32
FL	40	28	46	64
GA	29	15	54	56
NC	42	36	48	57
OK	75	43	71	65
SC	51	34	60	52
TX	11	5	44	39
VA	40	40	20	29
8 Sts	31	18	46	51

<sup>1</sup> These 8 States planted 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

Selecteu States				
	V	2002-		
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	36	23	51	36
IL	51	22	33	31
IN	36	15	11	21
IA	52	27	47	39
KS	23	7	35	27
KY	23	13	29	22
LA	87	70	85	62
MI	31	13	10	9
MN	45	11	36	24
MS	92	85	94	79
MO	16	8	27	20
NE	36	16	47	31
NC	5	2	5	6
ND	27	8	45	19
OH	42	24	23	23
SD	31	14	37	24
TN	36	20	51	28
WI	24	11	19	15
18 Sts	40	19	36	28

# Soybeans: Percent Blooming, Selected States <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 96% of last year's soybean acreage.

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	V	2002-		
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
ID	88	68	63	65
MN	96	89	93	78
MT	60	35	71	53
ND	81	55	85	67
SD	99	90	99	97
WA	98	81	85	96
6 Sts	82	61	84	70

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

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

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	Week Ending			2002-
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
IA	99	96	98	99
MN	97	92	96	86
NE	100	95	99	98
ND	84	57	80	66
OH	100	99	99	96
PA	94	90	90	89
SD	99	91	97	94
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	96	90	96	86
9 Sts	96	89	95	90

Oats: Percent Headed, Selected States<sup>1</sup>

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

Barley: Percent Headed, Selected States<sup>1</sup>

	N	2002-		
State	Jul 8, 2007	Jul 1, 2007	Jul 8, 2006	2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
ID	82	52	55	62
MN	97	87	93	77
MT	74	64	71	57
ND	88	71	83	66
WA	95	90	85	95
5 Sts	84	67	75	65

<sup>1</sup> These 5 States planted 78% of last year's barley acreage.

# Oats: Percent Harvested, Selected States<sup>1</sup>

	V	2002-		
State	Jul 8, 2007			2006 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
IA	3	0	2	3
MN	0	0	3	1
NE	16	3	33	18
ND	0	0	0	0
OH	4	0	0	1
PA	0	0	0	1
SD	1	0	3	2
TX	93	92	92	96
WI	0	0	0	0
9 Sts	10	9	11	11

<sup>1</sup> These 9 States harvested 68% of last year's oat acreage.

C	orn: Cre	op Condi	ition by l	Percent,
	5	Selected	States,	
	Week	Ending	Jul 8, 20	07

Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

	Week	k Ending	<b>Jul 8, 20</b>	007		
State	VP	Р	F	G	EX	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
СО	0	2	13	60	25	
IL	1	4	14	53	28	
IN	4	13	32	43	8	
IA	2	5	21	53	19	
KS	2	4	28	50	16	
KY	6	11	24	43	16	
MI	4	15	35	39	7	
MN	6	7	20	48	19	
MO	3	5	26	51	15	
NE	1	2	17	55	25	
NC	10	21	39	30	0	
ND	1	4	14	63	18	
OH	6	13	31	41	9	
PA	4	8	30	42	16	
SD	1	2	15	56	26	
TN	21	27	35	14	3	
TX	1	4	22	53	20	
WI	3	5	18	52	22	
18 Sts	3	6	21	51	19	
Prev Wk	2	5	20	53	20	
Prev Yr	2 3	8	26	47	16	

Week Ending Jul 8, 2007					
State	VP	Р	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	2	3	34	44	17
IL	1	5	18	55	21
IN	6	13	36	40	5
IA	1	5	22	57	15
KS	1	4	30	53	12
KY	5	10	25	43	17
LA	2	4	25	58	11
MI	4	17	31	42	6
MN	2	7	26	52	13
MS	1	5	23	56	15
MO	3	5	33	52	7
NE	0	2	22	60	16
NC	2	17	39	40	2
ND	2	3	15	62	18
OH	7	16	32	36	9
SD	1	3	18	58	20
TN	8	18	37	30	7
WI	2	5	22	49	22
18 Sts	2	7	26	51	14
Prev Wk	2	6	24	53	15
Prev Yr	3	9	30	47	11

# Spring Wheat: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

State	VP	Р	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
ID	0	1	19	76	4
MN	2	6	24	45	23
MT	5	10	19	56	10
ND	1	2	9	70	18
SD	1	4	21	51	23
WA	3	24	40	31	2
6 Sts	2	5	15	61	17
Prev Wk	1	4	16	62	17
Prev Yr	9	18	31	36	6

## Rice: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

State	VP	Р	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	0	4	25	46	25
CA	0	3	17	66	14
LA	0	2	37	55	6
MS	0	0	10	67	23
MO	0	2	15	54	29
TX	0	3	53	37	7
6 Sts	0	3	25	52	20
Prev Wk	0	3	23	55	19
Prev Yr	1	5	39	44	11

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2006 planted acres.

