



Crop Progress

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Special Note

COMING SOON - NASS's annual December surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of December, NASS will survey approximately 85,000 United States producers. One of USDA's largest survey efforts, the responses will provide the final information about the 2012 U.S. row crops focusing on harvested acreage, production, and storage. In addition, hog producers will be asked about their current inventory, pig crop, and farrowing intentions for the next six months. With both data collection and data release taking place over a span of only four weeks, the results will be available beginning with the *Hogs and Pigs* report on December 28, followed by the *Annual Crop Production Summary* and other reports on January 11. **Farmers should watch for their survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	November 25, 2011	November 18, 2012	November 25, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	84	90	95	87
Arizona	65	55	65	69
Arkansas	100	99	100	97
California	93	95	98	94
Georgia	83	73	79	79
Kansas	84	78	84	57
Louisiana	100	100	100	99
Mississippi	100	99	100	99
Missouri	97	95	97	96
North Carolina	91	78	88	90
Oklahoma	74	79	86	65
South Carolina	87	73	80	89
Tennessee	99	98	99	97
Texas	90	80	87	76
Virginia	92	90	94	90
15 States	90	84	89	85

Winter Wheat Emerged – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2007-2011 Average
	November 25, 2011	November 18, 2012	November 25, 2012	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	89	84	94	80
California	61	35	55	49
Colorado	99	91	94	98
Idaho	99	95	97	98
Illinois	97	87	94	93
Indiana	96	93	97	92
Kansas	97	95	97	94
Michigan	99	98	100	99
Missouri	88	80	90	79
Montana	89	66	68	95
Nebraska	100	92	95	100
North Carolina	58	30	45	52
Ohio	87	90	94	95
Oklahoma	96	86	89	93
Oregon	87	80	89	91
South Dakota	100	53	60	100
Texas	71	79	85	78
Washington	97	93	97	95
18 States	91	84	88	90

Winter Wheat Condition - Selected States: Week Ending November 25, 2012

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	2	33	52	11
California	-	-	10	40	50
Colorado	8	26	48	18	-
Idaho	-	1	22	64	13
Illinois	-	5	26	65	4
Indiana	-	1	27	53	19
Kansas	6	19	46	28	1
Michigan	-	3	25	52	20
Missouri	-	3	44	48	5
Montana	2	7	62	27	2
Nebraska	15	31	40	14	-
North Carolina	1	2	30	65	2
Ohio	-	1	29	58	12
Oklahoma	12	32	42	13	1
Oregon	-	-	39	60	1
South Dakota	24	40	34	2	-
Texas	12	28	39	18	3
Washington	-	3	30	56	11
18 States	7	19	41	29	4
Previous week	5	19	42	30	4
Previous year	4	9	35	45	7

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Today's publication is the last weekly *Crop Progress* report issued for the 2012 season. The first weekly report for 2013 will be released on Monday, April 1, 2013.

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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