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### **USDA Weekly Crop Progress Update -by Randy Mittelstaedt**

- Record-tying increase in weekly corn planting activity reported
- Corn planting progress now nearly in-line with average
- Soybean planting at upper end of expectations
- Spring wheat planting a bit slower than expected
- US winter wheat crop conditions slip again

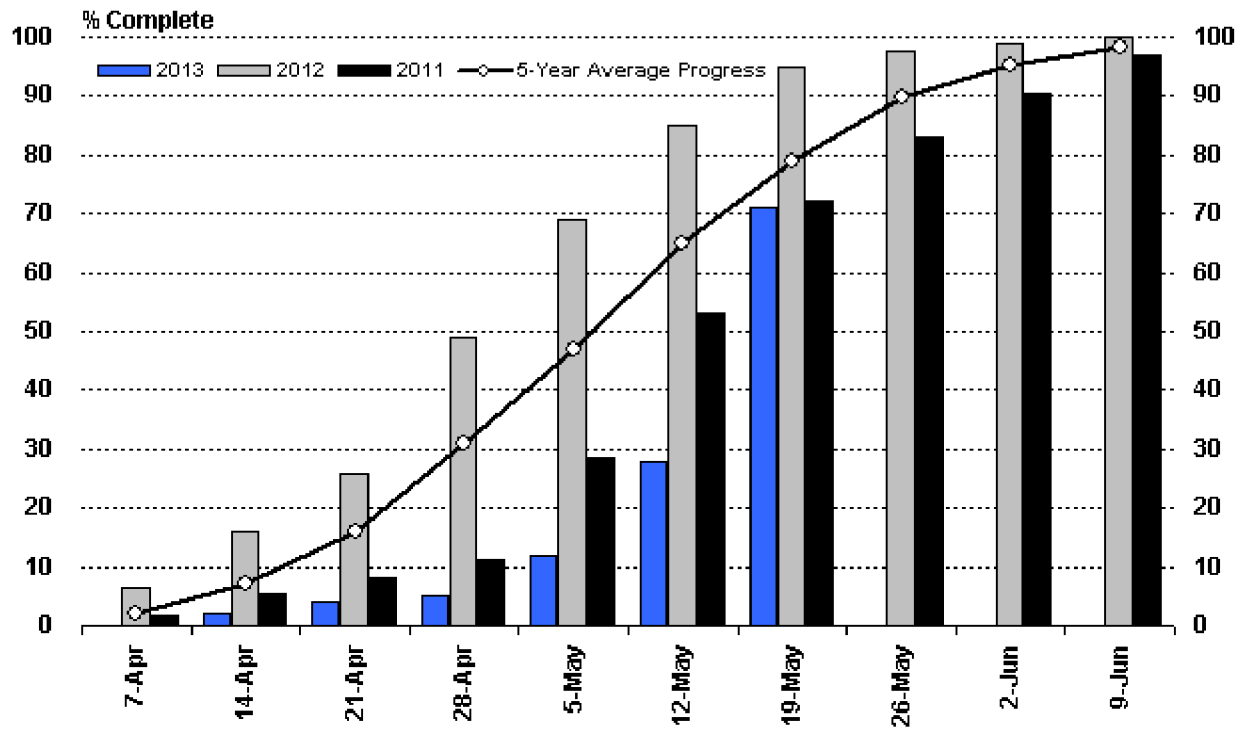
USDA reported a record-tieing weekly corn planting increase of 43% this week, with the U.S. corn crop now 71% planted vs just 28% last year. Most market ideas were for progress of 60-65%. More importantly, the previously concerning planting delays have largely been eliminated as average progress for this week is 79%. While this will create a situation where a large portion of the crop is going through pollination at the same time, elevating the risk of more widespread damage occurring if a major hot/dry spell hits during that timeframe, the incredible pace of planting last week should remove what has been the only notable supportive element for new crop corn in recent weeks. IL progress jumped to 74% complete from 17% last week, while IA is now 71% planted vs 15% last week. See the map below for full state-level details.

