



Crop Progress

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Corn Dough – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	46	42	64	50
Illinois	89	90	94	85
Indiana	78	75	86	73
Iowa	76	73	85	70
Kansas	81	77	88	81
Kentucky	74	70	80	70
Michigan	54	39	58	58
Minnesota	69	65	82	66
Missouri	89	88	95	87
Nebraska	80	77	88	79
North Carolina	97	91	94	96
North Dakota	48	63	84	49
Ohio	68	66	81	70
Pennsylvania	44	56	68	53
South Dakota	62	72	88	69
Tennessee	95	94	98	94
Texas	89	91	93	88
Wisconsin	49	45	62	49
18 States	74	73	85	72

Corn Dented – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	6	3	8	11
Illinois	39	45	63	36
Indiana	37	26	43	28
Iowa	19	22	42	21
Kansas	38	42	58	36
Kentucky	55	48	59	49
Michigan	10	7	14	9
Minnesota	11	12	26	14
Missouri	62	58	79	53
Nebraska	26	18	38	25
North Carolina	88	69	80	86
North Dakota	5	6	29	6
Ohio	15	16	34	18
Pennsylvania	5	8	22	17
South Dakota	12	11	38	12
Tennessee	69	56	71	66
Texas	75	79	82	69
Wisconsin	5	4	18	9
18 States	27	26	44	26

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 2018

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	3	16	24	50	7
Illinois	2	4	18	47	29
Indiana	2	7	20	52	19
Iowa	2	6	19	52	21
Kansas	9	17	28	39	7
Kentucky	2	7	17	62	12
Michigan	5	14	30	44	7
Minnesota	2	5	19	49	25
Missouri	21	23	28	23	5
Nebraska	2	4	10	57	27
North Carolina	11	20	34	28	7
North Dakota	2	6	22	55	15
Ohio	1	4	18	58	19
Pennsylvania	1	5	20	42	32
South Dakota	4	8	23	47	18
Tennessee	3	5	24	49	19
Texas	12	24	35	27	2
Wisconsin	2	5	18	43	32
18 States	4	8	20	48	20
Previous week	3	7	20	50	20
Previous year	3	9	26	48	14

Soybeans Setting Pods – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	95	95	97	90
Illinois	91	90	95	86
Indiana	85	85	92	86
Iowa	87	89	93	85
Kansas	77	74	82	67
Kentucky	69	67	76	66
Louisiana	100	100	100	96
Michigan	84	69	80	86
Minnesota	90	92	97	88
Mississippi	95	93	96	90
Missouri	73	66	76	62
Nebraska	87	79	92	88
North Carolina	63	54	65	60
North Dakota	87	89	97	89
Ohio	82	84	90	84
South Dakota	88	81	91	85
Tennessee	83	78	88	77
Wisconsin	86	80	89	82
18 States	86	84	91	83

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 2018

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	3	7	26	48	16
Illinois	3	3	20	48	26
Indiana	2	6	21	52	19
Iowa	2	5	23	54	16
Kansas	6	15	37	37	5
Kentucky	2	4	17	65	12
Louisiana	1	9	40	42	8
Michigan	3	8	26	54	9
Minnesota	3	6	24	48	19
Mississippi	-	4	26	53	17
Missouri	14	23	29	29	5
Nebraska	2	5	12	59	22
North Carolina	5	7	36	43	9
North Dakota	2	15	29	48	6
Ohio	1	4	20	56	19
South Dakota	5	8	27	46	14
Tennessee	2	5	24	47	22
Wisconsin	2	6	17	47	28
18 States	3	8	24	49	16
Previous week	3	7	24	50	16
Previous year	3	9	28	50	10

- Represents zero.

Cotton Setting Bolls – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	96	89	92	95
Arizona	92	91	96	95
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	73	55	57	90
Georgia	93	84	92	92
Kansas	43	54	70	47
Louisiana	99	100	100	99
Mississippi	94	95	96	91
Missouri	89	100	100	82
North Carolina	90	78	87	92
Oklahoma	66	70	80	74
South Carolina	83	75	80	87
Tennessee	96	93	98	89
Texas	84	71	82	82
Virginia	94	75	90	94
15 States	87	77	86	86

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	5	10	22	9
Arizona	43	25	35	40
Arkansas	9	7	14	10
California	-	-	-	6
Georgia	10	3	7	10
Kansas	6	1	2	4
Louisiana	28	29	48	28
Mississippi	15	12	26	13
Missouri	-	26	40	1
North Carolina	6	1	3	6
Oklahoma	3	4	6	3
South Carolina	8	1	4	4
Tennessee	7	8	14	6
Texas	14	17	19	14
Virginia	-	1	7	4
15 States	12	13	17	12

