



Crop Progress

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Corn Dented – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 93% of the 2015 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	80	62	77	74
Illinois	93	83	91	89
Indiana	76	77	88	77
Iowa	85	80	90	83
Kansas	88	80	88	89
Kentucky	88	84	90	87
Michigan	65	54	65	63
Minnesota	91	77	90	81
Missouri	91	91	95	94
Nebraska	83	76	89	87
North Carolina	98	97	98	98
North Dakota	78	64	77	70
Ohio	77	60	78	73
Pennsylvania	80	63	74	68
South Dakota	77	65	82	79
Tennessee	95	96	98	97
Texas	83	82	83	86
Wisconsin	70	71	81	62
18 States	84	76	87	82

Corn Mature – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 93% of the 2015 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	16	6	13	15
Illinois	56	22	42	45
Indiana	29	20	35	28
Iowa	21	14	29	31
Kansas	48	26	42	49
Kentucky	65	58	74	64
Michigan	10	5	17	13
Minnesota	15	7	18	17
Missouri	49	44	64	59
Nebraska	23	8	28	25
North Carolina	90	91	94	93
North Dakota	11	8	23	16
Ohio	23	12	27	15
Pennsylvania	31	11	22	22
South Dakota	25	8	18	21
Tennessee	67	72	85	71
Texas	66	66	67	72
Wisconsin	11	13	29	13
18 States	31	18	33	32

Corn Harvested – Selected States

[These 18 States harvested 95% of the 2015 corn acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	-	(NA)	-	1
Illinois	5	1	3	7
Indiana	1	(NA)	3	3
Iowa	-	(NA)	1	3
Kansas	9	(NA)	8	19
Kentucky	16	14	27	24
Michigan	-	(NA)	-	1
Minnesota	-	(NA)	-	1
Missouri	12	8	18	21
Nebraska	1	(NA)	1	4
North Carolina	53	50	66	51
North Dakota	-	(NA)	1	1
Ohio	-	(NA)	-	1
Pennsylvania	5	(NA)	3	2
South Dakota	-	(NA)	-	2
Tennessee	14	14	38	31
Texas	53	57	58	58
Wisconsin	-	(NA)	-	-
18 States	4	(NA)	5	7

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Corn Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	1	2	22	60	15
Illinois	1	2	12	59	26
Indiana	3	5	19	54	19
Iowa	1	3	13	58	25
Kansas	1	7	25	55	12
Kentucky	2	5	18	56	19
Michigan	3	10	28	46	13
Minnesota	1	3	12	58	26
Missouri	2	5	18	54	21
Nebraska	1	5	20	57	17
North Carolina	3	7	24	50	16
North Dakota	1	4	17	62	16
Ohio	6	14	37	38	5
Pennsylvania	6	14	32	39	9
South Dakota	5	13	30	44	8
Tennessee	3	7	24	47	19
Texas	2	11	31	45	11
Wisconsin	1	2	10	44	43
18 States	2	5	19	54	20
Previous week	2	5	19	54	20
Previous year	3	7	22	49	19

Soybeans Dropping Leaves – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 95% of the 2015 soybean acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	36	25	47	32
Illinois	26	2	14	18
Indiana	34	11	26	31
Iowa	14	5	19	14
Kansas	16	5	12	18
Kentucky	18	7	14	20
Louisiana	76	52	63	67
Michigan	30	6	16	18
Minnesota	34	6	23	25
Mississippi	61	34	46	52
Missouri	7	2	7	11
Nebraska	33	16	29	22
North Carolina	21	11	18	12
North Dakota	61	29	53	46
Ohio	32	9	25	27
South Dakota	47	26	45	44
Tennessee	27	14	36	24
Wisconsin	10	5	25	12
18 States	30	12	26	25

Soybean Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	8	10	24	43	15
Illinois	2	4	15	58	21
Indiana	2	5	18	54	21
Iowa	1	3	14	58	24
Kansas	1	4	25	55	15
Kentucky	2	5	19	56	18
Louisiana	6	11	30	48	5
Michigan	2	6	25	52	15
Minnesota	1	4	16	57	22
Mississippi	1	7	20	45	27
Missouri	2	4	20	56	18
Nebraska	1	3	19	60	17
North Carolina	1	7	28	51	13
North Dakota	2	5	18	61	14
Ohio	2	9	33	47	9
South Dakota	3	10	27	50	10
Tennessee	-	3	18	56	23
Wisconsin	1	3	12	46	38
18 States	2	5	20	55	18
Previous week	2	5	20	55	18
Previous year	3	9	27	46	15

- Represents zero.

