



Crop Progress

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Cotton Squaring — Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2009 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
Alabama	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	89	86	88	92
Arizona	99	95	97	99
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	98	91	98	97
Georgia	92	97	98	95
Kansas	90	85	94	88
Louisiana	100	99	99	100
Mississippi	100	100	100	100
Missouri	96	100	100	99
North Carolina	100	93	98	99
Oklahoma	85	86	89	83
South Carolina	96	93	95	93
Tennessee	100	97	99	100
Texas	91	92	95	88
Virginia	89	80	89	96
15 States	93	94	96	92

Cotton Setting Bolls — Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2009 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
Alabama	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	45	60	70	60
Arizona	81	70	75	83
Arkansas	88	86	96	95
California	77	57	80	76
Georgia	64	70	85	74
Kansas	36	11	50	43
Louisiana	94	83	93	94
Mississippi	85	92	97	91
Missouri	71	85	98	80
North Carolina	84	74	85	81
Oklahoma	36	49	51	37
South Carolina	52	37	51	49
Tennessee	73	65	83	84
Texas	54	47	58	51
Virginia	56	55	62	73
15 States	62	58	69	63

Cotton Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Alabama	4	11	47	32	6
Arizona	-	-	11	67	22
Arkansas	1	5	35	45	14
California	-	-	20	75	5
Georgia	6	17	33	36	8
Kansas	1	3	33	57	6
Louisiana	1	14	26	54	5
Mississippi	3	10	32	39	16
Missouri	3	16	25	53	3
North Carolina	6	17	31	42	4
Oklahoma	-	-	8	62	30
South Carolina	-	5	26	58	11
Tennessee	-	2	21	59	18
Texas	2	4	21	49	24
Virginia	-	50	37	13	-
15 States	2	7	25	48	18
Previous week	2	6	24	49	19
Previous year	9	10	31	38	12

- Represents zero.

Corn Silking — Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2009 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
Colorado	61	45	75	66
Illinois	76	96	99	92
Indiana	73	91	96	87
Iowa	76	85	94	85
Kansas	94	92	97	96
Kentucky	85	85	90	91
Michigan	44	83	94	77
Minnesota	75	85	97	88
Missouri	87	88	92	92
Nebraska	88	85	95	92
North Carolina	100	100	100	100
North Dakota	26	66	86	70
Ohio	81	92	94	88
Pennsylvania	70	74	88	77
South Dakota	41	47	68	61
Tennessee	97	98	99	99
Texas	94	93	97	96
Wisconsin	48	75	89	68
18 States	74	84	93	86

Corn Dough — Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2009 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	11	1	5	11
Illinois	15	41	64	37
Indiana	8	14	38	22
Iowa	2	2	12	12
Kansas	29	32	53	44
Kentucky	24	30	43	34
Michigan	1	11	32	7
Minnesota	-	-	3	3
Missouri	42	37	53	52
Nebraska	18	9	28	28
North Carolina	86	85	89	83
North Dakota	-	1	5	9
Ohio	10	15	30	14
Pennsylvania	10	9	22	16
South Dakota	1	3	9	8
Tennessee	60	74	88	77
Texas	74	57	60	74
Wisconsin	2	6	15	6
18 States	13	17	31	24

- Represents zero.

Corn Dented — Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2009 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	-
Illinois	1	(NA)	15	6
Indiana	-	(NA)	4	2
Iowa	-	(NA)	-	1
Kansas	-	(NA)	10	8
Kentucky	9	(NA)	16	13
Michigan	-	(NA)	2	-
Minnesota	-	(NA)	-	-
Missouri	9	(NA)	10	16
Nebraska	-	(NA)	2	1
North Carolina	36	(NA)	60	36
North Dakota	-	(NA)	-	-
Ohio	-	(NA)	1	-
Pennsylvania	1	(NA)	-	1
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	1
Tennessee	13	(NA)	53	38
Texas	61	(NA)	52	62
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	-	-
18 States	3	(NA)	7	5