- Represents zero.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 2018

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	14	69	17
Arizona	2	3	43	44	8
Arkansas	-	3	9	50	38
California	-	-	-	30	70
Georgia	-	6	25	56	13
Kansas	1	2	32	53	12
Louisiana	-	2	43	51	4
Mississippi	-	6	21	51	22
Missouri	-	10	27	50	13
North Carolina	3	13	24	51	9
Oklahoma	14	28	37	19	2
South Carolina	-	3	20	55	22
Tennessee	2	5	19	50	24
Texas	21	30	27	18	4
Virginia	1	3	13	80	3
15 States	13	20	25	33	9
Previous week	14	20	26	32	8
Previous year	5	6	26	48	15

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Pegging – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	95	97	98	96
Florida	99	93	99	99
Georgia	100	98	99	99
North Carolina	99	97	99	99
Oklahoma	83	79	93	89
South Carolina	96	88	91	99
Texas	90	80	90	95
Virginia	96	94	99	96
8 States	96	94	97	97

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 2018

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	2	22	59	17
Florida	2	2	18	52	26
Georgia	1	4	17	61	17
North Carolina	3	4	41	44	8
Oklahoma	-	3	14	74	9
South Carolina	-	1	6	49	44
Texas	-	2	44	54	-
Virginia	1	3	10	81	5
8 States	1	3	22	58	16
Previous week	1	3	23	58	15
Previous year	-	4	17	59	20

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Headed – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	77	76	85	71
Illinois	90	81	88	81
Kansas	77	72	85	78
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	92	80	87	86
Nebraska	90	92	96	90
New Mexico	47	45	63	40
Oklahoma	77	68	76	76
South Dakota	83	74	89	90
Texas	91	87	90	89
11 States	83	78	87	83

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	90	92	95	87
Colorado	15	10	17	23
Illinois	60	52	62	49
Kansas	10	15	27	16
Louisiana	100	97	100	99
Missouri	51	37	44	39
Nebraska	22	23	43	25
New Mexico	21	6	25	10
Oklahoma	47	30	37	40
South Dakota	21	12	28	23
Texas	77	77	80	77
11 States	39	37	46	43

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	65	62	83	47
Colorado	-	-	-	1
Illinois	20	22	25	4
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	89	86	91	87
Missouri	3	-	1	3
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	1	-
Oklahoma	9	6	8	6
South Dakota	3	-	-	1
Texas	67	61	65	68
11 States	25	21	23	27

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 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	46	41	11
Colorado	4	17	31	46	2
Illinois	-	6	27	59	8
Kansas	2	6	30	51	11
Louisiana	-	3	75	22	-
Missouri	4	20	40	32	4
Nebraska	1	2	13	62	22
New Mexico	-	5	45	46	4
Oklahoma	2	5	24	63	6
South Dakota	-	6	39	49	6
Texas	12	26	39	18	5
11 States	5	13	33	41	8
Previous week	5	12	34	42	7
Previous year	2	5	27	56	10

- Represents zero.

Rice Headed – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	97	94	97	91
California	84	73	80	87
Louisiana	100	100	100	98
Mississippi	99	92	95	91
Missouri	90	91	97	83
Texas	100	100	100	99
6 States	95	91	95	91

Rice Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	3	-	1	2
California	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	68	57	67	56
Mississippi	4	-	4	3
Missouri	1	-	-	-
Texas	67	44	60	55
6 States	15	11	15	13

- Represents zero.

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 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	28	47	19
California	-	-	5	90	5
Louisiana	-	4	23	65	8
Mississippi	-	1	23	56	20
Missouri	-	11	16	51	22
Texas	-	1	50	44	5
6 States	-	4	23	59	14
Previous week	1	6	24	57	12
Previous year	1	6	24	54	15

- Represents zero.

Winter Wheat Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
California	99	98	99	99
Colorado	100	100	100	100
Idaho	90	70	89	82
Illinois	100	100	100	100
Indiana	100	100	100	100
Kansas	100	100	100	100
Michigan	100	96	100	100
Missouri	100	100	100	100
Montana	95	67	85	91
Nebraska	100	98	100	100
North Carolina	100	100	100	100
Ohio	100	100	100	100
Oklahoma	100	100	100	100
Oregon	94	90	96	95
South Dakota	97	97	99	93
Texas	100	100	100	100
Washington	87	70	84	89
18 States	98	94	97	98

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	47	24	47	50
Minnesota	40	47	76	48
Montana	62	26	45	42
North Dakota	50	29	59	37
South Dakota	87	80	91	70
Washington	59	35	46	66
6 States	55	35	60	44

Spring Wheat Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 2018

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

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	7	3	18	59	13
Minnesota	-	1	24	52	23
Montana	2	10	28	49	11
North Dakota	-	2	16	72	10
South Dakota	3	10	36	48	3
Washington	-	4	18	64	14
6 States	1	4	21	63	11
Previous week	1	4	20	62	13
Previous year	23	19	24	27	7

- Represents zero.