Soybean planting also saw an impressive week despite the extremely active corn planting, with 24% of the crop now in the ground vs just 6% last week. While still well below average of 42%, once the corn crop gets in, farmers will shift strongly to soybean planting and there is little concern at this time regarding getting the crop planted given the wider planting window for soybeans. See the map below for state-level planting updates. Most ideas for soybean planting progress this week were in the 20-25% range.

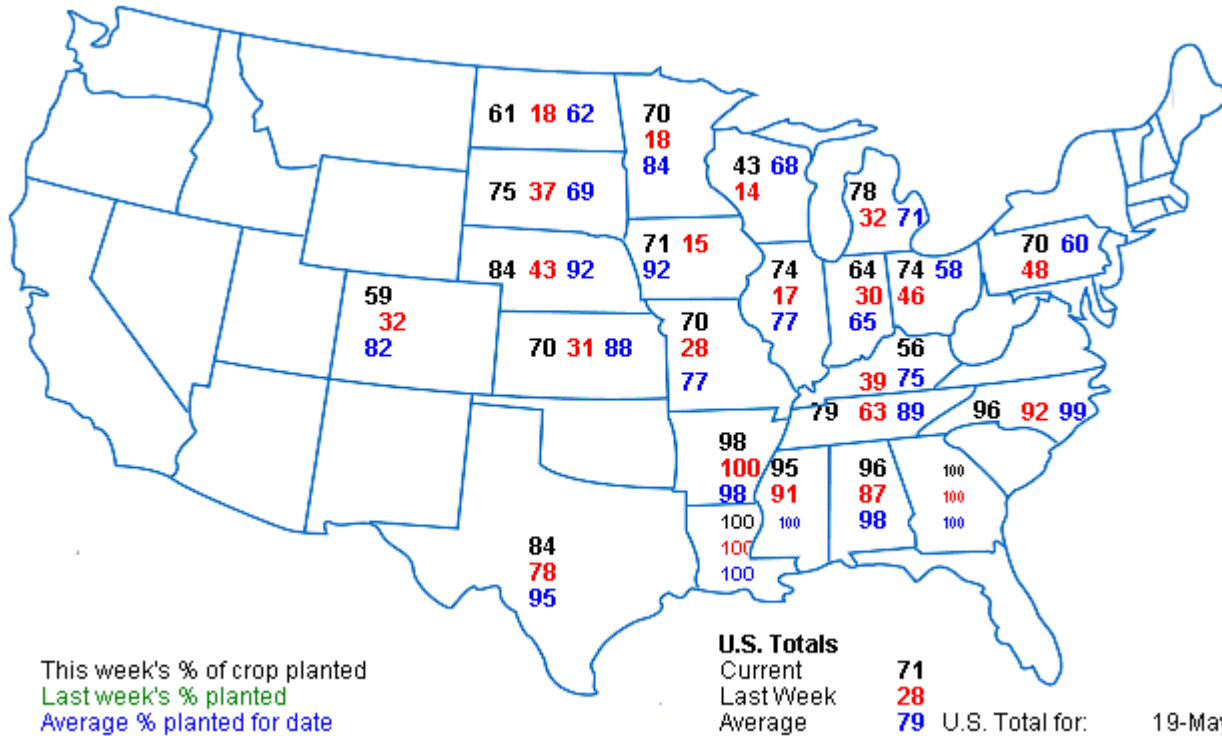
U.S. winter wheat crop conditions declined again this week with good/excellent declining 1% to 31%, but the portion of the crop rated poor/very poor rose another 2% to 41%. SRW conditions generally improved this week, while HRW declined solidly and white wheat saw another modest decline.

Spring wheat planting is now 67% complete, up solidly from 43% last week, but remains behind the average pace of 76%. Despite planting being a bit less than expectations of around 75%, a significant improvement in planting activity in recent weeks has been seen. ND is now 50% planted vs 26% last week and 67% average.

