



Crop Progress

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Corn Dented – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	69	72	86	81
Illinois	88	96	100	91
Indiana	85	86	94	85
Iowa	86	87	94	87
Kansas	90	89	94	92
Kentucky	92	90	94	91
Michigan	72	67	80	71
Minnesota	84	83	92	87
Missouri	96	95	100	96
Nebraska	93	86	92	91
North Carolina	100	96	99	99
North Dakota	74	84	92	76
Ohio	80	74	83	83
Pennsylvania	72	66	79	77
South Dakota	75	90	95	83
Tennessee	97	97	99	97
Texas	91	92	95	90
Wisconsin	64	70	82	71
18 States	84	86	93	86

Corn Mature – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	18	8	22	20
Illinois	37	56	75	47
Indiana	37	40	61	38
Iowa	28	28	53	30
Kansas	59	49	63	53
Kentucky	75	74	81	72
Michigan	15	13	26	19
Minnesota	11	17	42	19
Missouri	58	66	81	61
Nebraska	34	22	44	33
North Carolina	92	90	93	94
North Dakota	15	26	46	17
Ohio	25	26	41	26
Pennsylvania	31	14	31	34
South Dakota	13	29	44	23
Tennessee	87	73	84	80
Texas	73	72	80	74
Wisconsin	9	21	36	20
18 States	32	35	54	36

Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	2	-	-	1
Illinois	5	4	12	5
Indiana	4	2	7	4
Iowa	1	-	2	1
Kansas	18	9	16	16
Kentucky	28	24	34	26
Michigan	3	-	1	1
Minnesota	-	-	1	-
Missouri	20	12	25	18
Nebraska	2	1	4	2
North Carolina	66	43	66	64
North Dakota	-	-	1	-
Ohio	1	-	2	1
Pennsylvania	4	1	1	6
South Dakota	-	-	2	1
Tennessee	43	23	40	35
Texas	66	63	66	61
Wisconsin	-	-	1	-
18 States	7	5	9	6

- Represents zero.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

[These 18 States planted 92% of the 2017 corn acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	2	5	14	70	9
Illinois	2	4	18	45	31
Indiana	2	6	21	51	20
Iowa	2	6	19	53	20
Kansas	10	16	27	39	8
Kentucky	2	5	16	63	14
Michigan	6	14	29	42	9
Minnesota	2	4	17	53	24
Missouri	20	21	30	24	5
Nebraska	2	4	12	50	32
North Carolina	11	20	36	27	6
North Dakota	2	11	25	51	11
Ohio	1	3	17	58	21
Pennsylvania	-	2	18	52	28
South Dakota	7	9	21	44	19
Tennessee	2	7	18	55	18
Texas	12	24	35	27	2
Wisconsin	3	6	17	42	32
18 States	4	8	20	47	21
Previous week	4	8	20	47	21
Previous year	4	9	26	48	13

- Represents zero.

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2017 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	56	28	40	47
Illinois	29	37	58	28
Indiana	41	41	63	43
Iowa	28	17	50	25
Kansas	35	16	28	26
Kentucky	25	19	32	22
Louisiana	84	78	83	77
Michigan	40	21	38	34
Minnesota	33	24	59	36
Mississippi	70	56	69	58
Missouri	18	9	22	16
Nebraska	50	31	64	44
North Carolina	25	17	29	21
North Dakota	69	57	81	64
Ohio	32	31	48	41
South Dakota	46	45	68	51
Tennessee	35	23	41	35
Wisconsin	17	14	37	22
18 States	38	31	53	36

Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 95% of the 2017 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	23	4	9	18
Illinois	1	1	4	-
Indiana	2	(NA)	2	2
Iowa	1	(NA)	2	-
Kansas	1	(NA)	-	-
Kentucky	4	2	8	3
Louisiana	60	42	51	50
Michigan	-	(NA)	-	-
Minnesota	2	1	7	2
Mississippi	37	22	33	28
Missouri	1	(NA)	2	1
Nebraska	3	(NA)	3	1
North Carolina	1	(NA)	3	1
North Dakota	2	3	10	2
Ohio	1	(NA)	1	1
South Dakota	-	1	6	1
Tennessee	3	3	8	3
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	1	-
18 States	4	(NA)	6	3

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

[These 18 States planted 96% of the 2017 soybean acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	2	7	29	45	17
Illinois	2	4	17	47	30
Indiana	2	7	21	51	19
Iowa	2	5	21	53	19
Kansas	3	9	32	46	10
Kentucky	2	4	15	65	14
Louisiana	2	10	35	41	12
Michigan	3	7	25	51	14
Minnesota	3	6	22	49	20
Mississippi	-	5	29	49	17
Missouri	7	17	30	38	8
Nebraska	1	4	11	55	29
North Carolina	4	8	33	48	7
North Dakota	4	16	29	45	6
Ohio	1	3	17	59	20
South Dakota	8	9	23	44	16
Tennessee	2	4	25	54	15
Wisconsin	2	7	17	45	29
18 States	3	7	23	49	18
Previous week	3	7	22	50	18
Previous year	3	9	29	48	11

- Represents zero.