Week Ending Jul 8, 2007					
State	VP	Р	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	20	28	31	20	1
CA	1	2	11	62	24
CO	0	3	20	52	25
ID	0	1	16	73	10
IL	12	15	34	35	4
IN	3	18	46	30	3
KS	17	20	26	27	10
MI	1	11	40	41	7
MO	17	30	38	14	1
MT	2	10	27	47	14
NE	4	13	27	44	12
NC	12	23	31	33	1
OH	6	16	48	27	3
OK	13	25	33	23	6
OR	0	13	45	39	3
SD	2	6	20	48	24
TX	9	8	20	37	26
WA	1	12	36	47	4
18 Sts	10	15	28	35	12
Prev Wk	10	15	27	35	13
Prev Yr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

#### Winter Wheat: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

## Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

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State	VP	Р	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	37	31	21	10	1
AZ	0	5	48	38	9
AR	0	5	21	51	23
CA	0	0	11	65	24
GA	6	16	42	32	4
KS	0	5	20	60	15
LA	0	2	21	71	6
MS	1	3	23	57	16
MO	7	11	25	55	2
NC	5	18	27	50	0
OK	1	10	30	59	0
SC	1	8	36	50	5
TN	2	13	35	42	8
ТХ	23	12	33	38	14
VA	0	3	58	38	1
15 Sts	4	11	30	44	11
Prev Wk	5	11	30	43	11
Prev Yr	11	18	30	33	8

#### Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Work Ending Jul 8, 2007

Week Ending Jul 8, 2007					
State	VP	Р	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	1	3	31	52	13
CO	0	0	8	80	12
IL	5	3	25	56	11
KS	1	3	23	63	10
LA	0	4	9	48	39
MO	1	4	35	54	6
NE	1	2	20	66	11
NM	0	0	10	90	0
OK	0	2	24	58	16
SD	1	2	20	72	5
TX	0	2	21	58	19
11 Sts	1	2	21	63	13
Prev Wk	1	2	21	60	16
Prev Yr	9	13	30	44	4

#### Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Week Ending Jul 8 2007

Week Ending Jul 8, 2007					
State	VP	Р	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	31	24	21	21	3
FL	5	20	35	20	20
GA	3	16	39	40	2
NC	2	4	31	62	1
OK	0	4	25	69	2
SC	0	7	33	55	5
TX	0	2	49	41	8
VA	0	0	26	70	4
8 Sts	6	14	36	39	5
Prev Wk	10	18	37	33	2
Prev Yr	6	12	37	40	5

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2006 planted acres.

<b>Oats:</b> Crop Condition by Percent,
Selected States,
Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

Week Ending Jul 8, 2007								
State	VP	Р	F	G	EX			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent			
IA	0	4	22	60	14			
MN	6	8	25	50	11			
NE	0	3	27	64	6			
ND	0	1	7	82	10			
OH	3	25	33	33	6			
PA	3	19	36	41	1			
SD	0	3	17	58	22			
ТХ	2	15	25	35	23			
WI	1	5	25	56	13			
9 Sts	2	8	22	53	15			
Prev Wk	1	8	20	55	16			
Prev Yr	18	20	27	29	6			

# Barley: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

week Ending Jul 8, 2007								
State	VP	Р	F	G	EX			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent			
ID	2	6	24	65	3			
MN	5	5	20	50	20			
MT	9	14	19	49	9			
ND	1	1	9	69	20			
WA	3	17	45	35	0			
5 Sts	4	7	18	59	12			
Prev Wk	2	5	16	62	15			
Prev Yr	3	10	28	47	12			

# Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States, Week Ending Jul 8, 2007

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2006 planted acres.

# **Crop Progress and Condition Survey and Estimating Procedures**

**Survey Procedures:** Crop progress and condition estimates are based on survey data collected each week from early April through the end of November. The non-probability crop progress and condition surveys include input from 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 various stages of development. They also provide subjective evaluations of crop conditions.

Most reporters complete their questionnaires on Friday or early Monday morning and submit them to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Field Offices in their States 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 when questionnaires are 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 by projections for weekend changes in progress and condition. 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, significantly reducing 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 used as reporting guidelines are available on the NASS website at: <a href="http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/National\_Crop\_Progress/terms\_definitions.asp">www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/National\_Crop\_Progress/terms\_definitions.asp</a>.

**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* that is released after 12:00 pm ET on the second business day of the week. These estimates are subject to revision the following week.

# Crop Progress and Condition tables expected next week:

Barley - Headed, Condition Corn - Dough, Silked, Condition Cotton - Setting Bolls, Squaring, Condition Oats - Harvested, Condition Peanuts - Pegging, Condition Rice - Headed, Condition Sorghum - Coloring, Headed, Condition Soybeans - Blooming, Setting Pods, Condition Spring Wheat - Headed, Condition Winter Wheat - Harvested, Condition Pasture & Range - Condition

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