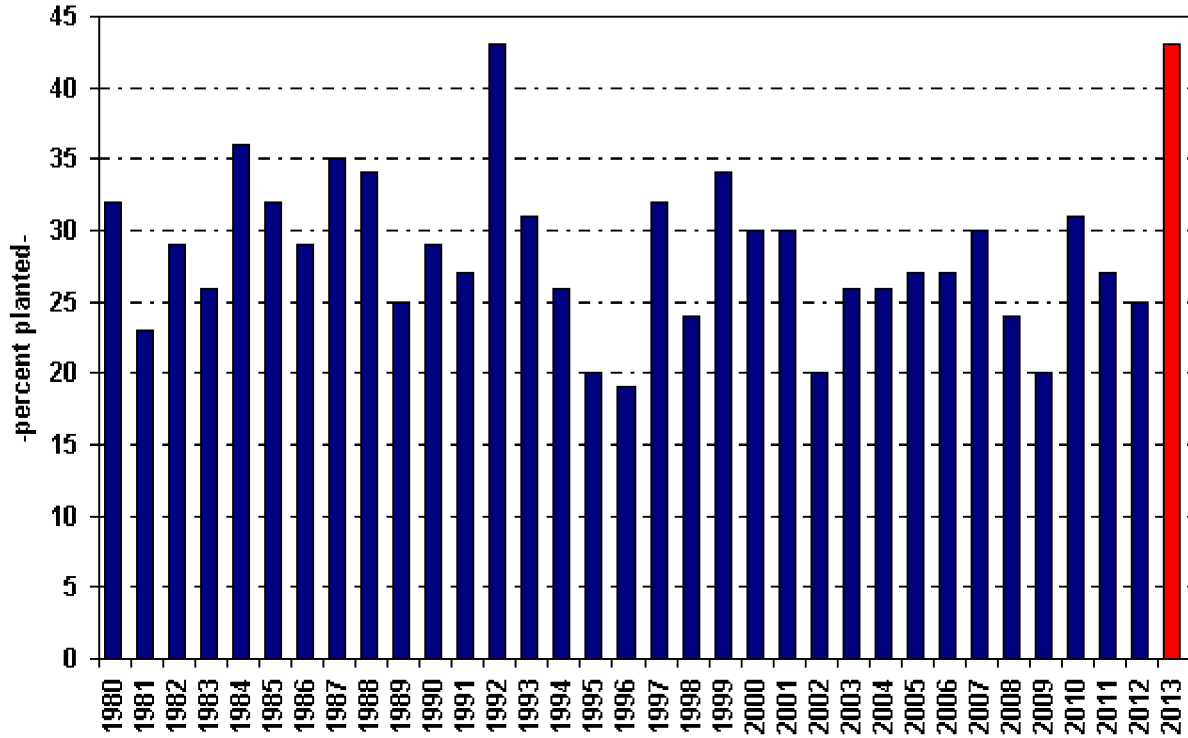
### US Corn Planting Progress



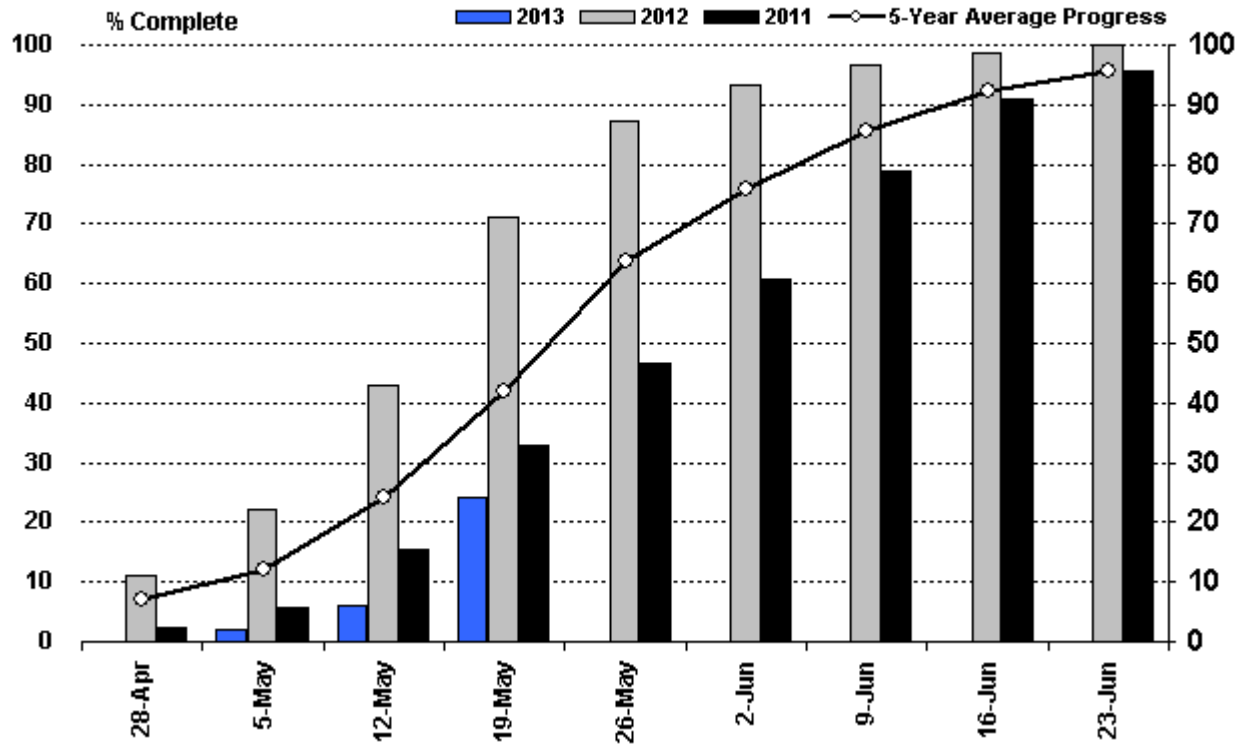