Cotton Bolls Opening – Selected States

[These 15 States planted 99% of the 2015 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	58	47	65	41
Arizona	69	63	70	76
Arkansas	53	53	78	63
California	46	30	40	44
Georgia	64	49	69	55
Kansas	21	11	15	24
Louisiana	85	83	92	84
Mississippi	69	46	65	64
Missouri	31	17	37	36
North Carolina	55	31	40	47
Oklahoma	20	11	19	30
South Carolina	66	22	43	47
Tennessee	36	29	54	42
Texas	31	28	29	39
Virginia	46	18	24	40
15 States	42	33	41	45

Cotton Harvested – Selected States

[These 15 States harvested 98% of the 2015 cotton acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	(NA)	-	-
Arizona	4	5	10	5
Arkansas	-	(NA)	-	1
California	-	(NA)	-	-
Georgia	-	(NA)	1	1
Kansas	1	(NA)	1	-
Louisiana	2	(NA)	2	10
Mississippi	1	(NA)	1	2
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	-
North Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	-	(NA)	-	-
South Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Tennessee	-	(NA)	1	-
Texas	7	7	8	11
Virginia	-	(NA)	-	-
15 States	3	(NA)	4	5

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Cotton Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	1	3	42	44	10
Arizona	4	-	3	53	40
Arkansas	6	6	16	44	28
California	-	-	30	30	40
Georgia	4	11	31	44	10
Kansas	1	2	29	66	2
Louisiana	2	9	39	45	5
Mississippi	1	7	32	44	16
Missouri	5	14	51	27	3
North Carolina	4	9	32	49	6
Oklahoma	-	-	48	47	5
South Carolina	-	1	57	39	3
Tennessee	1	3	16	58	22
Texas	5	16	39	33	7
Virginia	-	5	28	67	-
15 States	4	12	37	38	9
Previous week	3	12	37	39	9
Previous year	2	11	35	43	9

- Represents zero.

Sugarbeets Harvested – Selected States

[These 4 States harvested 84% of the 2015 sugarbeet acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	5	(NA)	6	3
Michigan	11	4	5	4
Minnesota	11	8	10	5
North Dakota	11	5	8	7
4 States	10	(NA)	8	5

(NA) Not available.

Sorghum Coloring – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2015 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	100	100	100	100
Colorado	56	61	78	64
Illinois	83	79	83	86
Kansas	78	69	84	62
Louisiana	100	100	100	100
Missouri	86	77	87	79
Nebraska	81	89	95	75
New Mexico	30	37	44	26
Oklahoma	82	56	73	70
South Dakota	84	79	86	85
Texas	82	80	81	82
11 States	80	74	83	72

Sorghum Mature – Selected States

[These 11 States planted 98% of the 2015 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	93	99	100	88
Colorado	14	3	8	15
Illinois	32	25	36	32
Kansas	19	9	19	11
Louisiana	100	100	100	99
Missouri	36	17	35	32
Nebraska	9	12	22	7
New Mexico	1	6	10	-
Oklahoma	33	27	33	33
South Dakota	7	19	29	15
Texas	69	76	77	74
11 States	40	38	44	38

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Harvested – Selected States

[These 11 States harvested 98% of the 2015 sorghum acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	66	53	91	58
Colorado	-	-	-	1
Illinois	1	-	-	2
Kansas	2	-	1	2
Louisiana	89	90	97	92
Missouri	6	-	2	5
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	12	9	15	11
South Dakota	1	-	-	2
Texas	58	49	60	62
11 States	26	20	26	27

- Represents zero.

