



Crop Progress

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NASS Survey Update!

In September, NASS will survey U.S. small grains growers for final production. USDA relies on these numbers for farm programs that benefit producers. We will also ask hog producers about their summer pig crop, current inventory, and farrowing intentions for the next six months. Responses provide the foundation for the 2017 production estimates. **You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.** Your information matters! NASS will release the results at the end of September at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. Small Grains County Estimates come out December 14.

Corn Dough – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	77	50	63	78
Illinois	94	91	94	94
Indiana	93	80	89	88
Iowa	93	78	88	85
Kansas	91	83	89	92
Kentucky	87	76	86	84
Michigan	76	56	70	76
Minnesota	94	72	85	83
Missouri	96	90	96	94
Nebraska	94	83	94	92
North Carolina	100	97	99	98
North Dakota	82	50	73	78
Ohio	85	70	85	85
Pennsylvania	76	47	56	74
South Dakota	90	65	79	87
Tennessee	99	96	97	98
Texas	99	92	95	93
Wisconsin	83	51	68	70
18 States	91	76	86	87

Corn Dented – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	41	7	15	35
Illinois	65	41	54	63
Indiana	59	40	53	50
Iowa	62	21	41	50
Kansas	62	40	58	61
Kentucky	72	57	71	69
Michigan	30	11	23	27
Minnesota	54	13	33	43
Missouri	77	64	79	74
Nebraska	58	28	51	56
North Carolina	95	89	92	92
North Dakota	38	6	18	31
Ohio	41	16	35	41
Pennsylvania	44	6	19	42
South Dakota	42	13	23	40
Tennessee	89	72	85	84
Texas	73	77	82	75
Wisconsin	46	5	17	29
18 States	57	29	44	51

Corn Mature – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	1
Illinois	6	(NA)	2	14
Indiana	7	(NA)	3	7
Iowa	3	(NA)	1	7
Kansas	14	3	15	20
Kentucky	31	23	39	32
Michigan	-	(NA)	-	2
Minnesota	-	(NA)	-	1
Missouri	19	2	11	25
Nebraska	4	(NA)	1	7
North Carolina	79	56	72	75
North Dakota	1	(NA)	1	2
Ohio	4	(NA)	1	3
Pennsylvania	2	-	-	5
South Dakota	4	-	-	3
Tennessee	39	20	38	32
Texas	64	60	63	63
Wisconsin	3	(NA)	-	1
18 States	8	(NA)	6	10

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2016 corn acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	-	6	21	62	11
Illinois	4	10	34	42	10
Indiana	6	12	30	41	11
Iowa	3	9	28	50	10
Kansas	4	12	29	41	14
Kentucky	1	3	16	62	18
Michigan	3	10	32	41	14
Minnesota	1	2	15	64	18
Missouri	2	7	29	50	12
Nebraska	4	9	24	47	16
North Carolina	1	6	20	48	25
North Dakota	5	13	32	46	4
Ohio	2	7	32	44	15
Pennsylvania	-	1	7	42	50
South Dakota	9	15	30	42	4
Tennessee	1	3	10	49	37
Texas	-	3	18	57	22
Wisconsin	3	8	20	46	23
18 States	3	9	26	48	14
Previous week	3	9	26	48	14
Previous year	2	5	18	54	21

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2016 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	98	96	98	96
Illinois	93	92	96	93
Indiana	93	86	93	94
Iowa	95	88	94	93
Kansas	80	79	88	78
Kentucky	82	71	79	79
Louisiana	99	100	100	98
Michigan	91	85	90	95
Minnesota	97	91	95	95
Mississippi	94	96	98	95
Missouri	82	75	85	77
Nebraska	95	89	97	96
North Carolina	83	64	78	75
North Dakota	97	88	94	97
Ohio	95	83	93	95
South Dakota	96	89	94	95
Tennessee	90	84	90	88
Wisconsin	97	87	91	92
18 States	93	87	93	92