### U.S. Corn Planting Progress



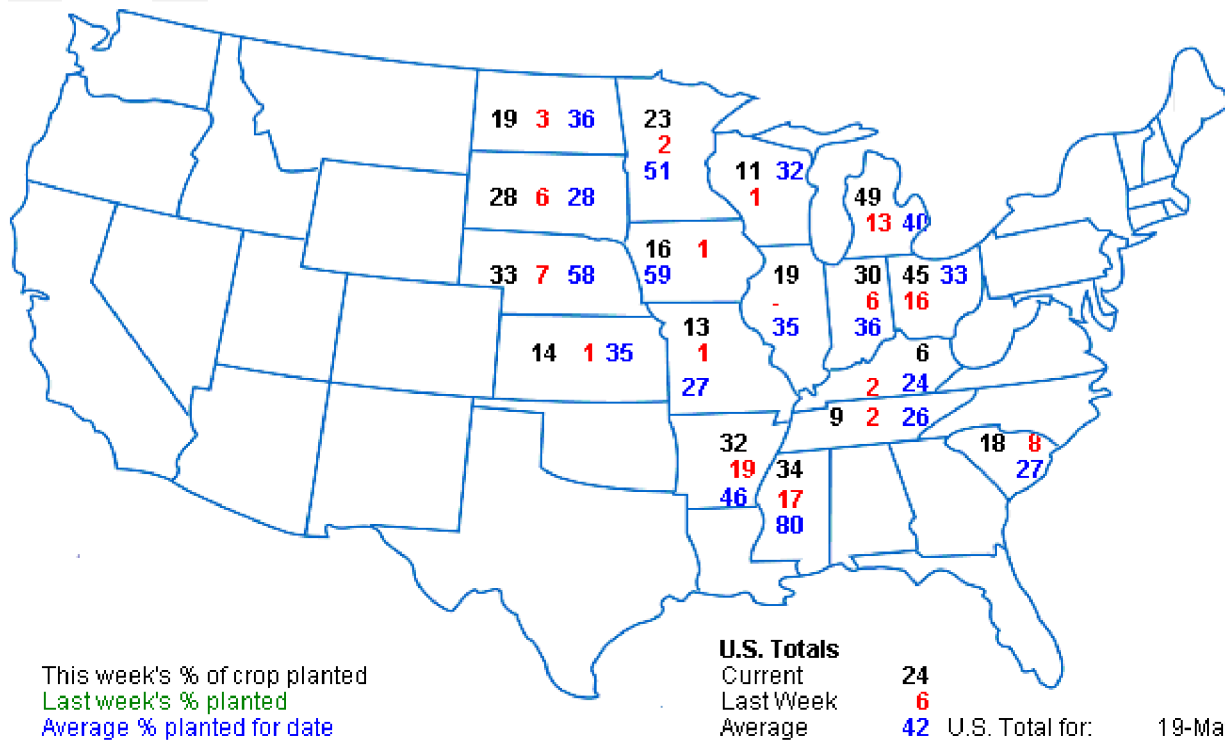
U.S. Total Largest Single-Week Corn Planting Progress Increase by Year



