



Crop Progress

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Special Note

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will release a National *Crop Progress* report at 4:00 p.m. ET on Monday, December 9. Items included in the report will be Corn Harvested, Cotton Harvested, and Sunflowers Harvested. NASS will continue to monitor the harvest progress of these crops to determine if additional reports are necessary after December 9.

Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 94% of the 2018 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2014-2018 Average
	December 1, 2018	November 24, 2019	December 1, 2019	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	100	96	98	99
Illinois	100	88	93	100
Indiana	99	89	93	98
Iowa	98	86	92	99
Kansas	96	97	99	99
Kentucky	99	99	100	100
Michigan	89	56	66	89
Minnesota	99	86	91	99
Missouri	100	92	95	100
Nebraska	99	93	96	99
North Carolina	100	100	100	100
North Dakota	87	30	36	95
Ohio	90	83	90	95
Pennsylvania	82	80	86	88
South Dakota	94	68	80	98
Tennessee	100	100	100	100
Texas	98	98	100	99
Wisconsin	94	57	66	91
18 States	97	84	89	98

Soybeans Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 96% of the 2018 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2014-2018 Average
	December 1, 2018	November 24, 2019	December 1, 2019	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	93	96	98	98
Illinois	100	95	100	100
Indiana	98	94	96	99
Iowa	100	97	98	100
Kansas	95	95	97	98
Kentucky	90	92	96	95
Louisiana	99	100	100	100
Michigan	92	80	85	97
Minnesota	100	98	99	100
Mississippi	98	98	99	99
Missouri	98	91	96	96
Nebraska	100	100	100	100
North Carolina	71	67	75	77
North Dakota	95	89	92	99
Ohio	97	93	95	99
South Dakota	100	99	100	100
Tennessee	88	91	95	95
Wisconsin	99	82	86	99
18 States	97	94	96	99

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 99% of the 2018 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2014-2018 Average
	December 1, 2018	November 24, 2019	December 1, 2019	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	78	92	94	86
Arizona	78	70	86	77
Arkansas	99	98	99	100
California	84	90	93	92
Georgia	72	85	89	83
Kansas	47	64	71	64
Louisiana	100	99	100	100
Mississippi	96	94	97	99
Missouri	100	91	95	97
North Carolina	85	89	93	89
Oklahoma	80	74	83	76
South Carolina	65	92	95	81
Tennessee	95	88	95	96
Texas	60	68	74	65
Virginia	93	93	95	96
15 States	74	78	83	81

Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 86% of the 2018 sunflower acreage]

State	Week ending			2014-2018 Average
	December 1, 2018	November 24, 2019	December 1, 2019	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	89	97	98	96
Kansas	88	94	97	93
North Dakota	86	41	51	94
South Dakota	81	60	71	94
4 States	81	56	65	94

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Corn: Harvested
Cotton: Harvested

Sunflowers: Harvested

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 2018 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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