Oats Harvested – Selected States

[These 9 States harvested 67% of the 2017 oat acreage]

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Iowa	98	93	95	97
Minnesota	62	55	78	73
Nebraska	98	98	100	96
North Dakota	70	41	67	51
Ohio	99	91	95	95
Pennsylvania	75	55	63	78
South Dakota	88	89	96	87
Texas	100	100	100	100
Wisconsin	59	50	65	69
9 States	76	67	80	77

Barley Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2013-2017 Average
	August 19, 2017	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	61	34	62	56
Minnesota	77	71	89	62
Montana	70	32	51	59
North Dakota	72	52	81	51
Washington	52	40	65	63
5 States	67	41	66	56

Barley Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 2018

[These 5 States planted 80% of the 2017 barley acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	1	1	9	70	19
Minnesota	-	3	20	56	21
Montana	2	5	26	53	14
North Dakota	-	3	15	76	6
Washington	-	2	13	75	10
5 States	1	3	18	65	13
Previous week	-	3	16	67	14
Previous year	9	13	29	39	10

- Represents zero.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 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	14	72	13
Arizona	56	27	10	6	1
Arkansas	7	21	40	28	4
California	30	5	30	30	5
Colorado	28	24	27	19	2
Connecticut	20	60	20	-	-
Delaware	3	14	36	45	2
Florida	-	5	20	52	23
Georgia	1	4	29	55	11
Idaho	6	25	45	23	1
Illinois	4	19	35	33	9
Indiana	3	13	37	41	6
Iowa	13	18	28	37	4
Kansas	13	20	35	28	4
Kentucky	2	9	22	58	9
Louisiana	4	22	40	32	2
Maine	-	-	18	80	2
Maryland	2	6	19	56	17
Massachusetts	-	5	25	70	-
Michigan	12	28	31	25	4
Minnesota	4	13	28	47	8
Mississippi	2	11	37	46	4
Missouri	37	35	21	7	-
Montana	9	12	34	37	8
Nebraska	3	4	18	58	17
Nevada	10	15	45	30	-
New Hampshire	1	32	35	24	8
New Jersey	-	3	40	57	-
New Mexico	18	41	35	5	1
New York	3	12	32	42	11
North Carolina	1	12	46	37	4
North Dakota	7	15	36	40	2
Ohio	2	11	33	44	10
Oklahoma	4	17	37	39	3
Oregon	37	32	25	6	-
Pennsylvania	-	9	20	40	31
Rhode Island	35	30	30	5	-
South Carolina	-	1	21	74	4
South Dakota	7	14	38	38	3
Tennessee	1	12	32	45	10
Texas	17	34	36	13	-
Utah	17	31	43	9	-
Vermont	-	-	75	25	-
Virginia	2	8	25	51	14
Washington	23	27	24	25	1
West Virginia	-	7	34	54	5
Wisconsin	2	8	27	44	19
Wyoming	7	9	33	41	10
48 States	11	18	31	34	6
Previous week	12	18	30	34	6
Previous year	8	14	31	39	8