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2016 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	13	15	25	15
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	-
Indiana	4	-	5	5
Iowa	-	(NA)	-	-
Kansas	2	-	3	4
Kentucky	2	(NA)	3	4
Louisiana	36	39	54	39
Michigan	-	-	3	-
Minnesota	-	(NA)	-	2
Mississippi	19	31	44	23
Missouri	-	(NA)	1	1
Nebraska	7	(NA)	3	5
North Carolina	4	(NA)	2	3
North Dakota	12	4	13	12
Ohio	3	(NA)	1	5
South Dakota	13	2	5	12
Tennessee	3	(NA)	3	3
Wisconsin	2	(NA)	-	-
18 States	5	(NA)	6	5

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2016 soybean acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	7	20	53	18
Illinois	4	10	29	50	7
Indiana	5	11	31	42	11
Iowa	3	9	28	51	9
Kansas	2	9	36	46	7
Kentucky	1	4	21	61	13
Louisiana	-	4	26	62	8
Michigan	2	10	33	44	11
Minnesota	1	5	22	58	14
Mississippi	-	4	20	48	28
Missouri	2	6	28	52	12
Nebraska	3	7	25	54	11
North Carolina	1	4	21	63	11
North Dakota	4	12	33	47	4
Ohio	3	10	31	43	13
South Dakota	5	12	34	43	6
Tennessee	2	4	14	50	30
Wisconsin	2	6	19	51	22
18 States	3	8	28	50	11
Previous week	3	9	28	50	10
Previous year	2	5	20	55	18

- Represents zero.

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2016 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	98	97	98	98
Arizona	98	92	96	99
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	99	74	77	97
Georgia	98	94	96	97
Kansas	63	44	54	71
Louisiana	100	99	100	100
Mississippi	93	95	97	96
Missouri	82	90	98	90
North Carolina	96	90	95	97
Oklahoma	80	67	73	88
South Carolina	96	84	95	92
Tennessee	100	97	98	95
Texas	95	86	91	91
Virginia	95	94	96	98
15 States	95	88	93	93

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2016 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	27	6	13	18
Arizona	49	46	60	52
Arkansas	22	9	15	23
California	3	-	4	13
Georgia	28	11	21	22
Kansas	6	7	10	10
Louisiana	60	30	43	51
Mississippi	28	17	23	30
Missouri	3	-	15	11
North Carolina	19	6	11	13
Oklahoma	8	3	4	12
South Carolina	11	9	21	12
Tennessee	16	7	9	17
Texas	21	14	17	20
Virginia	9	-	10	13
15 States	22	12	18	20

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2016 cotton acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	9	23	60	8
Arizona	1	4	14	54	27
Arkansas	1	2	11	54	32
California	-	-	-	10	90
Georgia	2	8	23	52	15
Kansas	2	6	37	49	6
Louisiana	-	7	30	58	5
Mississippi	-	5	24	48	23
Missouri	1	9	31	50	9
North Carolina	1	4	20	55	20
Oklahoma	-	1	12	86	1
South Carolina	-	-	4	54	42
Tennessee	1	3	8	53	35
Texas	8	6	28	39	19
Virginia	-	-	21	79	-
15 States	5	6	24	46	19
Previous week	5	6	26	48	15
Previous year	4	12	36	39	9

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	92	79	91	84
Illinois	85	91	95	90
Kansas	95	79	88	88
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	92	93	96	92
Nebraska	98	92	98	94
New Mexico	72	49	57	55
Oklahoma	89	79	90	86
South Dakota	96	85	96	97
Texas	93	91	95	93
11 States	94	84	91	90

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	98	91	96	95
Colorado	37	16	25	35
Illinois	72	62	72	63
Kansas	47	11	26	34
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	55	53	63	53
Nebraska	70	24	38	39
New Mexico	28	24	33	11
Oklahoma	50	49	51	51
South Dakota	52	22	28	46
Texas	78	79	80	79
11 States	61	40	49	54

