

# Crop Progress

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Note: These data are preliminary and will be released after 4:00 p.m. each Monday, except for holidays. See tomorrow's Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin for final progress and condition estimates.

**Corn: Percent Dough,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	100	98	98	94
IL	98	95	100	100
IN	97	94	100	100
IA	92	82	99	99
KS	100	97	100	100
KY	100	99	100	100
MI	93	90	99	93
MN	97	94	100	97
MO	95	92	100	100
NE	97	94	100	99
NC	100	100	100	100
ND	89	82	100	95
OH	100	92	99	99
PA	94	90	98	94
SD	98	93	100	99
TN	100	100	100	100
TX	99	98	100	100
WI	84	76	97	91
18 Sts	96	91	100	98

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 91% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Dented,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	80	57	73	72
IL	77	60	98	96
IN	77	61	93	89
IA	71	50	95	92
KS	94	85	98	97
KY	93	85	98	96
MI	78	68	83	71
MN	81	61	99	87
MO	81	72	98	98
NE	85	70	97	91
NC	99	96	100	99
ND	55	34	90	80
OH	83	63	89	85
PA	70	62	81	76
SD	81	63	93	87
TN	100	98	100	100
TX	95	90	100	98
WI	48	31	84	69
18 Sts	78	62	95	89

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 91% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Mature,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	34	11	31	26
IL	16	4	81	58
IN	19	8	54	42
IA	11	3	61	45
KS	41	28	78	72
KY	74	61	90	80
MI	16	10	38	23
MN	6	2	61	31
MO	30	17	82	82
NE	9	5	41	30
NC	95	84	99	93
ND	2	1	39	28
OH	18	10	25	19
PA	32	25	48	36
SD	7	2	37	28
TN	76	58	100	92
TX	67	66	84	83
WI	8	5	30	19
18 Sts	19	11	58	44

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 91% of last year's corn acreage.

**Rice: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	16	5	38	36
CA	4	0	13	9
LA	73	48	88	90
MS	20	8	62	50
MO	6	0	38	19
TX	91	90	91	93
6 Sts	25	14	44	41

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States harvested 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Soybeans: Percent Dropping Leaves,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	12	8	42	38
IL	7	2	52	39
IN	32	18	57	48
IA	16	5	46	44
KS	21	9	37	39
KY	16	7	41	24
LA	57	52	76	67
MI	28	11	21	25
MN	18	5	71	49
MS	51	40	81	82
MO	5	2	24	24
NE	13	3	22	27
NC	11	6	18	14
ND	30	12	66	52
OH	37	20	47	41
SD	43	26	56	59
TN	36	23	69	45
WI	27	5	33	34
18 Sts	21	10	48	41

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	NA	1	1
CA	5	NA	7	2
CO	34	NA	19	30
ID	14	NA	21	14
IL	1	NA	1	1
IN	0	NA	0	1
KS	5	NA	6	9
MI	2	NA	2	4
MO	0	NA	1	1
MT	7	NA	23	21
NE	18	NA	30	31
NC	0	NA	0	1
OH	0	0	0	0
OK	11	NA	10	17
OR	15	NA	12	8
SD	18	NA	29	28
TX	8	NA	7	20
WA	35	NA	47	39
18 Sts	11	NA	12	16

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Bolls Opening,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	61	53	68	63
AZ	80	70	76	78
AR	60	28	84	73
CA	41	25	51	48
GA	53	37	39	56
KS	16	15	11	20
LA	84	65	84	83
MS	58	39	88	83
MO	46	28	92	60
NC	57	35	82	62
OK	41	29	30	44
SC	39	19	51	44
TN	45	25	94	61
TX	22	21	31	34
VA	54	31	78	70
15 Sts	40	29	52	50

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States planted 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1	NA	4	4
AZ	15	NA	9	5
AR	0	NA	8	4
CA	0	NA	0	0
GA	1	NA	0	2
KS	0	NA	0	0
LA	5	NA	1	11
MS	0	NA	4	9
MO	0	NA	18	4
NC	0	NA	1	0
OK	0	NA	0	0
SC	0	NA	0	0
TN	0	NA	4	2
TX	14	NA	8	16
VA	0	NA	0	0
15 Sts	7	NA	6	9

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States harvested 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Headed,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	100	100	100	98
IL	100	100	100	99
KS	95	92	100	98
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	97	96	99	100
NE	100	99	100	99
NM	86	82	86	90
OK	89	80	95	94
SD	100	97	100	100
TX	96	93	100	96
11 Sts	96	93	100	97

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 95% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Coloring,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	97	100	100
CO	96	91	74	60
IL	52	39	95	90
KS	63	52	85	75
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	61	52	80	88
NE	68	45	91	81
NM	49	*45	60	47
OK	59	45	67	68
SD	85	67	93	87
TX	75	73	95	76
11 Sts	71	64	89	77

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 95% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Mature,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	89	79	100	95
CO	41	20	36	25
IL	5	0	82	55
KS	10	5	17	21
LA	100	100	100	99
MO	23	10	38	47
NE	1	0	12	13
NM	2	1	5	5
OK	25	20	17	30
SD	5	2	33	24
TX	67	66	84	66
11 Sts	38	34	49	43

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 95% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28	10	85	73
CO	3	0	4	1
IL	0	0	16	6
KS	0	0	2	6
LA	86	74	92	93
MO	4	1	12	15
NE	0	0	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	11	8	6	13
SD	0	0	2	1
TX	66	65	79	62
11 Sts	29	28	37	32

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 96% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Barley: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	85	67	99	94
MN	99	95	100	96
MT	81	76	100	96
ND	100	97	100	97
WA	95	75	100	100
5 Sts	92	85	100	96

<sup>1</sup> These 5 States harvested 85% of last year's barley acreage.