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	August 19, 2017 (Days)	August 12, 2018 (Days)	August 19, 2018 (Days)
Alabama	5.0	5.6	5.4
Arizona	6.5	7.0	6.7
Arkansas	4.0	5.4	4.1
California	7.0	7.0	7.0
Colorado	5.9	6.5	6.3
Connecticut	6.0	4.0	3.0
Delaware	5.5	6.5	6.0
Florida	6.1	6.1	5.9
Georgia	6.2	5.2	5.3
Idaho	6.9	6.9	6.9
Illinois	6.3	5.8	5.4
Indiana	6.3	5.1	4.1
Iowa	4.8	5.5	5.1
Kansas	5.1	5.8	4.3
Kentucky	5.7	5.3	4.3
Louisiana	3.7	5.5	5.9
Maine	6.0	5.4	5.0
Maryland	4.5	5.5	6.0
Massachusetts	6.0	5.0	5.1
Michigan	5.4	5.4	5.7
Minnesota	2.6	6.2	5.7
Mississippi	3.9	6.0	5.0
Missouri	5.1	6.1	4.9
Montana	6.8	7.0	6.9
Nebraska	4.6	6.0	5.4
Nevada	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	5.3	5.3	5.2
New Jersey	5.5	5.5	6.0
New Mexico	6.1	6.8	6.3
New York	5.0	4.5	2.5
North Carolina	5.3	4.3	5.3
North Dakota	5.1	6.9	6.7
Ohio	6.0	4.3	4.2
Oklahoma	3.4	5.9	3.8
Oregon	6.9	7.0	7.0
Pennsylvania	5.5	4.0	3.5
Rhode Island	6.0	6.0	6.0
South Carolina	5.5	5.6	6.6
South Dakota	4.4	6.1	5.9
Tennessee	4.4	5.1	4.9
Texas	5.5	6.2	5.8
Utah	6.9	6.9	7.0
Vermont	5.8	4.1	4.0
Virginia	5.7	4.8	5.1
Washington	7.0	6.8	6.3
West Virginia	5.5	4.3	3.9
Wisconsin	4.8	5.9	5.4
Wyoming	5.9	6.7	6.3

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 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	1	20	74	5
Arizona	-	15	83	2
Arkansas	1	18	67	14
California	55	15	30	-
Colorado	11	24	62	3
Connecticut	-	-	95	5
Delaware	1	30	57	12
Florida	2	6	73	19
Georgia	1	12	73	14
Idaho	20	49	31	-
Illinois	8	26	63	3
Indiana	2	13	73	12
Iowa	11	19	64	6
Kansas	5	17	71	7
Kentucky	1	18	68	13
Louisiana	5	42	49	4
Maine	10	17	73	-
Maryland	2	8	55	35
Massachusetts	-	-	66	34
Michigan	14	38	46	2
Minnesota	10	23	61	6
Mississippi	4	29	56	11
Missouri	34	32	33	1
Montana	23	42	35	-
Nebraska	2	15	77	6
Nevada	5	55	40	-
New Hampshire	-	36	54	10
New Jersey	-	-	64	36
New Mexico	35	35	28	2
New York	5	9	59	27
North Carolina	-	5	62	33
North Dakota	23	34	40	3
Ohio	2	15	72	11
Oklahoma	6	15	74	5
Oregon	61	28	11	-
Pennsylvania	-	-	67	33
Rhode Island	5	5	88	2
South Carolina	-	9	89	2
South Dakota	12	28	58	2
Tennessee	6	18	70	6
Texas	21	37	40	2
Utah	22	47	31	-
Vermont	-	75	25	-
Virginia	1	12	77	10
Washington	24	47	29	-
West Virginia	-	10	77	13
Wisconsin	7	25	66	2
Wyoming	8	31	61	-
48 States	13	25	56	6
Previous week	15	28	53	4
Previous year	13	24	57	6

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending August 19, 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	1	14	80	5
Arizona	1	15	82	2
Arkansas	4	30	57	9
California	50	20	30	-
Colorado	17	25	56	2
Connecticut	-	-	-	100
Delaware	50	10	30	10
Florida	2	5	68	25
Georgia	1	10	77	12
Idaho	19	46	35	-
Illinois	9	31	59	1
Indiana	3	18	73	6
Iowa	10	19	66	5
Kansas	8	23	67	2
Kentucky	3	22	64	11
Louisiana	8	38	51	3
Maine	5	30	65	-
Maryland	2	12	45	41
Massachusetts	-	2	80	18
Michigan	14	39	45	2
Minnesota	8	18	64	10
Mississippi	4	27	59	10
Missouri	43	34	23	-
Montana	15	42	43	-
Nebraska	2	21	73	4
Nevada	5	45	50	-
New Hampshire	2	43	47	8
New Jersey	-	-	73	27
New Mexico	34	46	18	2
New York	7	10	60	23
North Carolina	1	6	62	31
North Dakota	18	36	43	3
Ohio	3	15	74	8
Oklahoma	14	35	49	2
Oregon	54	31	15	-
Pennsylvania	-	-	65	35
Rhode Island	7	8	85	-
South Carolina	-	6	93	1
South Dakota	12	29	57	2
Tennessee	7	25	65	3
Texas	23	44	31	2
Utah	23	41	36	-
Vermont	25	75	-	-
Virginia	-	14	79	7
Washington	22	43	35	-
West Virginia	1	10	79	10
Wisconsin	5	19	73	3
Wyoming	10	28	62	-
48 States	13	27	55	5
Previous week	14	29	53	4
Previous year	13	25	58	4

- 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 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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