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Corn Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Colorado	-	1	17	65	17
Illinois	4	8	22	47	19
Indiana	3	9	25	46	17
Iowa	3	8	19	43	27
Kansas	2	5	25	53	15
Kentucky	5	12	26	40	17
Michigan	2	5	14	44	35
Minnesota	-	2	8	50	40
Missouri	7	16	29	38	10
Nebraska	1	4	11	57	27
North Carolina	15	24	32	25	4
North Dakota	2	2	11	69	16
Ohio	2	9	27	46	16
Pennsylvania	2	12	34	37	15
South Dakota	2	6	21	51	20
Tennessee	7	12	30	39	12
Texas	5	5	21	51	18
Wisconsin	2	5	12	43	38
18 States	3	7	19	47	24
Previous week	2	7	19	49	23
Previous year	3	7	22	49	19

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Blooming — Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2009 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
Arkansas	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Illinois	76	81	88	81
Indiana	61	79	89	82
Iowa	65	79	87	78
Kansas	89	82	91	90
Kentucky	76	56	71	80
Louisiana	62	75	80	67
Michigan	92	91	96	94
Minnesota	66	76	89	81
Mississippi	75	80	91	88
Missouri	99	97	99	99
Nebraska	58	52	66	65
North Carolina	87	73	90	88
North Dakota	51	43	64	53
Ohio	76	90	96	91
South Dakota	84	79	87	89
Tennessee	80	66	81	87
Wisconsin	75	74	83	84
18 States	58	64	82	78
	74	75	86	83

Soybeans Setting Pods — Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2009 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
Arkansas	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Illinois	48	55	71	60
Indiana	17	36	55	45
Iowa	17	42	59	35
Kansas	57	44	63	61
Kentucky	32	13	26	40
Louisiana	28	33	45	37
Michigan	80	75	85	84
Minnesota	14	31	52	45
Mississippi	30	25	48	48
Missouri	89	87	89	92
Nebraska	18	18	30	30
North Carolina	45	26	48	52
North Dakota	15	13	31	19
Ohio	27	40	69	63
South Dakota	29	36	55	45
Tennessee	32	22	36	36
Wisconsin	44	44	59	64
18 States	19	20	37	41
18 States	33	35	53	48

Soybean Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	4	16	33	37	10
Illinois	3	6	27	48	16
Indiana	3	8	25	47	17
Iowa	3	7	19	46	25
Kansas	2	5	26	53	14
Kentucky	4	10	29	38	19
Louisiana	1	11	33	48	7
Michigan	2	5	21	48	24
Minnesota	1	2	10	56	31
Mississippi	1	14	27	38	17
Missouri	4	15	31	40	8
Nebraska	6	4	17	56	21
North Carolina	2	16	35	41	6
North Dakota	2	2	10	68	18
Ohio	3	9	28	47	13
South Dakota	3	10	22	52	13
Tennessee	2	6	27	51	14
Wisconsin	1	3	15	48	33
18 States	3	8	23	48	18
Previous week	3	7	23	49	18
Previous year	2	6	25	52	15

Sorghum Headed — Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2009 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	93	98	99	92
Colorado	34	20	37	41
Illinois	14	36	53	55
Kansas	20	17	34	35
Louisiana	100	100	100	97
Missouri	36	37	55	58
Nebraska	15	21	45	35
New Mexico	18	5	13	19
Oklahoma	29	56	60	31
South Dakota	26	19	45	49
Texas	76	72	77	76
11 States	45	43	55	53

Sorghum Coloring — Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2009 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	37	55	69	50
Colorado	21	12	17	14
Illinois	-	2	14	5
Kansas	-	1	3	2
Louisiana	85	83	93	76
Missouri	6	6	10	9
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	2
Oklahoma	3	13	14	8
South Dakota	7	-	1	6
Texas	65	56	58	63
11 States	29	26	28	29

