



**USDA Crop Progress Report**

**April 5, 2010**

**Crop Progress and Condition Survey and Estimating Procedures**

**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 5,000 reporters 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 reporters subjectively estimate progress of farmers' activities and progress of crops through various stages of development. They also provide subjective evaluations of crop conditions.

Most reporters 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, reporters are asked to report for the 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 2001 season, nearly two-thirds of the data were being submitted through the internet website. As a result, about one-half of all data are submitted on Monday morning, significantly reducing projection uncertainty.

**Crop Progress and Condition tables expected next week:**

Corn – Planted                  Cotton – Planted                  Oats – Planted, Emerged                  Rice – Planted, Emerged  
 Sorghum – Planted                  Sugarbeets – Planted                  Winter Wheat – Headed, Condition

**Sorghum: Percent Planted, Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2005-2009 Avg.
	Apr 4, 2010	Mar 28, 2010	Apr 4, 2009	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
AR	1	NA	1	9
CO	0	NA	0	0
IL	0	NA	0	0
KS	0	NA	0	0
LA	25	NA	3	13
MO	0	NA	0	0
NE	0	NA	0	0
NM	0	NA	3	1
OK	0	NA	0	0
SD	0	NA	0	0
TX	37	NA	42	45
11 Sts	16	NA	17	19

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 98% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Oats: Percent Planted, Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2005-2009 Avg.
	Apr 4, 2010	Mar 28, 2010	Apr 4, 2009	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
IA	28	NA	7	13
MN	7	NA	0	0
NE	15	NA	20	25
ND	0	NA	0	0
OH	4	NA	23	9
PA	14	NA	0	10
SD	2	NA	0	5
TX	100	NA	100	100
WI	0	NA	0	1
9 Sts	33	NA	30	31

<sup>1</sup> These 9 States planted 64% of last year's oat acreage.

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**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States  
Week Ending Apr 4, 2010**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	2	48	40	9
CA	0	0	5	20	75
CO	0	3	24	46	27
ID	0	0	13	78	9
IL	9	21	41	28	1
IN	0	2	33	55	10
KS	1	5	25	57	12
MI	1	8	15	64	12
MO	11	13	37	37	2
MT	2	6	49	39	4
NE	0	5	35	55	5
NC	4	18	39	34	5
OH	1	1	22	58	18
OK	1	4	26	60	9
OR	0	3	42	44	11
SD	1	3	25	59	12
TX	2	7	31	47	13
WA	1	5	21	55	18
18 Sts	1	5	29	52	13
Prev Wk	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prev Yr	10	12	35	37	6

**Cotton: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			2005-2009 Avg.
	Apr 4, 2010	Mar 28, 2010	Apr 4, 2009	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	0	NA	0	0
AZ	25	NA	19	15
AR	0	NA	0	0
CA	15	NA	8	10
GA	0	NA	0	0
KS	0	NA	0	0
LA	0	NA	0	0
MS	0	NA	0	0
MO	0	NA	0	0
NC	0	NA	0	0
OK	0	NA	0	0
SC	0	NA	0	0
TN	0	NA	0	0
TX	6	NA	6	10
VA	0	NA	0	0
15 Sts	4	NA	4	6

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States planted 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

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