Sorghum Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	5	18	33	37	7
Colorado	-	5	27	60	8
Illinois	2	5	21	63	9
Kansas	1	3	22	58	16
Louisiana	-	15	30	43	12
Missouri	-	2	28	60	10
Nebraska	-	1	14	64	21
New Mexico	-	2	75	22	1
Oklahoma	-	1	30	66	3
South Dakota	-	4	42	53	1
Texas	2	8	34	41	15
11 States	1	5	29	51	14
Previous week	1	5	28	53	13
Previous year	2	5	26	56	11

- Represents zero.

Rice Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 100% of the 2015 rice acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	38	31	52	34
California	7	1	4	4
Louisiana	93	77	84	89
Mississippi	42	28	42	42
Missouri	6	18	40	14
Texas	88	88	96	92
6 States	41	35	50	39

Rice Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acres]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	12	16	32	29	11
California	-	-	20	75	5
Louisiana	6	11	30	50	3
Mississippi	-	2	21	49	28
Missouri	1	3	25	50	21
Texas	3	4	25	55	13
6 States	7	10	28	45	10
Previous week	6	9	27	46	12
Previous year	2	5	31	46	16

- Represents zero.

Peanuts Harvested – Selected States

[These 8 States harvested 97% of the 2015 peanut acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	(NA)	1	1
Florida	11	9	16	13
Georgia	3	(NA)	3	2
North Carolina	-	(NA)	-	1
Oklahoma	-	(NA)	-	1
South Carolina	-	(NA)	4	4
Texas	1	(NA)	-	1
Virginia	-	(NA)	-	-
8 States	3	(NA)	4	3

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Peanut Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

[National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2015 planted acreage]

State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	51	42	7
Florida	-	4	18	68	10
Georgia	4	10	25	44	17
North Carolina	-	4	16	67	13
Oklahoma	-	-	11	86	3
South Carolina	-	5	22	65	8
Texas	1	7	34	42	16
Virginia	-	15	17	68	-
8 States	2	7	27	51	13
Previous week	2	6	28	51	13
Previous year	1	3	25	54	17

- Represents zero.

Spring Wheat Harvested – Selected States

[These 6 States harvested 99% of the 2015 spring wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	97	82	93	92
Minnesota	99	98	100	91
Montana	94	87	89	81
North Dakota	96	91	95	82
South Dakota	99	93	97	98
Washington	100	91	96	94
6 States	96	91	94	86

Barley Harvested – Selected States

[These 5 States harvested 86% of the 2015 barley acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Idaho	96	88	94	92
Minnesota	99	100	100	96
Montana	99	89	92	91
North Dakota	96	95	98	89
Washington	100	93	99	95
5 States	98	91	95	92

Winter Wheat Planted – Selected States

[These 18 States planted 90% of the 2015 winter wheat acreage]

State	Week ending			2011-2015 Average
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Arkansas	-	(NA)	-	-
California	-	(NA)	-	-
Colorado	22	7	17	15
Idaho	14	(NA)	5	10
Illinois	-	(NA)	-	-
Indiana	1	1	2	-
Kansas	4	1	4	3
Michigan	2	(NA)	2	1
Missouri	-	(NA)	-	-
Montana	13	(NA)	3	11
Nebraska	13	5	19	16
North Carolina	-	(NA)	-	-
Ohio	-	(NA)	-	-
Oklahoma	-	(NA)	1	4
Oregon	4	(NA)	5	5
South Dakota	17	(NA)	7	13
Texas	4	2	5	5
Washington	35	(NA)	32	33
18 States	7	(NA)	6	7

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Pasture and Range Condition – Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

