

# 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 <sup>1</sup>

#### Week Ending 2004-State Nov 22, Nov 15, Nov 22, Avg. Percent Percent Percent Percent CO ILΙN IΑ KS KY ΜI MN MO NE NC ND OH PA SD TN TXWI

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

	ì.	Selected State	S		
		2004-			
State	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 15, 2009	Nov 22, 2008	2008 Avg.	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
AR	91	82	97	96	
IL	95	90	100	99	
IN	97	93	99	98	
IA	98	96	100	100	
KS	83	82	93	96	
KY	92	81	99	94	
LA	99	96	100	100	
MI	98	94	100	98	
MN	97	92	100	100	
MS	98	94	100	100	
MO	87	83	90	94	
NE	99	97	100	100	
NC	53	45	54	57	
ND	92	80	97	99	
OH	99	97	100	98	
SD	95	93	100	100	
TN	87	76	98	94	
WI	94	88	100	99	
18 Sts	94	89	97	97	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 94% of last year's corn acreage.

18 Sts

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

Selected States							
		2004-					
State	Nov 22, Nov 15, Nov 22 2009 2009 2008		Nov 22, 2008	2008 Avg.			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent			
CO	70	65	93	97			
KS	63	53	84	91			
ND	86	60	88	94			
SD	79	59	70	90			
4 Sts	80	59	83	93			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 4 States harvested 86% of last year's sunflower acreage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

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

Selected States <sup>1</sup>							
		Week Ending		2004-			
State	Nov 22, Nov 15, Nov 22, 2009 2008		2008 Avg.				
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent			
AL	60	49	94	90			
AZ	75	70	64	70			
AR	81	71	100	97			
CA	91	81	84	92			
GA	56	44	79	81			
KS	14	5	33	47			
LA	96	89	99	100			
MS	94	85	98	99			
MO	78	69	100	94			
NC	76	63	87	88			
OK	44	35	54	65			
SC	78	60	79	82			
TN	82	59	99	95			
TX	70	58	55	58			
VA	67	66	80	86			

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

Screeted States							
'		2004-					
State	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 15, 2009	Nov 22, 2008	2008 Avg.			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent			
AR	100	100	100	100			
CO	64	54	88	87			
IL	81	74	90	96			
KS	70	59	84	92			
LA	100	100	100	100			
MO	81	68	88	95			
NE	68	44	75	93			
NM	100	70	90	70			
OK	80	68	67	78			
SD	86	79	89	96			
TX	77	76	91	88			
11 Sts	75	68	87	90			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

60

15 Sts

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

Science States							
		2004- 2008 Avg.					
State	Nov 22, Nov 15, Nov 22, 2009 2008						
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent			
AL	59	50	100	93			
FL	96	93	99	99			
GA	88	78	97	97			
NC	98	90	100	100			
OK	93	78	94	91			
SC	100	99	100	100			
TX	98	81	95	91			
VA	100	100	100	100			
8 Sts	88	78	98	96			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 8 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 15 States harvested 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

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

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

	Week Ending		2004-		Week Ending			2004-	
State	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 15, 2009	Nov 22, 2008	2008 Avg.	State	Nov 22, 2009	Nov 15, 2009	Nov 22, 2008	2008 Avg.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	77	52	93	89	AR	47	26	81	76
CA	83	70	53	44	CA	59	40	29	29
CO	100	99	100	100	CO	96	94	99	100
ID	100	100	100	100	ID	96	92	97	96
IL	89	77	100	100	IL	67	45	98	97
IN	90	85	100	99	IN	66	55	97	95
KS	95	93	100	100	KS	88	82	94	96
MI	100	95	100	99	MI	96	83	100	94
MO	61	54	92	92	MO	44	33	74	81
MT	100	99	100	100	MT	90	88	99	97
NE	100	100	100	100	NE	100	100	100	100
NC	61	52	72	78	NC	40	24	40	48
OH	99	95	100	99	OH	81	76	100	96
OK	95	93	100	98	OK	85	82	99	92
OR	100	100	100	100	OR	95	82	67	83
SD	100	100	100	100	SD	100	95	100	100
TX	91	87	95	94	TX	80	73	85	80
WA	100	100	100	100	WA	95	91	84	94
18 Sts	93	90	98	97	18 Sts	84	77	91	90

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 87% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

#### Winter Wheat: Crop Condition by Percent, Selected States Week Ending Nov 22, 2009

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	6	21	46	24	3
CA	0	0	10	55	35
CO	0	4	14	55	27
ID	0	0	19	72	9
IL	3	18	37	38	4
IN	2	4	51	39	4
KS	1	3	24	57	15
MI	1	5	25	57	12
MO	1	6	61	31	1
MT	2	5	48	42	3
NE	0	1	28	59	12
NC	6	7	25	59	3
OH	0	2	31	53	14
OK	0	1	19	49	31
OR	0	0	46	46	8
SD	0	3	23	66	8
TX	4	10	41	41	4
WA	0	3	23	62	12
18 Sts	1	5	30	51	13
Prev Wk	1	5	30	52	12
Prev Yr	2	6	27	52	13

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

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2008 planted acres.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 87% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

#### **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, Friday, 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: www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/National\_Crop\_Progress/terms\_definitions/index.asp.

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:

Corn – Harvested Cotton – Harvested Peanuts – Harvested Sorghum – Harvested Soybeans – Harvested Sunflowers – Harvested Winter Wheat – Planted, Emerged, Condition

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