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Arkansas	4	12	48	34	2
Colorado	1	5	28	51	15
Illinois	2	4	27	54	13
Kansas	1	5	28	58	8
Louisiana	-	1	32	60	7
Missouri	2	7	32	55	4
Nebraska	-	2	15	67	16
New Mexico	-	1	42	56	1
Oklahoma	1	1	28	55	15
South Dakota	-	-	9	71	20
Texas	2	4	24	59	11
11 States	1	4	26	59	10
Previous week	1	3	25	61	10
Previous year	11	10	29	42	8

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Pegging — Selected States

[These 8 States planted 97% of the 2009 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
Alabama	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Florida	45	51	59	56
Georgia	78	75	80	90
North Carolina	80	86	94	89
Oklahoma	100	96	100	97
South Carolina	86	85	89	93
Texas	95	92	95	92
Virginia	91	84	87	86
8 States	84	53	60	85
	79	80	86	85

Peanut Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Alabama	5	12	55	23	5
Florida	-	2	25	60	13
Georgia	2	9	36	43	10
North Carolina	3	18	47	31	1
Oklahoma	3	-	7	78	12
South Carolina	-	8	19	67	6
Texas	-	22	46	57	34
Virginia	-	-	-	32	-
8 States	2	8	33	45	12
Previous week	-	4	27	54	15
Previous year	-	3	28	59	10

- Represents zero.

Rice Headed — Selected States

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2009 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	28	57	74	38
California	22	-	5	18
Louisiana	85	85	95	86
Mississippi	45	78	87	65
Missouri	7	38	60	38
Texas	92	76	82	90
6 States	39	52	65	47

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acres]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	6	31	44	18
California	-	5	10	72	13
Louisiana	-	2	19	47	32
Mississippi	-	4	15	50	31
Missouri	-	3	12	53	32
Texas	1	5	20	61	13
6 States	1	5	22	51	21
Previous week	-	5	22	50	23
Previous year	1	6	31	46	16

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Harvested — Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 89% of the 2009 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	100	97	100	100
Colorado	92	85	98	98
Idaho	16	1	5	19
Illinois	99	100	100	100
Indiana	100	100	100	100
Kansas	100	100	100	100
Michigan	72	97	100	91
Missouri	100	100	100	100
Montana	10	-	3	45
Nebraska	94	80	95	98
North Carolina	100	100	100	100
Ohio	100	100	100	100
Oklahoma	100	100	100	98
Oregon	74	20	41	62
South Dakota	60	61	85	81
Texas	99	100	100	99
Washington	35	8	23	39
18 States	83	79	83	88

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Headed — Selected States

[These 6 States planted 99% of the 2009 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	100	86	97	99
Minnesota	98	100	100	99
Montana	94	79	92	98
North Dakota	97	97	99	99
South Dakota	100	100	100	100
Washington	100	100	100	100
6 States	97	94	98	99

Spring Wheat Harvested — Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2009 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	1	(NA)	1	3
Minnesota	2	(NA)	9	10
Montana	-	(NA)	-	9
North Dakota	-	(NA)	1	10
South Dakota	16	(NA)	31	36
Washington	18	(NA)	5	18
6 States	3	(NA)	5	13

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Spring Wheat Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	-	-	5	89	6
Minnesota	1	3	9	52	35
Montana	-	2	19	59	20
North Dakota	1	2	13	70	14
South Dakota	1	4	27	50	18
Washington	-	3	18	60	19
6 States	1	2	15	64	18
Previous week	1	2	14	64	19
Previous year	1	5	23	57	14

- Represents zero.

Barley Headed — Selected States

[These 5 States planted 79% of the 2009 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	100	91	97	99
Minnesota	99	100	100	99
Montana	90	83	93	94
North Dakota	100	94	99	100
Washington	100	100	100	100
5 States	97	90	97	98

Barley Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	-	2	3	89	6
Minnesota	1	3	13	47	36
Montana	1	1	13	55	30
North Dakota	1	5	11	70	13
Washington	-	-	11	69	20
5 States	1	3	10	68	18
Previous week	-	3	11	71	15
Previous year	1	4	17	61	17

- Represents zero.