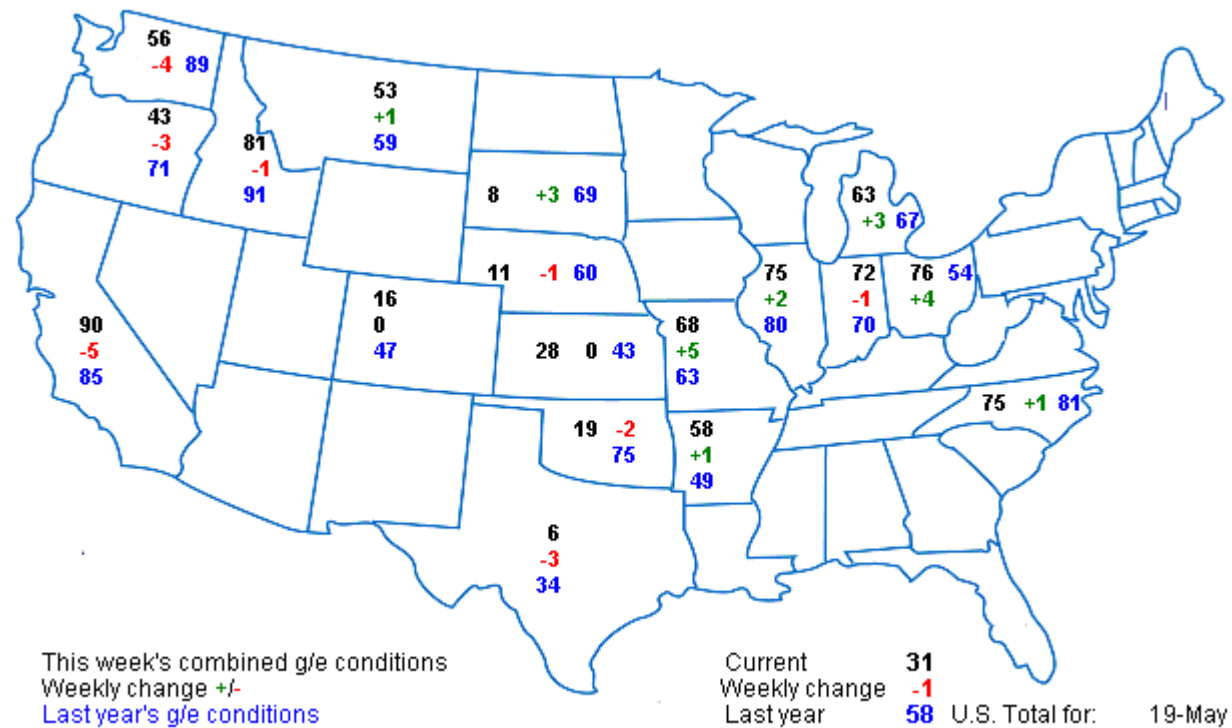
US Soybean Planting Progress



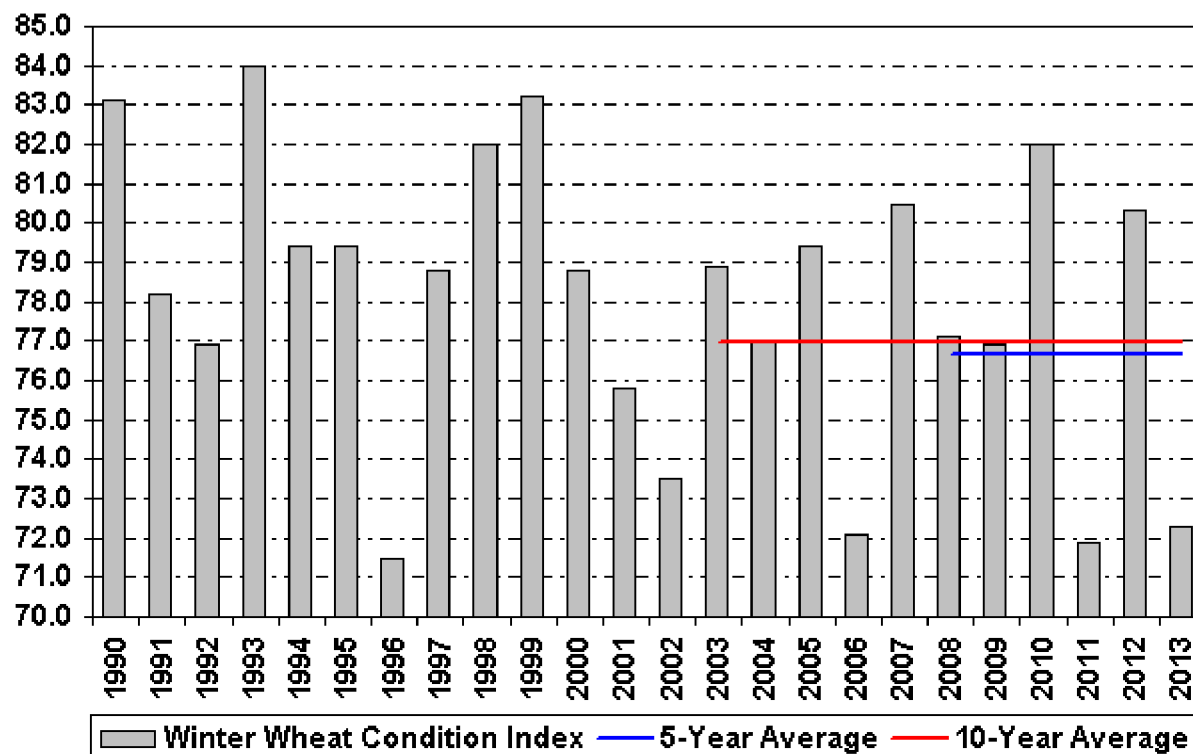
## U.S. Soybean Planting Progress