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	88	67	77	69
Colorado	1	-	-	3
Illinois	18	22	23	6
Kansas	3	-	3	2
Louisiana	96	90	93	94
Missouri	6	4	13	10
Nebraska	2	-	-	-
New Mexico	2	-	-	-
Oklahoma	16	10	15	15
South Dakota	7	3	4	3
Texas	73	69	71	72
11 States	32	26	29	31

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	16	15	51	25
Colorado	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	-	-
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	79	43	58	74
Missouri	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	1	-	-	3
South Dakota	-	-	-	-
Texas	47	56	58	56
11 States	18	19	21	22

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2016 sorghum acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Arkansas	-	10	36	47	7
Colorado	6	7	13	65	9
Illinois	9	14	34	42	1
Kansas	2	6	32	46	14
Louisiana	-	1	36	59	4
Missouri	1	5	30	61	3
Nebraska	1	2	29	50	18
New Mexico	4	2	41	39	14
Oklahoma	-	4	39	54	3
South Dakota	16	16	60	8	-
Texas	1	3	18	62	16
11 States	2	5	28	52	13
Previous week	2	5	27	56	10
Previous year	1	5	29	52	13

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[These 8 States harvested 96% of the 2016 peanut acreage]

State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Alabama	-	13	19	68	-
Florida	1	5	18	55	21
Georgia	-	5	18	53	24
North Carolina	-	2	16	67	15
Oklahoma	-	-	10	82	8
South Carolina	-	-	6	48	46
Texas	-	-	28	70	2
Virginia	-	1	2	95	2
8 States	-	5	18	59	18
Previous week	-	4	17	59	20
Previous year	1	6	27	52	14

- Represents zero.

Rice Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 100% of the 2016 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	11	3	11	11
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	69	69	81	69
Mississippi	9	5	20	13
Missouri	2	1	1	2
Texas	80	70	87	68
6 States	21	16	24	20

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2016 rice acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	9	20	50	20
California	-	-	13	77	10
Louisiana	-	10	25	55	10
Mississippi	-	1	24	55	20
Missouri	1	3	28	47	21
Texas	-	1	33	44	22
6 States	1	6	21	55	17
Previous week	1	6	24	54	15
Previous year	5	8	27	47	13

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2016 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	73	49	68	71
Minnesota	86	42	65	75
Montana	70	66	85	61
North Dakota	79	52	71	61
South Dakota	91	88	93	85
Washington	76	62	77	80
6 States	79	58	76	66

Oats Harvested – Selected States

[These 9 States harvested 66% of the 2016 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	97	98	100	99
Minnesota	92	64	75	90
Nebraska	98	98	99	99
North Dakota	89	72	85	71
Ohio	100	100	100	99
Pennsylvania	84	77	85	89
South Dakota	99	89	92	97
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	93	62	74	86
9 States	94	78	86	90

Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 85% of the 2016 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2012-2016 Average
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	82	63	74	74
Minnesota	94	81	91	84
Montana	80	72	87	75
North Dakota	88	75	88	71
Washington	77	54	63	80
5 States	84	70	83	73

