



USDA Crop Progress Report

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U.S. Crop Progress

U.S. Corn crop harvest progress remains slow with 8% of the crop still not harvested. An estimated 1.126 billion bushels are left in the fields which is equal to 67% of the estimated U.S. carry out for the 2009/10 crop year ending September.

Harvest Progress					Approximate Acres of Un-Harvested Crop			
Corn Crop					U.S.	This Week	Total Acres	Approx Acres Unharvested
This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average					
U.S.	92%	88%	100%	100.0%	U.S.	92%	86,400,000	6,912,000
Minnesota	91%	87%	100%	100.0%	Minnesota	91%	7,600,000	684,000
Nebraska	91%	88%	100%	100.0%	Nebraska	91%	8,800,000	792,000
Iowa	96%	94%	100%	100.0%	Iowa	96%	13,200,000	528,000
Ohio	98%	94%	100%	100.0%	Ohio	98%	3,300,000	66,000
Indiana	96%	91%	100%	100.0%	Indiana	96%	5,700,000	228,000
Illinois	90%	85%	100%	100.0%	Illinois	90%	12,200,000	1,220,000
Missouri	95%	92%	100%	100.0%	Missouri	95%	3,050,000	152,500
Kansas	96%	94%	100%	100.0%	Kansas	96%	3,800,000	152,000
S Dakota	82%	73%	97%	99.0%	S Dakota	82%	4,900,000	882,000
Wisconsin	85%	77%	99%	99.0%	Wisconsin	85%	3,750,000	562,500
N Dakota	60%	53%	NA	NA	10 State total		66,300,000	5,267,000
					Yield		163	858,521,000
					US Total Unharvested Bushels			1,126,656,000

USDA reports that they will have another crop progress report next week. This is expected to be the last report for the 2009/10 corn crop.

USDA 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 more than 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, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Regardless of when questionnaires are completed, reporters are asked to report for the week ending on Sunday.

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