## U.S. Winter Wheat Conditions



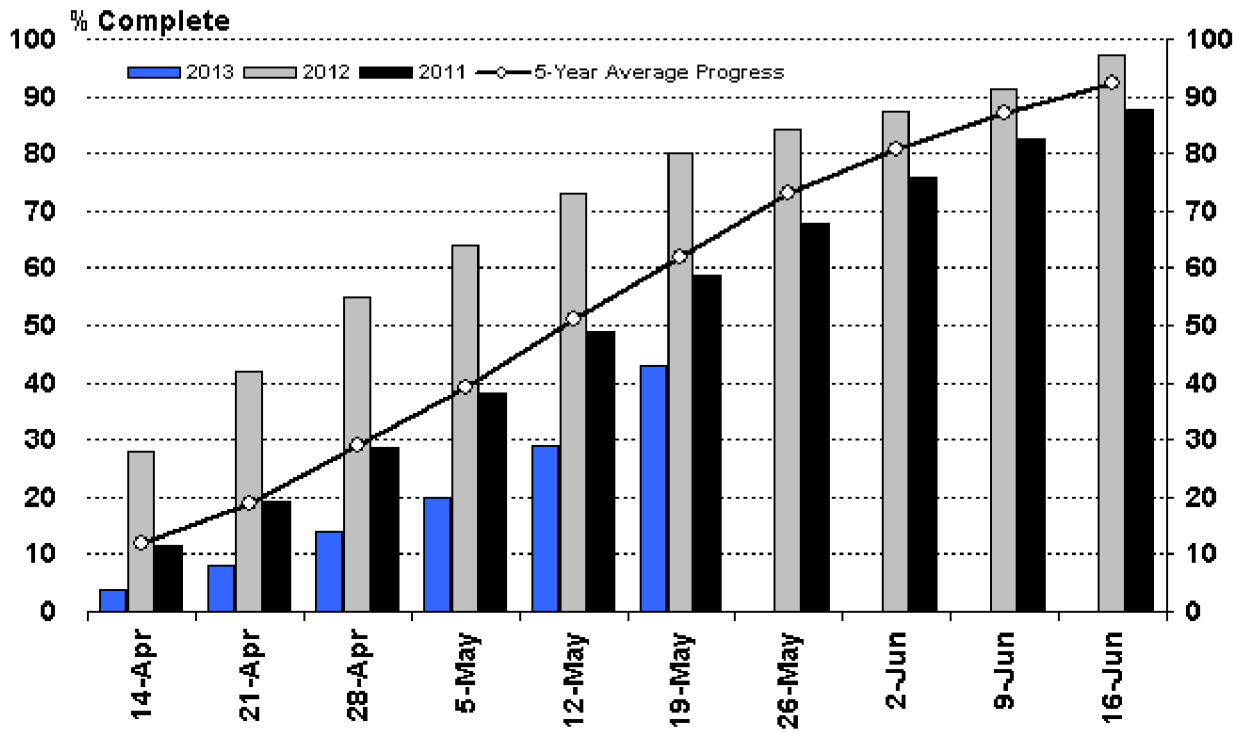
RJO MRT U.S. Winter Wheat Crop Condition Index as of Mid-May