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[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	-	4	18	60	18
Arizona	7	5	20	43	25
Arkansas	1	5	32	49	13
California	15	20	40	20	5
Colorado	-	10	24	54	12
Connecticut	20	35	15	30	-
Delaware	2	9	46	34	9
Florida	1	5	21	51	22
Georgia	2	7	27	58	6
Idaho	4	13	24	51	8
Illinois	8	16	41	34	1
Indiana	5	14	35	41	5
Iowa	17	23	35	22	3
Kansas	2	8	34	50	6
Kentucky	2	6	25	60	7
Louisiana	3	6	31	53	7
Maine	2	8	64	26	-
Maryland	1	5	16	39	39
Massachusetts	-	-	20	80	-
Michigan	6	19	34	34	7
Minnesota	4	12	26	52	6
Mississippi	-	6	24	57	13
Missouri	1	5	33	55	6
Montana	41	26	25	8	-
Nebraska	7	20	43	26	4
Nevada	-	10	30	40	20
New Hampshire	8	4	25	47	16
New Jersey	-	-	23	65	12
New Mexico	2	21	31	36	10
New York	1	2	21	54	22
North Carolina	2	11	34	51	2
North Dakota	26	36	29	9	-
Ohio	1	9	28	52	10
Oklahoma	1	4	33	49	13
Oregon	13	31	24	22	10
Pennsylvania	2	5	21	62	10
Rhode Island	-	-	10	60	30
South Carolina	-	5	39	54	2
South Dakota	32	27	25	15	1
Tennessee	1	5	26	53	15
Texas	4	12	35	36	13
Utah	10	22	35	25	8
Vermont	-	13	50	37	-
Virginia	6	21	34	36	3
Washington	26	32	24	18	-
West Virginia	-	10	32	52	6
Wisconsin	1	5	24	51	19
Wyoming	4	14	40	40	2
48 States	8	14	31	39	8
Previous week	8	14	31	39	8
Previous year	5	11	31	45	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

[Days suitable for Fieldwork are weighted based on cropland acreage]

State	Week ending		
	August 27, 2016	August 20, 2017	August 27, 2017
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	5.7	5.0	6.3
Arizona	7.0	6.5	7.0
Arkansas	5.2	4.0	6.1
California	7.0	7.0	6.8
Colorado	6.4	5.9	6.8
Connecticut	6.0	6.0	6.6
Delaware	6.5	5.5	6.5
Florida	6.1	6.1	5.7
Georgia	6.4	6.2	6.4
Idaho	6.9	6.9	6.9
Illinois	3.8	6.3	5.9
Indiana	3.7	6.3	6.0
Iowa	4.1	4.8	4.4
Kansas	4.4	5.1	6.0
Kentucky	5.6	5.7	6.0
Louisiana	3.3	3.7	4.5
Maine	6.2	6.0	7.0
Maryland	7.0	4.5	6.5
Massachusetts	7.0	6.0	7.0
Michigan	4.5	5.4	6.0
Minnesota	4.3	2.6	3.3
Mississippi	4.9	3.9	5.2
Missouri	4.3	5.1	4.5
Montana	6.0	6.8	6.6
Nebraska	5.6	4.6	5.1
Nevada	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	6.7	5.3	6.4
New Jersey	7.0	5.5	6.5
New Mexico	6.1	6.1	4.2
New York	6.0	5.0	5.5
North Carolina	6.7	5.3	6.3
North Dakota	6.3	5.1	6.1
Ohio	5.0	6.0	6.3
Oklahoma	6.0	3.4	4.9
Oregon	6.6	6.9	6.9
Pennsylvania	6.0	5.5	6.0
Rhode Island	7.0	6.0	6.5
South Carolina	6.8	5.5	5.9
South Dakota	6.1	4.4	4.8
Tennessee	5.2	4.4	6.1
Texas	5.0	5.5	5.1
Utah	6.8	6.9	6.9
Vermont	5.0	5.8	6.0
Virginia	6.6	5.7	6.6
Washington	6.8	7.0	6.9
West Virginia	5.6	5.5	5.9
Wisconsin	4.3	4.8	5.2
Wyoming	6.7	5.9	6.8

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[National topsoil moisture conditions for selected States are weighted based on cropland acreage]