Oats Harvested — Selected States

[These 9 States harvested 67% of the 2009 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	August 1, 2009	July 25, 2010	August 1, 2010	
Iowa	59	57	83	70
Minnesota	12	17	34	36
Nebraska	67	54	87	84
North Dakota	-	1	4	17
Ohio	49	49	96	55
Pennsylvania	22	41	65	33
South Dakota	24	15	41	52
Texas	100	96	97	99
Wisconsin	11	25	42	35
9 States	26	30	47	44

- Represents zero.

Oat Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2009 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	2	8	22	55	13
Minnesota	1	2	13	60	24
Nebraska	1	1	10	63	25
North Dakota	1	1	20	71	7
Ohio	-	2	23	64	11
Pennsylvania	-	6	23	48	23
South Dakota	1	4	15	61	19
Texas	2	7	18	52	21
Wisconsin	1	8	19	50	22
9 States	1	5	18	58	18
Previous week	1	4	17	59	19
Previous year	15	9	20	46	10

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition — Selected States: Week Ending August 1, 2010

[National pasture and range conditions for selected States are weighted based on pasture acreage and/or livestock inventories]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Alabama	2	29	39	28	2
Arizona	22	24	39	12	3
Arkansas	1	15	48	33	3
California	5	20	20	55	-
Colorado	1	7	40	43	9
Connecticut	4	24	34	33	5
Delaware	19	28	43	10	-
Florida	-	1	25	55	19
Georgia	3	18	46	30	3
Idaho	-	8	23	61	8
Illinois	2	6	25	54	13
Indiana	2	7	26	50	15
Iowa	1	7	22	48	22
Kansas	2	4	25	59	10
Kentucky	6	11	26	49	8
Louisiana	2	14	38	38	8
Maine	-	9	32	52	7
Maryland	30	30	26	13	1
Massachusetts	-	2	30	68	-
Michigan	3	6	22	48	21
Minnesota	-	2	11	63	24
Mississippi	4	11	35	40	10
Missouri	12	10	26	41	11
Montana	-	3	19	59	19
Nebraska	-	2	8	74	16
Nevada	1	7	39	40	13
New Hampshire	9	8	31	52	-
New Jersey	-	10	55	35	-
New Mexico	7	12	34	40	7
New York	1	5	32	53	9
North Carolina	11	24	35	29	1
North Dakota	-	2	27	58	13
Ohio	1	6	30	50	13
Oklahoma	1	5	31	53	10
Oregon	2	14	32	46	6
Pennsylvania	19	23	30	26	2
Rhode Island	-	-	50	50	-
South Carolina	4	16	36	44	-
South Dakota	1	4	13	62	20
Tennessee	5	19	43	31	2
Texas	2	10	29	43	16
Utah	-	4	26	61	9
Vermont	-	23	24	43	10
Virginia	43	30	17	10	-
Washington	10	2	27	43	18
West Virginia	13	17	35	28	7
Wisconsin	1	2	10	64	23
Wyoming	-	1	15	71	13
48 States	4	10	26	48	12
Previous week	4	9	25	49	13
Previous year	11	13	27	40	9

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested, Condition

Corn: Silking, Dough, Dented, Condition

Cotton: Setting Bolls, Bolls Opening, Condition

Oats: Harvested, Condition

Pasture and Range: Condition

Peanuts: Pegging, Condition

Rice: Headed, Harvested, Condition

Sorghum: Headed, Coloring, Mature, Condition

Soybeans: Blooming, Setting Pods, Condition

Spring Wheat: Harvested, Condition

Winter Wheat: Harvested

Statistical Methodology

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 approximately 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 the progress of crops through various stages of development, as well as the progress of producer activities. 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 entire 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 2009 season, over 80 percent of the data were being submitted through the internet website. As a result, the majority 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.

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 at 12:00 pm ET on the second business day of the week. These estimates are subject to revision the following week.

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