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 98% of the 2017 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	49	54	67	53
Arizona	90	74	87	81
Arkansas	67	72	89	70
California	27	4	10	52
Georgia	63	40	55	66
Kansas	28	24	38	24
Louisiana	91	91	95	90
Mississippi	59	69	81	67
Missouri	59	66	82	40
North Carolina	52	43	59	54
Oklahoma	42	36	49	40
South Carolina	61	28	37	58
Tennessee	47	68	80	46
Texas	30	30	37	35
Virginia	39	37	43	43
15 States	43	39	49	46

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 98% of the 2017 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	2	-	-	1
Arizona	12	8	14	8
Arkansas	-	-	1	1
California	-	-	-	-
Georgia	2	-	1	1
Kansas	2	-	-	1
Louisiana	7	8	14	8
Mississippi	1	1	6	2
Missouri	-	-	2	-
North Carolina	-	-	1	-
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	-	-	2	1
Tennessee	-	-	2	1
Texas	18	18	22	12
Virginia	-	-	-	-
15 States	11	10	13	6

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2017 cotton acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	1	18	62	18
Arizona	1	2	55	34	8
Arkansas	1	4	14	44	37
California	-	-	-	30	70
Georgia	-	8	28	53	11
Kansas	1	2	25	55	17
Louisiana	-	3	33	58	6
Mississippi	-	5	23	45	27
Missouri	2	11	31	44	12
North Carolina	5	14	33	43	5
Oklahoma	4	15	52	28	1
South Carolina	1	7	38	42	12
Tennessee	1	1	19	65	14
Texas	13	36	29	18	4
Virginia	1	3	10	83	3
15 States	8	24	29	30	9
Previous week	13	21	28	29	9
Previous year	6	8	25	44	17

- Represents zero.

Sugarbeets Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 83% of the 2017 sugarbeet acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	14	8	15	10
Michigan	10	12	18	8
Minnesota	8	-	9	8
North Dakota	9	8	9	8
4 States	9	5	12	8

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	78	75	88	75
Illinois	88	86	90	86
Kansas	79	74	86	80
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	88	78	83	88
Nebraska	90	83	91	91
New Mexico	75	60	65	50
Oklahoma	80	66	79	84
South Dakota	71	61	77	84
Texas	88	90	95	87
11 States	83	79	88	83

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	97	99	100	95
Colorado	12	9	13	18
Illinois	55	56	67	39
Kansas	19	10	20	20
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	52	22	40	47
Nebraska	28	13	28	21
New Mexico	9	3	4	6
Oklahoma	44	29	40	44
South Dakota	16	4	16	19
Texas	74	78	80	77
11 States	42	34	41	44

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	81	61	85	71
Colorado	-	-	-	1
Illinois	1	-	2	2
Kansas	4	2	3	3
Louisiana	97	96	99	95
Missouri	10	1	4	7
Nebraska	2	-	-	-
New Mexico	1	-	1	-
Oklahoma	16	8	12	16
South Dakota	-	-	-	1
Texas	69	66	70	65
11 States	28	24	26	29

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

[These 11 States planted 99% of the 2017 sorghum acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	2	47	43	8
Colorado	4	6	25	62	3
Illinois	-	4	22	58	16
Kansas	2	6	24	54	14
Louisiana	-	3	75	22	-
Missouri	5	21	37	30	7
Nebraska	-	2	14	58	26
New Mexico	-	5	40	53	2
Oklahoma	7	5	24	60	4
South Dakota	1	5	26	67	1
Texas	12	26	39	18	5
11 States	5	12	30	44	9
Previous week	5	12	30	42	11
Previous year	2	6	27	53	12

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

[These 8 States harvested 96% of the 2017 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	-	-	2
Florida	17	5	16	19
Georgia	5	1	3	4
North Carolina	1	-	-	1
Oklahoma	-	-	-	1
South Carolina	4	-	1	6
Texas	3	-	-	2
Virginia	1	1	3	1
8 States	6	1	3	6

- Represents zero.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

[These 8 States harvested 96% of the 2017 peanut acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	1	15	63	20
Florida	-	1	15	61	23
Georgia	1	5	18	60	16
North Carolina	4	8	32	51	5
Oklahoma	-	4	15	69	12
South Carolina	1	3	23	48	25
Texas	8	1	41	50	-
Virginia	1	4	10	82	3
8 States	2	4	22	57	15
Previous week	1	4	23	56	16
Previous year	-	5	19	59	17

- Represents zero.

