



Crop Progress

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Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 98% of the 2011 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	November 18, 2011	November 11, 2012	November 18, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	78	74	90	81
Arizona	59	50	55	64
Arkansas	99	99	99	95
California	88	87	95	87
Georgia	77	62	73	70
Kansas	68	66	78	46
Louisiana	100	100	100	98
Mississippi	100	97	99	97
Missouri	95	89	95	94
North Carolina	84	61	78	83
Oklahoma	63	74	79	57
South Carolina	82	63	73	81
Tennessee	98	92	98	93
Texas	81	71	80	65
Virginia	89	72	90	84
15 States	85	75	84	77

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 98% of the 2011 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	November 18, 2011	November 11, 2012	November 18, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	81	80	91	83
Illinois	85	99	100	90
Kansas	93	89	96	86
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	95	92	96	90
Nebraska	96	99	100	83
New Mexico	51	63	77	72
Oklahoma	73	95	98	77
South Dakota	99	100	100	92
Texas	88	85	91	87
11 States	91	89	95	87

Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 87% of the 2011 sunflower acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	November 18, 2011	November 11, 2012	November 18, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	83	88	94	87
Kansas	90	83	93	83
North Dakota	99	91	96	89
South Dakota	98	100	100	83
4 States	96	93	97	86

Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 88% of the 2011 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	November 18, 2011	November 11, 2012	November 18, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	77	66	84	67
California	49	20	35	36
Colorado	99	90	91	97
Idaho	97	88	95	95
Illinois	93	81	87	87
Indiana	93	86	93	87
Kansas	95	92	95	91
Michigan	94	91	98	96
Missouri	80	69	80	71
Montana	88	63	66	94
Nebraska	100	91	92	100
North Carolina	42	23	30	39
Ohio	75	77	90	90
Oklahoma	91	82	86	88
Oregon	80	76	80	80
South Dakota	100	43	53	99
Texas	61	74	79	72
Washington	93	90	93	91
18 States	86	79	84	86

Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 18, 2012

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2011 planted acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Arkansas	-	2	24	60	14
California	-	-	10	35	55
Colorado	7	33	41	18	1
Idaho	-	2	28	55	15
Illinois	1	3	24	70	2
Indiana	-	2	28	60	10
Kansas	6	18	46	29	1
Michigan	-	1	22	62	15
Missouri	-	2	39	51	8
Montana	3	7	67	21	2
Nebraska	13	27	43	17	-
North Carolina	-	1	26	71	2
Ohio	-	1	26	58	15
Oklahoma	10	34	43	12	1
Oregon	-	-	61	37	2
South Dakota	12	48	36	4	-
Texas	5	20	45	26	4
Washington	-	3	40	50	7
18 States	5	19	42	30	4
Previous week	5	17	42	32	4
Previous year	6	10	34	43	7

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Cotton: Harvested

Winter Wheat: 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 4,000 respondents 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 respondents 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 respondents 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, respondents 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 2011 season, over 90 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.

Respondents 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 respondent 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 subject to revision the following week.

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