**Spring Wheat: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2003- 2007 Avg.
	Sep 14, 2008	Sep 7, 2008	Sep 14, 2007	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	91	75	99	97
MN	97	87	100	91
MT	86	82	99	94
ND	91	87	99	93
SD	100	100	100	100
WA	96	83	100	100
6 Sts	92	87	99	94

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States harvested 99% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 14, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	5	11	30	32	22
IL	3	6	25	52	14
IN	3	11	31	43	12
IA	3	9	25	48	15
KS	3	8	30	49	10
KY	2	10	21	39	28
MI	7	14	29	35	15
MN	5	9	24	52	10
MO	4	15	34	38	9
NE	2	4	17	55	22
NC	25	26	30	15	4
ND	2	6	23	55	14
OH	9	19	37	29	6
PA	1	13	22	45	19
SD	2	4	17	51	26
TN	3	15	34	42	6
TX	16	16	26	38	4
WI	7	15	32	39	7
18 Sts	4	9	26	47	14
Prev Wk	4	9	26	47	14
Prev Yr	5	9	23	46	17

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 14, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	4	13	33	37	13
IL	3	6	28	53	10
IN	5	12	36	38	9
IA	3	9	28	47	13
KS	0	4	24	52	20
KY	5	15	27	35	18
LA	20	32	38	10	0
MI	9	16	30	35	10
MN	3	7	25	49	16
MS	6	13	32	37	12
MO	5	16	36	34	9
NE	2	6	23	55	14
NC	2	13	32	43	10
ND	1	5	15	61	18
OH	10	21	39	25	5
SD	1	4	21	51	23
TN	9	17	33	37	4
WI	7	15	30	39	9
18 Sts	4	10	29	45	12
Prev Wk	4	10	29	44	13
Prev Yr	6	11	27	43	13

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 14, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2	1	26	54	17
FL	0	0	29	55	16
GA	2	4	29	53	12
NC	0	2	28	60	10
OK	0	2	22	70	6
SC	0	4	23	63	10
TX	1	4	31	61	3
VA	0	12	45	34	9
8 Sts	1	3	29	56	11
Prev Wk	1	3	28	56	12
Prev Yr	7	13	32	37	11

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 14, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	2	9	30	45	14
CA	0	5	21	60	14
LA	6	22	39	27	6
MS	0	4	11	48	37
MO	0	1	9	49	41
TX	3	3	28	50	16
6 Sts	2	9	27	46	16
Prev Wk	2	8	29	44	17
Prev Yr	0	3	26	51	20

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2007 planted acres.

**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 14, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	3	12	38	41	6
AZ	0	2	16	67	15
AR	1	10	35	42	12
CA	0	0	5	40	55
GA	4	10	44	35	7
KS	5	10	30	45	10
LA	24	30	39	7	0
MS	7	10	23	42	18
MO	3	8	23	57	9
NC	2	11	33	44	10
OK	4	12	39	35	10
SC	5	11	49	33	2
TN	0	8	33	52	7
TX	9	18	33	31	9
VA	0	19	48	25	8
15 Sts	6	14	33	36	11
Prev Wk	6	14	31	37	12
Prev Yr	7	14	30	37	12

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 14, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	0	9	41	38	12
CO	4	13	44	37	2
IL	3	2	17	61	17
KS	2	8	28	51	11
LA	0	11	44	42	3
MO	1	7	39	45	8
NE	0	3	23	56	18
NM	0	32	33	34	1
OK	1	14	31	50	4
SD	3	4	24	53	16
TX	5	14	36	40	5
11 Sts	3	11	32	46	8
Prev Wk	3	11	33	44	9
Prev Yr	2	7	26	50	15

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2007 planted acres.

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Sep 14, 2008**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX	State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	4	15	32	40	9	NJ	0	0	70	30	0
AZ	2	23	33	30	12	NM	3	8	24	48	17
AR	0	2	25	54	19	NY	0	5	23	59	13
CA	81	19	0	0	0	NC	10	14	37	34	5
CO	8	20	39	26	7	ND	17	26	32	22	3
CT	0	3	26	59	12	OH	17	28	32	21	2
DE	35	48	13	3	1	OK	2	7	32	50	9
FL	5	5	25	55	10	OR	23	32	34	11	0
GA	4	12	43	38	3	PA	13	28	40	15	4
ID	3	22	42	30	3	RI	0	10	30	40	20
IL	2	6	30	54	8	SC	6	21	37	35	1
IN	11	24	37	25	3	SD	1	9	25	50	15
IA	4	13	32	42	9	TN	11	25	38	25	1
KS	4	8	25	54	9	TX	8	15	38	32	7
KY	29	29	29	12	1	UT	9	14	29	41	7
LA	6	12	46	33	3	VT	0	29	28	40	3
ME	0	0	16	67	17	VA	8	23	42	25	2
MD	3	23	41	30	3	WA	10	28	38	22	2
MA	0	0	25	75	0	WV	3	16	40	40	1
MI	13	28	31	24	4	WI	11	31	34	22	2
MN	12	24	33	29	2	WY	2	13	44	34	7
MS	2	4	32	50	12						
MO	1	6	30	54	9	48 Sts	11	16	31	35	7
MT	7	20	38	29	6						
NE	3	11	27	52	7	Prev Wk	11	17	32	34	6
NV	11	20	44	24	1	Prev Yr	16	18	27	31	8
NH	0	0	31	57	12						

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2007 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, 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:

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**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.

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