Rice Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 100% of the 2017 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	56	33	47	47
California	3	2	6	7
Louisiana	94	89	93	92
Mississippi	60	65	70	45
Missouri	26	9	21	23
Texas	95	92	94	95
6 States	53	40	49	47

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

[These 6 States planted 100% of the 2017 rice acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	5	24	48	22
California	-	-	5	90	5
Louisiana	-	4	23	65	8
Mississippi	-	1	23	54	22
Missouri	-	10	19	50	21
Texas	-	1	50	44	5
6 States	-	4	22	58	16
Previous week	-	3	22	59	16
Previous year	1	6	24	52	17

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2017 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	99	89	97	98
Minnesota	100	99	100	95
Montana	99	87	94	89
North Dakota	97	94	97	90
South Dakota	100	100	100	99
Washington	98	90	96	99
6 States	98	93	97	92

Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 85% of the 2017 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	99	97	98	97
Minnesota	100	100	100	98
Montana	98	85	92	97
North Dakota	98	96	98	94
Washington	95	91	94	99
5 States	99	92	96	97

Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 90% of the 2017 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	1	-	-	-
California	5	-	2	2
Colorado	21	7	24	27
Idaho	20	9	24	19
Illinois	-	-	-	1
Indiana	2	1	4	2
Kansas	6	3	7	7
Michigan	2	1	3	4
Missouri	1	-	-	1
Montana	16	-	-	23
Nebraska	21	4	22	30
North Carolina	1	-	-	-
Ohio	1	-	-	1
Oklahoma	10	2	12	11
Oregon	7	6	10	9
South Dakota	26	7	29	23
Texas	13	5	13	13
Washington	39	29	47	44
18 States	12	5	13	14

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

[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	1	4	17	68	10
Arizona	32	33	15	13	7
Arkansas	6	12	31	42	9
California	40	20	15	20	5
Colorado	26	21	22	29	2
Connecticut	30	60	10	-	-
Delaware	2	3	31	60	4
Florida	-	5	20	58	17
Georgia	1	9	35	49	6
Idaho	7	31	40	22	-
Illinois	6	7	27	45	15
Indiana	5	10	38	41	6
Iowa	4	12	34	44	6
Kansas	6	13	34	42	5
Kentucky	2	9	23	56	10
Louisiana	5	15	43	33	4
Maine	-	10	33	57	-
Maryland	1	5	31	57	6
Massachusetts	-	5	25	65	5
Michigan	6	15	34	38	7
Minnesota	5	14	31	44	6
Mississippi	1	12	39	44	4
Missouri	15	23	37	23	2
Montana	11	17	32	35	5
Nebraska	2	3	16	63	16
Nevada	10	20	40	30	-
New Hampshire	3	9	45	36	7
New Jersey	-	8	47	43	2
New Mexico	14	37	36	12	1
New York	3	7	32	43	15
North Carolina	3	13	43	40	1
North Dakota	10	21	39	28	2
Ohio	1	6	36	49	8
Oklahoma	6	16	34	41	3
Oregon	58	23	17	2	-
Pennsylvania	-	7	24	38	31
Rhode Island	30	60	10	-	-
South Carolina	-	9	53	38	-
South Dakota	13	16	29	38	4
Tennessee	1	14	31	46	8
Texas	10	23	36	25	6
Utah	23	37	33	7	-
Vermont	1	10	57	32	-
Virginia	4	14	32	40	10
Washington	25	31	25	19	-
West Virginia	-	16	34	45	5
Wisconsin	3	8	25	42	22
Wyoming	7	17	36	32	8
48 States	9	16	31	38	6
Previous week	9	17	31	36	7
Previous year	9	15	31	38	7

