



Crop Progress

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Special Note

Today's publication is the last weekly Crop Progress report issued for the 2019 season. The first weekly report for 2020 will be released on Monday, April 6, 2020.

Corn Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2014-2018 Average
	December 8, 2018	December 1, 2019	December 8, 2019	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	100	98	99	100
Illinois	100	93	96	100
Indiana	100	93	96	99
Iowa	100	92	95	100
Kansas	98	99	100	99
Kentucky	100	100	100	100
Michigan	99	66	74	96
Minnesota	100	91	93	100
Missouri	100	95	98	100
Nebraska	(NA)	96	98	(NA)
North Carolina	100	100	100	100
North Dakota	(NA)	36	43	(NA)
Ohio	94	90	93	99
Pennsylvania	82	86	91	88
South Dakota	(NA)	80	83	(NA)
Tennessee	100	100	100	100
Texas	98	100	100	99
Wisconsin	96	66	74	95
18 States	100	89	92	100

(NA) Not available.

Sunflowers Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2014-2018 Average
	December 8, 2018	December 1, 2019	December 8, 2019	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	94	98	99	99
Kansas	93	97	99	96
North Dakota	(NA)	51	60	(NA)
South Dakota	(NA)	71	79	(NA)
4 States	(NA)	65	73	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

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

State	Week ending			2014-2018 Average
	December 8, 2018	December 1, 2019	December 8, 2019	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(NA)	94	96	(NA)
Arizona	84	86	91	84
Arkansas	100	99	100	100
California	89	93	95	94
Georgia	(NA)	89	93	(NA)
Kansas	(NA)	71	82	(NA)
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Mississippi	98	97	98	100
Missouri	100	95	98	97
North Carolina	89	93	96	93
Oklahoma	(NA)	83	91	(NA)
South Carolina	(NA)	95	96	(NA)
Tennessee	97	95	97	99
Texas	(NA)	74	82	(NA)
Virginia	97	95	98	99
15 States	(NA)	83	89	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

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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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