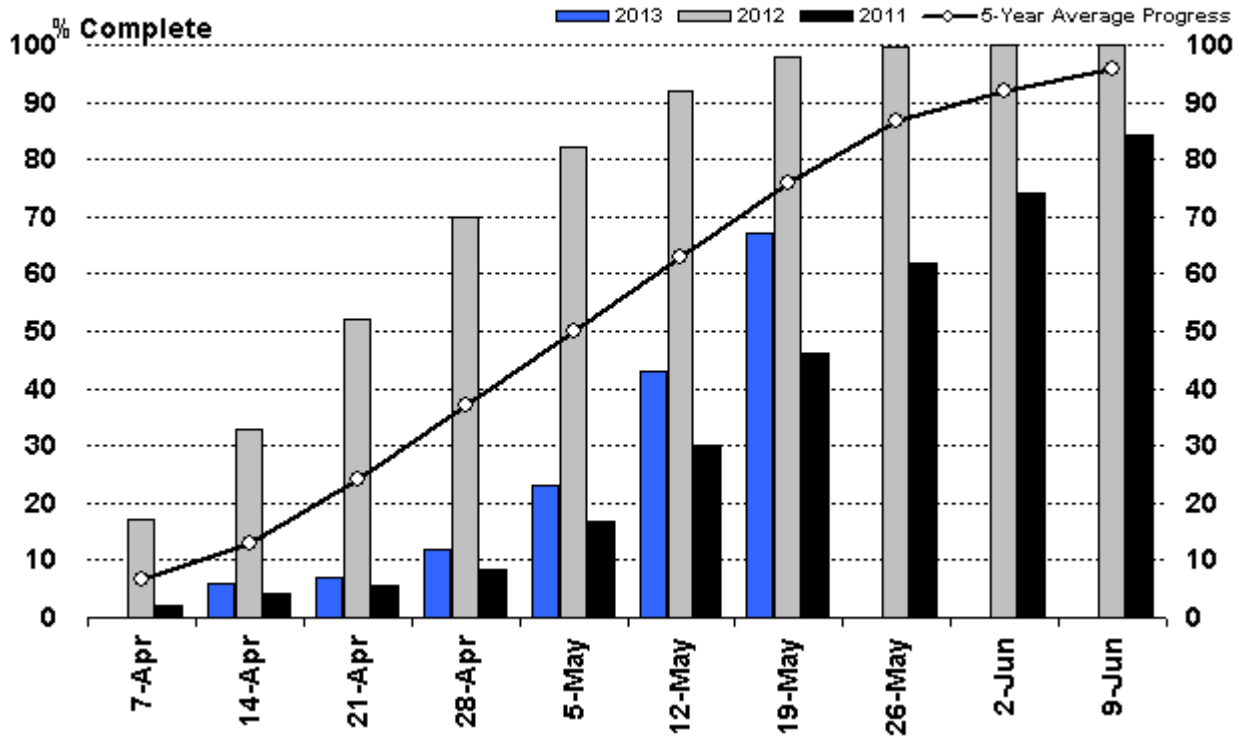
U.S. Winter Wheat Crop Conditions

	Combined Good/Excellent				Combined Poor/Very Poor			
	This Week	Last Week	Weekly Change	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Weekly Change	Last Year
AR	58	57	+1	49	10	10	0	9
CA	90	95	-5	85	0	0	0	0
CO	16	16	0	47	52	47	+5	13
ID	81	82	-1	91	2	2	0	1
IL	75	73	+2	80	3	4	-1	4
IN	72	73	-1	70	3	3	0	6
KS	28	28	0	43	42	41	+1	22
