



Crop Progress

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Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	73	93	95	91
Arizona	97	97	98	99
Arkansas	93	100	100	98
California	94	80	85	89
Georgia	96	96	98	93
Kansas	55	95	100	72
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Mississippi	94	100	100	98
Missouri	80	100	100	95
North Carolina	94	99	100	98
Oklahoma	92	100	100	93
South Carolina	94	92	96	93
Tennessee	92	100	100	98
Texas	80	88	92	82
Virginia	89	93	97	97
15 States	85	92	95	88

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	7	45	58	34
Arizona	34	20	22	30
Arkansas	8	72	87	54
California	22	5	10	14
Georgia	8	26	34	22
Kansas	-	2	8	4
Louisiana	23	83	88	71
Mississippi	3	86	92	60
Missouri	4	73	82	50
North Carolina	13	26	39	25
Oklahoma	7	16	30	12
South Carolina	21	26	41	27
Tennessee	3	65	82	45
Texas	19	21	26	24
Virginia	24	30	44	31
15 States	15	33	41	30

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 17, 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)
Alabama	10	25	39	25	1
Arizona	-	1	18	43	38
Arkansas	1	5	28	45	21
California	-	-	20	55	25
Georgia	12	22	33	28	5
Kansas	2	6	26	57	9
Louisiana	1	14	30	51	4
Mississippi	3	9	28	45	15
Missouri	11	20	27	35	7
North Carolina	5	22	40	29	4
Oklahoma	2	9	33	40	16
South Carolina	2	15	28	50	5
Tennessee	1	4	27	58	10
Texas	3	8	29	45	15
Virginia	19	29	35	17	-
15 States	4	11	30	42	13
Previous week	4	11	30	42	13
Previous year	10	15	31	35	9

- Represents zero.

Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2009 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	33	32	53	33
Illinois	10	87	93	54
Indiana	14	80	90	39
Iowa	9	40	66	27
Kansas	43	81	89	67
Kentucky	52	96	98	80
Michigan	3	45	60	22
Minnesota	3	17	47	26
Missouri	40	74	84	68
Nebraska	13	29	50	29
North Carolina	89	95	100	92
North Dakota	1	6	22	18
Ohio	8	47	64	23
Pennsylvania	24	41	53	43
South Dakota	5	18	34	23
Tennessee	63	98	99	89
Texas	84	80	89	88
Wisconsin	5	30	50	22
18 States	16	51	68	39

Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	25	53	71	51
Illinois	13	79	90	64
Indiana	26	79	90	59
Iowa	36	80	94	73
Kansas	41	43	61	51
Kentucky	24	61	75	42
Louisiana	64	87	92	85
Michigan	25	66	84	53
Minnesota	33	82	96	76
Mississippi	48	90	95	83
Missouri	21	36	58	42
Nebraska	54	71	89	69
North Carolina	8	9	15	9
North Dakota	20	68	90	69
Ohio	33	60	80	59
South Dakota	29	66	85	66
Tennessee	21	62	79	48
Wisconsin	13	63	86	49
18 States	29	67	83	62

Sugarbeets Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 84% of the 2009 sugarbeet acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	40	23	38	32
Michigan	21	33	35	19
Minnesota	58	59	91	73
North Dakota	66	61	95	77
4 States	52	50	75	59

Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

[These 8 States harvested 98% of the 2009 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	13	33	45	35
Florida	49	62	77	60
Georgia	30	34	51	44
North Carolina	38	20	31	52
Oklahoma	18	25	40	27
South Carolina	57	62	80	55
Texas	34	34	52	29
Virginia	45	12	20	50
8 States	32	37	52	43

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 17, 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)
Alabama	14	28	47	10	1
Florida	4	30	27	29	10
Georgia	6	14	34	36	10
North Carolina	4	21	52	23	-
Oklahoma	-	1	18	71	10
South Carolina	-	3	32	57	8
Texas	-	1	22	61	16
Virginia	36	40	22	2	-
8 States	6	16	34	35	9
Previous week	6	17	32	36	9
Previous year	-	2	30	56	12

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	79	89	98	81
Illinois	82	91	92	91
Kansas	70	88	94	76
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	75	92	96	88
Nebraska	74	89	94	85
New Mexico	38	43	63	33
Oklahoma	48	80	91	61
South Dakota	88	97	99	92
Texas	71	92	94	83
11 States	71	89	94	79

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 99% of the 2009 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	85	100	100	96
Colorado	24	15	26	27
Illinois	18	61	76	53
Kansas	10	40	55	30
Louisiana	98	100	100	100
Missouri	23	57	74	54
Nebraska	7	15	28	24
New Mexico	10	15	25	8
Oklahoma	19	38	49	33
South Dakota	23	53	85	45
Texas	69	73	74	74
11 States	35	52	62	48

Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 85% of the 2009 sunflower acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	36	43	65	47
Kansas	11	14	28	25
North Dakota	7	6	24	19
South Dakota	3	14	31	21
4 States	8	11	29	22

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	65	95	98	87
California	89	20	30	78
Louisiana	97	99	100	99
Mississippi	58	98	100	89
Missouri	59	100	100	84
Texas	100	100	100	100
6 States	75	83	87	88

Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 89% of the 2010 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	15	11	20	27
California	22	10	10	15
Colorado	94	96	98	97
Idaho	84	82	87	86
Illinois	13	56	75	57
Indiana	21	51	67	58
Kansas	73	71	86	80
Michigan	50	73	89	71
Missouri	15	29	54	38
Montana	91	81	90	93
Nebraska	95	95	98	96
North Carolina	6	5	10	11
Ohio	43	56	83	66
Oklahoma	73	66	78	77
Oregon	73	69	80	70
South Dakota	89	86	95	94
Texas	72	66	73	72
Washington	94	87	94	90
18 States	71	70	80	77

Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 89% of the 2010 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2005-2009 Average
	October 17, 2009	October 10, 2010	October 17, 2010	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	9	2	5	10
California	4	-	2	3
Colorado	73	67	73	80
Idaho	46	41	58	42
Illinois	6	13	27	21
Indiana	4	8	21	20
Kansas	47	31	50	54
Michigan	22	25	55	34
Missouri	9	6	18	17
Montana	53	45	61	59
Nebraska	76	68	81	82
North Carolina	-	-	1	2
Ohio	13	12	38	28
Oklahoma	58	37	51	55
Oregon	40	34	44	33
South Dakota	69	61	77	73
Texas	48	35	41	47
Washington	72	71	78	65
18 States	49	38	51	52

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending October 17, 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	31	45	22	2	-
Arizona	19	14	31	22	14
Arkansas	28	35	30	5	2
California	5	30	20	45	-
Colorado	1	16	45	35	3
Connecticut	14	17	50	19	-
Delaware	9	29	46	15	1
Florida	1	4	40	45	10
Georgia	17	31	38	13	1
Idaho	1	14	39	45	1
Illinois	12	20	32	33	3
Indiana	52	27	15	6	-
Iowa	3	8	37	41	11
Kansas	4	16	37	40	3
Kentucky	50	33	14	3	-
Louisiana	26	37	29	8	-
Maine	1	16	23	60	-
Maryland	4	18	27	44	7
Massachusetts	-	2	70	26	2
Michigan	4	21	36	31	8
Minnesota	1	5	21	57	16
Mississippi	57	32	9	2	-
Missouri	5	15	34	41	5
Montana	2	8	41	41	8
Nebraska	2	3	25	64	6
Nevada	4	11	74	10	1
New Hampshire	10	8	48	34	-
New Jersey	-	5	40	50	5
New Mexico	6	13	32	44	5
New York	2	23	27	40	8
North Carolina	9	26	39	25	1
North Dakota	-	5	28	56	11
Ohio	8	23	38	26	5
Oklahoma	6	17	43	31	3
Oregon	6	19	49	24	2
Pennsylvania	13	16	37	31	3
Rhode Island	-	-	16	84	-
South Carolina	17	15	40	28	-
South Dakota	2	11	25	55	7
Tennessee	35	28	26	11	-
Texas	8	16	36	34	6
Utah	1	11	35	49	4
Vermont	-	54	41	5	-
Virginia	14	32	38	16	-
Washington	14	9	33	41	3
West Virginia	18	38	37	7	-
Wisconsin	2	9	24	50	15
Wyoming	1	10	38	43	8
48 States	10	18	32	35	5
Previous week	9	17	32	36	6
Previous year	8	12	30	42	8

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Corn: Harvested

Cotton: Harvested, Condition

Pasture and Range: Condition

Peanuts: Harvested

Rice: Harvested

Sorghum: Mature, Harvested

Soybeans: Harvested

Sugarbeets: Harvested

Sunflowers: Harvested

Winter Wheat: Planted, Emerged, Condition

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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USDA Data Users' Meeting
Monday October 25, 2010

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Marie Jordan (NASS) at 202-690-8141 or at marie_jordan@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook Meeting that will be held at the same location on Tuesday October 26, 2010. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Meeting, see the Livestock and Marketing Information Center (LMIC) homepage at <http://www.lmic.info/> or contact Erica Rosa 303-236-0461 at rosa@lmic.info or Laura Lahr 303-236-0464 at lahr@lmic.info.