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	September 16, 2017	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	4.4	5.0	5.7
Arizona	7.0	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	5.9	4.2	5.4
California	7.0	7.0	7.0
Colorado	6.8	6.0	6.9
Connecticut	6.0	6.2	2.0
Delaware	7.0	5.5	2.0
Florida	4.2	5.7	6.0
Georgia	3.9	6.2	6.2
Idaho	6.2	6.9	6.6
Illinois	6.8	3.9	5.9
Indiana	5.9	4.2	4.9
Iowa	6.2	2.1	6.0
Kansas	6.6	1.8	5.5
Kentucky	4.5	5.1	5.4
Louisiana	6.5	4.2	3.7
Maine	6.9	6.7	5.9
Maryland	5.5	6.0	1.5
Massachusetts	7.0	6.8	5.0
Michigan	6.5	4.5	5.9
Minnesota	5.7	5.0	6.1
Mississippi	4.5	3.6	5.2
Missouri	6.4	3.0	6.3
Montana	4.8	6.8	6.4
Nebraska	6.4	4.1	6.6
Nevada	6.6	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	6.4	6.2	6.2
New Jersey	6.5	6.0	6.0
New Mexico	7.0	5.8	7.0
New York	6.0	5.5	5.5
North Carolina	5.6	6.6	3.7
North Dakota	5.0	5.9	5.8
Ohio	5.6	4.4	4.0
Oklahoma	6.6	3.5	6.0
Oregon	6.8	6.9	6.5
Pennsylvania	6.0	4.5	2.5
Rhode Island	6.5	6.5	5.0
South Carolina	4.4	6.8	5.4
South Dakota	5.7	6.4	6.6
Tennessee	3.8	5.5	5.9
Texas	6.7	5.0	5.0
Utah	5.8	7.0	7.0
Vermont	6.8	4.9	5.7
Virginia	6.3	5.4	3.3
Washington	6.5	6.9	6.8
West Virginia	6.2	3.6	3.8
Wisconsin	6.6	3.3	6.6
Wyoming	5.6	6.9	6.9

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	3	24	65	8
Arizona	-	17	82	1
Arkansas	1	14	70	15
California	70	5	25	-
Colorado	12	35	52	1
Connecticut	-	-	85	15
Delaware	-	-	37	63
Florida	-	5	71	24
Georgia	9	36	53	2
Idaho	23	46	31	-
Illinois	3	10	80	7
Indiana	1	7	80	12
Iowa	1	5	84	10
Kansas	2	10	80	8
Kentucky	3	14	68	15
Louisiana	3	14	67	16
Maine	-	48	45	7
Maryland	-	-	77	23
Massachusetts	-	11	79	10
Michigan	5	13	75	7
Minnesota	2	16	77	5
Mississippi	1	9	65	25
Missouri	7	28	65	-
Montana	20	40	40	-
Nebraska	3	14	80	3
Nevada	20	70	10	-
New Hampshire	8	9	83	-
New Jersey	-	-	40	60
New Mexico	19	36	43	2
New York	1	7	74	18
North Carolina	-	1	20	79
North Dakota	18	32	48	2
Ohio	-	6	66	28
Oklahoma	8	26	63	3
Oregon	58	35	7	-
Pennsylvania	-	-	49	51
Rhode Island	-	-	100	-
South Carolina	10	16	44	30
South Dakota	18	29	52	1
Tennessee	3	23	72	2
Texas	7	23	55	15
Utah	29	45	26	-
Vermont	29	33	38	-
Virginia	-	1	56	43
Washington	22	41	37	-
West Virginia	-	10	47	43
Wisconsin	1	6	81	12
Wyoming	22	39	39	-
48 States	9	19	63	9
Previous week	9	19	58	14
Previous year	14	31	52	3

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 16, 2018

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	4	26	66	4
Arizona	-	16	83	1
Arkansas	4	17	70	9
California	70	10	20	-
Colorado	13	29	57	1
Connecticut	-	-	-	100
Delaware	-	-	64	36
Florida	-	8	64	28
Georgia	6	30	62	2
Idaho	21	49	30	-
Illinois	3	15	77	5
Indiana	1	7	82	10
Iowa	3	7	77	13
Kansas	3	13	82	2
Kentucky	3	15	72	10
Louisiana	3	26	63	8
Maine	-	24	76	-
Maryland	-	-	76	24
Massachusetts	-	8	91	1
Michigan	3	16	72	9
Minnesota	7	15	70	8
Mississippi	2	20	52	26
Missouri	18	31	51	-
Montana	21	40	39	-
Nebraska	1	14	82	3
Nevada	20	65	15	-
New Hampshire	8	8	84	-
New Jersey	-	-	70	30
New Mexico	46	30	23	1
New York	1	7	77	15
North Carolina	-	2	28	70
North Dakota	19	33	46	2
Ohio	-	5	70	25
Oklahoma	13	30	54	3
Oregon	63	29	8	-
Pennsylvania	-	-	56	44
Rhode Island	-	40	60	-
South Carolina	9	17	45	29
South Dakota	19	28	52	1
Tennessee	8	25	66	1
Texas	10	31	50	9
Utah	38	38	24	-
Vermont	43	19	38	-
Virginia	-	2	66	32
Washington	20	34	46	-
West Virginia	-	9	60	31
Wisconsin	1	6	81	12
Wyoming	22	35	43	-
48 States	11	20	61	8
Previous week	10	23	58	9
Previous year	14	31	52	3

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Corn: Dented, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Cotton: Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition

Pasture and Range: Condition

Peanuts: Harvested, Condition

Rice: Harvested

Sorghum: Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Soybeans: Dropping Leaves, Harvested, Condition

Sugarbeets: Harvested

Winter Wheat: Planted

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 2017 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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