[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	10	13	32	42	3
Arizona	11	13	32	34	10
Arkansas	1	6	35	46	12
California	20	20	25	30	5
Colorado	3	6	26	57	8
Connecticut	5	55	40	-	-
Delaware	11	25	33	25	6
Florida	2	2	23	59	14
Georgia	13	23	37	24	3
Idaho	5	23	38	29	5
Illinois	1	2	15	57	25
Indiana	2	5	25	59	9
Iowa	1	6	28	54	11
Kansas	1	4	23	59	13
Kentucky	2	6	24	58	10
Louisiana	3	12	37	44	4
Maine	35	20	19	26	-
Maryland	2	13	35	44	6
Massachusetts	40	50	10	-	-
Michigan	6	14	28	42	10
Minnesota	1	6	18	58	17
Mississippi	2	9	33	49	7
Missouri	-	3	31	56	10
Montana	15	21	36	24	4
Nebraska	3	9	25	55	8
Nevada	15	20	30	35	-
New Hampshire	35	33	27	5	-
New Jersey	2	12	41	41	4
New Mexico	2	22	46	26	4
New York	5	12	39	37	7
North Carolina	4	17	42	32	5
North Dakota	6	11	28	50	5
Ohio	8	18	34	36	4
Oklahoma	2	9	38	45	6
Oregon	31	25	25	16	3
Pennsylvania	20	18	38	21	3
Rhode Island	6	50	44	-	-
South Carolina	4	21	35	37	3
South Dakota	8	18	35	37	2
Tennessee	7	18	36	34	5
Texas	3	8	31	41	17
Utah	4	11	40	39	6
Vermont	-	31	59	10	-
Virginia	8	17	34	38	3
Washington	11	17	26	42	4
West Virginia	7	17	29	45	2
Wisconsin	1	4	17	54	24
Wyoming	11	18	31	35	5
48 States	5	11	31	44	9
Previous week	5	11	31	44	9
Previous year	5	14	34	40	7

- Represents zero.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork - Selected States

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

State	Week ending		
	September 11, 2015	September 4, 2016	September 11, 2016
	(Days)	(Days)	(Days)
Alabama	5.9	6.5	6.9
Arizona	6.9	7.0	7.0
Arkansas	5.7	6.7	6.8
California	7.0	5.9	7.0
Colorado	6.7	6.0	6.6
Connecticut	5.3	6.0	6.9
Delaware	5.0	5.5	7.0
Florida	5.8	4.9	5.9
Georgia	5.6	5.2	6.2
Idaho	6.8	6.5	6.9
Illinois	4.8	5.2	4.1
Indiana	5.7	5.4	4.5
Iowa	4.9	5.1	3.7
Kansas	5.7	4.0	4.5
Kentucky	5.8	6.6	6.4
Louisiana	5.4	5.3	5.3
Maine	5.4	6.4	5.9
Maryland	6.5	7.0	7.0
Massachusetts	6.0	7.0	7.0
Michigan	4.8	6.0	4.7
Minnesota	5.5	4.8	2.8
Mississippi	5.8	6.4	6.5
Missouri	4.8	5.2	4.2
Montana	6.6	5.5	4.5
Nebraska	5.7	5.8	5.4
Nevada	7.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	5.3	6.8	6.6
New Jersey	6.0	7.0	7.0
New Mexico	6.7	3.7	6.4
New York	5.0	6.0	5.5
North Carolina	5.3	5.2	6.6
North Dakota	6.3	5.9	4.3
Ohio	5.9	5.9	5.7
Oklahoma	6.1	5.3	5.9
Oregon	6.6	6.6	6.1
Pennsylvania	5.0	6.5	6.0
Rhode Island	5.5	6.5	6.5
South Carolina	5.1	5.5	5.6
South Dakota	6.3	5.8	5.0
Tennessee	5.0	6.6	6.9
Texas	6.2	4.3	4.0
Utah	6.9	6.8	6.9
Vermont	5.4	7.0	6.8
Virginia	5.8	6.4	6.7
Washington	7.0	6.5	6.5
West Virginia	5.1	6.6	6.1
Wisconsin	4.6	5.8	3.6
Wyoming	7.0	6.1	6.4

Topsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	14	40	44	2
Arizona	1	27	67	5
Arkansas	4	32	54	10
California	40	30	30	-
Colorado	7	24	66	3
Connecticut	32	44	24	-
Delaware	14	25	57	4
Florida	-	8	69	23
Georgia	10	35	46	9
Idaho	25	35	39	1
Illinois	1	2	82	15
Indiana	-	6	79	15
Iowa	1	3	86	10
Kansas	3	9	74	14
Kentucky	2	14	75	9
Louisiana	-	5	69	26
Maine	13	24	52	11
Maryland	5	20	66	9
Massachusetts	37	59	4	-
Michigan	2	12	74	12
Minnesota	-	2	64	34
Mississippi	8	35	50	7
Missouri	2	7	79	12
Montana	14	24	56	6
Nebraska	8	27	61	4
Nevada	40	25	35	-
New Hampshire	29	32	33	6
New Jersey	7	37	46	10
New Mexico	8	50	37	5
New York	24	24	40	12
North Carolina	5	23	61	11
North Dakota	3	14	70	13
Ohio	6	25	63	6
Oklahoma	5	29	64	2
Oregon	29	31	37	3
Pennsylvania	20	33	43	4
Rhode Island	50	50	-	-
South Carolina	3	16	65	16
South Dakota	9	24	66	1
Tennessee	14	29	53	4
Texas	6	17	60	17
Utah	12	35	52	1
Vermont	40	36	24	-
Virginia	19	40	39	2
Washington	13	26	61	-
West Virginia	14	33	50	3
Wisconsin	-	2	77	21
Wyoming	22	31	37	10
48 States	7	17	65	11
Previous week	7	18	65	10
Previous year	10	28	57	5

- Represents zero.

Subsoil Moisture Condition - Selected States: Week Ending September 11, 2016

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

State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Alabama	14	38	46	2
Arizona	13	12	73	2
Arkansas	4	26	60	10
California	40	40	20	-
Colorado	7	24	67	2
Connecticut	21	59	20	-
Delaware	32	29	35	4
Florida	-	7	71	22
Georgia	12	35	50	3
Idaho	24	31	44	1
Illinois	1	4	82	13
Indiana	-	9	81	10
Iowa	1	6	84	9
Kansas	2	12	78	8
Kentucky	1	12	78	9
Louisiana	-	3	66	31
Maine	17	20	63	-
Maryland	7	19	69	5
Massachusetts	42	49	9	-
Michigan	4	17	73	6
Minnesota	-	2	73	25
Mississippi	7	32	53	8
Missouri	2	6	83	9
Montana	15	28	54	3
Nebraska	7	28	63	2
Nevada	35	30	35	-
New Hampshire	44	19	37	-
New Jersey	4	31	53	12
New Mexico	8	30	60	2
New York	23	27	40	10
North Carolina	2	27	58	13
North Dakota	4	14	71	11
Ohio	10	26	61	3
Oklahoma	4	25	69	2
Oregon	29	36	33	2
Pennsylvania	17	35	44	4
Rhode Island	60	40	-	-
South Carolina	2	16	67	15
South Dakota	9	31	59	1
Tennessee	8	33	57	2
Texas	6	19	65	10
Utah	14	34	51	1
Vermont	30	37	33	-
Virginia	11	33	54	2
Washington	6	32	62	-
West Virginia	13	26	58	3
Wisconsin	1	4	79	16
Wyoming	17	35	44	4
48 States	7	19	66	8
Previous week	7	19	67	7
Previous year	9	27	60	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress and Condition Tables Expected Next Week

Corn: Dented, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Cotton: Bolls Opening, Harvested, Condition

Pasture & Range: Condition

Peanuts: Harvested, Condition

Rice: Harvested

Sorghum: Coloring, Mature, Harvested, Condition

Soybeans: Dropping Leaves, Harvested, Condition

Spring Wheat: Harvested

Sugarbeets: Harvested

Winter Wheat: Planted

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 4,000 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 2015 season, over 90 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.

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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