

A FARMING CLOCK · POLK COUNTY, IOWA · FIPS 19153

Monday, September 28, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Eastern: NASS posts the harvest sheet.

One date. One hour. One weekly instrument. A Crop Progress release is a public clock. It is not a Farm Bill, a yield contest, or Legal Publication at checkout.

A public paper from Notice Nearby. Record of Sale, LLC (Oregon). September 26, 2026.

THE ONLY CLOCK IN THIS PAPER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

4:00 P.M. EASTERN

NASS CROP PROGRESS

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27 · CORN · SOYBEANS · COTTON · MOISTURE

NOTICE NEARBY · A HARVEST SHEET IS NOT A FARM BILL

Plate 1. The only clock in this paper. Monday, September 28, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Eastern.

WHAT	ON THE NOTICE	WHAT IT IS	WHAT IT IS NOT
When	Monday, September 28, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Eastern. Week ending September 27.	The hour NASS posts the weekly sheet.	A Farm Bill floor vote. WASDE.
Where	Agricultural Statistics Board. Fields counted in the major producing states. Iowa holds the largest corn acreage.	The office that issues the report. The counties that grow the crop.	Russell 318. A county fair weigh-in.
What is named	Progress and condition: corn dented, mature, harvested; soybeans dropping leaves; cotton bolls opening; moisture; days suitable.	A weekly survey instrument.	A yield. A bid. A statute.
Who keeps the clock	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.	The board that prints the percentages.	This register. A commodity desk.



Plate 2. Grain leaving an Iowa field. A cart is a place. It is not the Monday percentage, and a photograph is not the Agricultural Statistics Board.

What last week's sheet already counted

NASS released Crop Progress for the week ending September 20 on Monday, September 21. That sheet is closed. Corn in the 18-state group was 92 percent dented, 58 percent mature, and 13 percent harvested. Condition: 57 percent good to excellent, unchanged on the week and nine points below a year earlier. Iowa, the largest corn state, stood at 76 percent good to excellent.

Soybeans: 62 percent dropping leaves, four points ahead of last year and the five-year average. Cotton: 65 percent with bolls opening; 13 percent harvested. Those are last Monday's numbers. They do not write Monday's sheet. Monday's sheet will count the week ending September 27.

Crop Progress runs weekly from April through November, 4:00 p.m. Eastern on the listed Mondays. The next listed hours after this one are October 5, October 13, and October 19. Each Monday is its own clock. Do not roll them into a season essay.

Two files, not one

The current farm-bill authority is printed to expire September 30. Most program money runs later. Senate Agriculture advanced the Agricultural Act of 2026 on September 16, 12–11. A floor hour, if one is noticed, is a different sheet. Thursday's lean-trim tranche is a different sheet. This paper is the harvest survey.

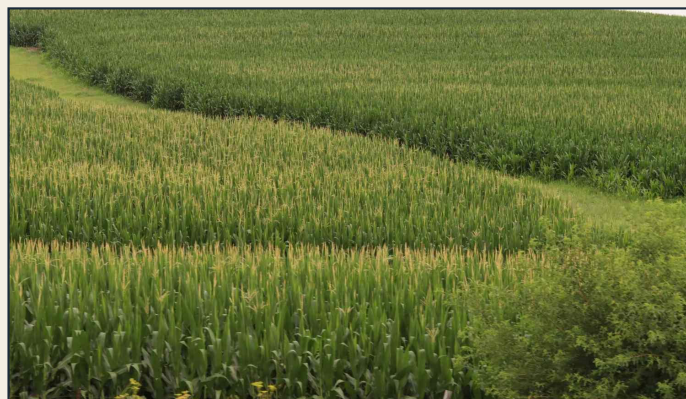


Plate 3. Left: beans off the field. Right: standing corn still in the row. Progress and condition are two columns. A green field is not harvested. A combine is not mature.

County doors

The report is national. The crop sits in counties. Iowa holds the largest corn acreage; the Upper Midwest Regional Field Office is in Des Moines, Polk County, FIPS 19153. Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, Indiana, and the rest of the 18-state corn group keep their own rows on the same sheet. Cotton rows belong to the Delta, the Southwest, the Southeast, and the West. Do not move a Texas boll into an Iowa heading.

Days suitable for fieldwork and topsoil and subsoil moisture are weighted on cropland acreage. Those columns are not a drought declaration and not an FSA disaster finding. Read the disaster instrument where a county posts it.

A percentage is a survey result. It is not a bushel. It is not a cash bid at the elevator. It is not SNAP. It is not Legal Publication of a harvest.

What the hour does not decide

Whether Iowa stays ahead of average. Whether good-to-excellent slips another point. Whether a floor amendment on the Agricultural Act is noticed. Monday at 4:00 p.m. Eastern names the next Crop Progress file. Confirm it at nass.usda.gov when the lock lifts.

What this paper will not do

It will not pick a hybrid. It will not bid corn. It will not treat September 30 as this Monday. It will not sell Legal Publication of a survey. It will not move a Farm Bill markup into a dented-corn column. It will not call a harvest sheet a statute.

Closing

Monday, September 28, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Eastern. NASS Crop Progress for the week ending September 27. That is the hour the calendar printed. Read the percentages if you came for the field. Do not ask this paper to pass a farm bill.

A posted harvest survey is a public hour on named acres. It is not a newspaper. Date the sheet. Leave the statute on the day it is signed.

Notes and sources

1. One clock: Monday, September 28, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Eastern, USDA-NASS Crop Progress, week ending September 27. Paper dated September 26, 2026.
2. Prior sheet: Crop Progress released September 21, 2026, week ending September 20. Corn 92% dented, 58% mature, 13% harvested; 57% good to excellent. Soybeans 62% dropping leaves. Cotton 65% bolls opening, 13% harvested. Iowa corn condition 76% good to excellent.
3. Upcoming listed releases: Oct. 5, Oct. 13, Oct. 19, Oct. 26, 2026, 4:00 p.m. ET. Confirm the live file at nass.usda.gov.
4. Polk County, Iowa, FIPS 19153 — Des Moines, Upper Midwest Regional Field Office. Distinct from Sept. 30 farm-bill authority, Oct. 1 lean-trim Tranche 2, and Oct. 23 Cattle on Feed.
5. Suggested path: </papers/september-28-crop-progress>.
6. Plate 2: Iowa harvest handling file (ISU Extension). Plate 3: Upper Midwest soybean harvest; standing corn. No portrait. A photograph is not a percentage.
7. Record of Sale, LLC (Oregon). Ryan Standley, Publisher / Authorized Officer.

Suggested live path: noticenearby.com/papers/september-28-crop-progress

Not legal advice. Not a newspaper. Not Legal Publication. Record of Sale, LLC (Oregon).

This sheet is register traffic. It is not statutory publication unless a statute says so, and Legal Publication is not for sale at checkout.