

Crop Progress

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The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will release a National *Crop Progress* report at 4:00 p.m. ET on Monday, December 14. Items included in the report will be Corn Harvested and Cotton Harvested. NASS will continue to monitor the harvest progress of these crops to determine if additional data collection and estimation are necessary after December 14.

Not Applicable (NA) was published where estimates do not exist for the previous year or 5-year average due to this year's extended Crop Progress season.

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Dec 6, 2009	Nov 29, 2009	Dec 6, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
CO	88	79	99	97
IL	85	72	100	100
IN	91	84	100	100
IA	94	87	NA	NA
KS	94	89	100	100
KY	99	99	100	100
MI	86	76	99	97
MN	87	78	100	99
MO	92	85	98	99
NE	88	78	NA	NA
NC	100	100	100	100
ND	53	40	79	93
OH	94	85	100	99
PA	82	81	NA	NA
SD	73	58	92	98
TN	99	99	100	100
TX	100	100	100	100
WI	77	67	NA	NA
18 Sts	88	79	NA	NA

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Dec 6, 2009	Nov 29, 2009	Dec 6, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AL	77	73	100	96
AZ	83	78	74	81
AR	98	96	100	99
CA	99	95	100	99
GA	76	67	NA	NA
KS	43	28	59	71
LA	100	98	100	100
MS	98	96	100	100
MO	94	86	100	98
NC	91	80	97	96
OK	59	50	NA	NA
SC	93	90	NA	NA
TN	95	92	100	100
TX	87	83	79	77
VA	90	85	94	97
15 Sts	88	83	NA	NA

¹ These 15 States harvested 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Dec 6, 2009	Nov 29, 2009	Dec 6, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	79	70	98	95
IL	95	91	100	100
KS	90	79	97	99
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	94	88	95	98
NE	87	78	NA	NA
NM	100	100	100	88
OK	93	85	NA	NA
SD	98	93	97	99
TX	98	94	98	95
11 Sts	94	87	NA	NA

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

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Dec 6, 2009	Nov 29, 2009	Dec 6, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	67	64	100	98
FL	99	98	100	100
GA	97	93	NA	NA
NC	100	100	100	100
OK	96	95	NA	NA
SC	100	100	100	100
TX	100	99	99	97
VA	100	100	100	100
8 Sts	94	92	NA	NA

¹ These 8 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

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

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Dec 6, 2009	Nov 29, 2009	Dec 6, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	88	80	98	100
KS	83	71	96	99
ND	97	93	99	99
SD	96	93	89	97
4 Sts	94	90	96	99

¹ These 4 States harvested 86% of last year's sunflower acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Emerged,
Selected States ¹**

State	Week Ending			2004- 2008 Avg.
	Dec 6, 2009	Nov 29, 2009	Dec 6, 2008	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	90	65	95	91
CA	78	68	44	40
CO	99	99	99	100
ID	100	99	100	100
IL	87	70	100	100
IN	95	78	100	99
KS	94	92	100	100
MI	100	100	100	97
MO	64	53	84	91
MT	93	92	NA	NA
NE	100	100	NA	NA
NC	55	49	70	72
OH	98	95	100	100
OK	97	93	NA	NA
OR	100	100	100	100
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	90	84	90	86
WA	96	96	100	100
18 Sts	93	89	NA	NA

¹ These 18 States planted 87% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition
by Percent, Selected States
Week Ending Dec 6, 2009**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	13	54	25	4
CA	0	0	5	50	45
CO	0	4	14	53	29
ID	0	0	14	77	9
IL	2	17	39	40	2
IN	2	4	48	42	4
KS	1	4	26	54	15
MI	1	6	35	50	8
MO	0	9	55	35	1
MT	2	6	48	38	6
NE	0	1	29	62	8
NC	3	12	33	49	3
OH	0	2	28	57	13
OK	0	1	18	53	28
OR	0	0	41	51	8
SD	1	3	23	64	9
TX	4	10	41	41	4
WA	4	10	37	37	12
18 Sts	1	5	31	50	13
Prev Wk	1	5	31	50	13
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 2008 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, 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

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