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	1	22	67	10
Arizona	-	-	100	-
Arkansas	7	22	67	4
California	40	30	30	-
Colorado	1	14	80	5
Connecticut	-	30	70	-
Delaware	-	1	86	13
Florida	1	7	69	23
Georgia	13	43	42	2
Idaho	37	27	35	1
Illinois	11	37	51	1
Indiana	10	31	57	2
Iowa	13	26	60	1
Kansas	6	25	65	4
Kentucky	6	31	62	1
Louisiana	-	2	59	39
Maine	17	67	16	-
Maryland	2	13	79	6
Massachusetts	-	25	75	-
Michigan	15	36	46	3
Minnesota	3	13	71	13
Mississippi	2	14	64	20
Missouri	4	20	73	3
Montana	73	24	3	-
Nebraska	7	23	66	4
Nevada	25	35	40	-
New Hampshire	9	11	77	3
New Jersey	-	9	91	-
New Mexico	3	12	73	12
New York	-	9	72	19
North Carolina	4	24	62	10
North Dakota	16	36	47	1
Ohio	6	33	59	2
Oklahoma	-	11	86	3
Oregon	45	40	15	-
Pennsylvania	4	9	86	1
Rhode Island	5	35	60	-
South Carolina	5	23	62	10
South Dakota	17	26	55	2
Tennessee	7	17	72	4
Texas	6	20	53	21
Utah	14	41	45	-
Vermont	-	14	86	-
Virginia	8	28	63	1
Washington	31	48	21	-
West Virginia	5	26	66	3
Wisconsin	1	8	79	12
Wyoming	24	33	43	-
48 States	13	25	56	6
Previous week	13	24	57	6
Previous year	7	18	64	11

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 27, 2017

[National subsoil moisture conditions for selected States are weighted based on cropland acreage]

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	-	19	69	12
Arizona	-	-	100	-
Arkansas	7	20	68	5
California	30	35	35	-
Colorado	1	17	80	2
Connecticut	-	20	80	-
Delaware	1	3	72	24
Florida	1	7	65	27
Georgia	9	35	55	1
Idaho	34	25	40	1
Illinois	9	37	53	1
Indiana	7	28	63	2
Iowa	18	31	50	1
Kansas	5	26	66	3
Kentucky	6	26	67	1
Louisiana	-	3	63	34
Maine	8	84	8	-
Maryland	1	4	91	4
Massachusetts	-	25	75	-
Michigan	16	30	51	3
Minnesota	3	12	76	9
Mississippi	1	12	71	16
Missouri	5	21	72	2
Montana	53	36	11	-
Nebraska	10	29	60	1
Nevada	20	25	55	-
New Hampshire	8	10	79	3
New Jersey	-	-	100	-
New Mexico	1	18	74	7
New York	-	2	74	24
North Carolina	4	22	62	12
North Dakota	17	37	45	1
Ohio	4	28	67	1
Oklahoma	-	17	82	1
Oregon	35	47	18	-
Pennsylvania	4	3	92	1
Rhode Island	5	20	75	-
South Carolina	-	15	75	10
South Dakota	26	34	39	1
Tennessee	6	17	74	3
Texas	7	24	53	16
Utah	11	41	48	-
Vermont	-	10	61	29
Virginia	7	30	63	-
Washington	16	35	49	-
West Virginia	9	18	71	2
Wisconsin	-	3	87	10
Wyoming	23	37	40	-
48 States	12	26	58	4
Previous week	13	25	58	4
Previous year	7	19	66	8

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Barley: Harvested

Corn: Dough, Dented, Mature, Condition

Cotton: Setting Bolls, Bolls Opening, Condition

Oats: Harvested

Pasture and Range: Condition

Peanuts: Condition

Rice: Harvested, Condition

Sorghum: Headed, Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Soybeans: Setting Pods, Dropping Leaves, Condition

Spring Wheat: Harvested

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil Moisture Condition

Subsoil Moisture 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 3,600 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 2016 season, over 95 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. Field Offices summarize 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. National crop planting progress, progress of development stages, and condition estimates are weighted using the program State's average planted acres over the previous three crop years. National crop harvest progress estimates are weighted using the program State's average harvested acres over the previous three crop years. Pasture and range condition is weighted using pasture acreage and/or livestock inventories from the most recent Census of Agriculture. Days suitable for fieldwork, topsoil moisture and subsoil moisture are weighted using cropland acreage from the Census of Agriculture.

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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