MI	63	60	+3	67	6	11	-5	9
MO	68	63	+5	63	4	4	0	12
MT	53	52	+1	59	14	15	-1	10
NE	11	12	-1	60	49	48	+1	8
NC	75	74	+1	81	4	4	0	1
OH	76	72	+4	54	4	4	0	12
OK	19	21	-2	75	52	47	+5	6
OR	43	46	-3	71	17	16	+1	7
SD	8	5	+3	69	59	61	-2	4
TX	6	9	-3	34	76	73	+3	32
WA	56	60	-4	89	13	12	+1	0
U.S.	31	32	-1	58	41	39	+2	14

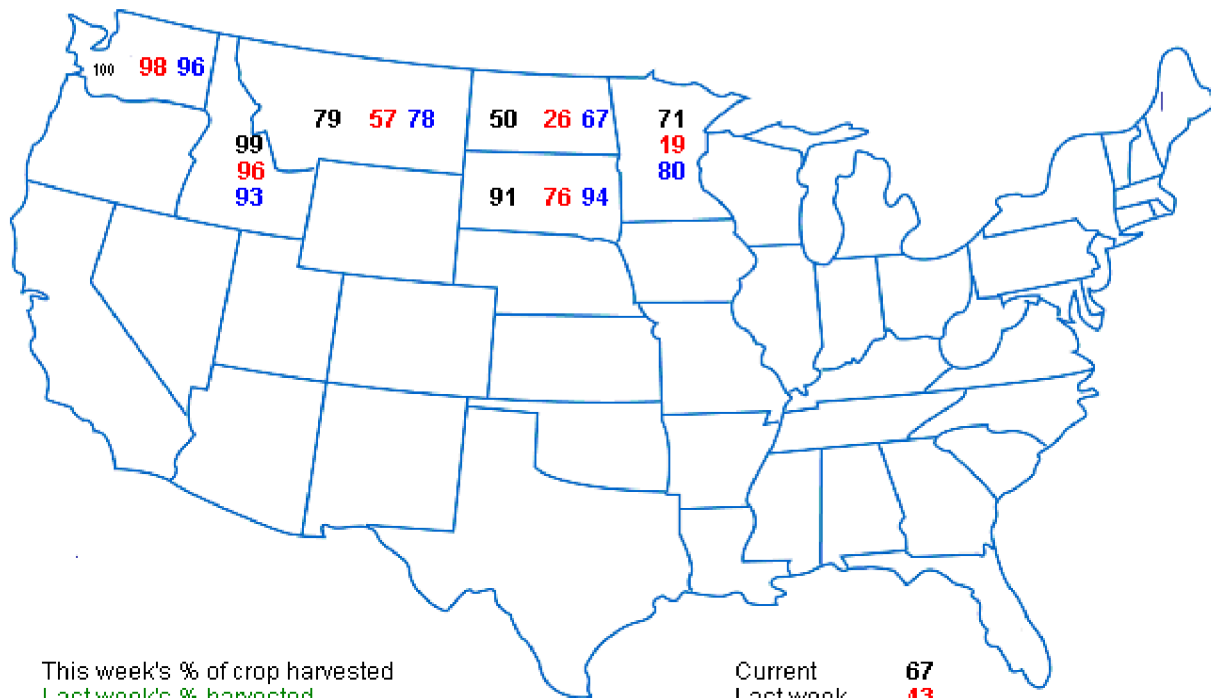
### US Winter Wheat Heading Progress



### US Spring Wheat Planting Progress



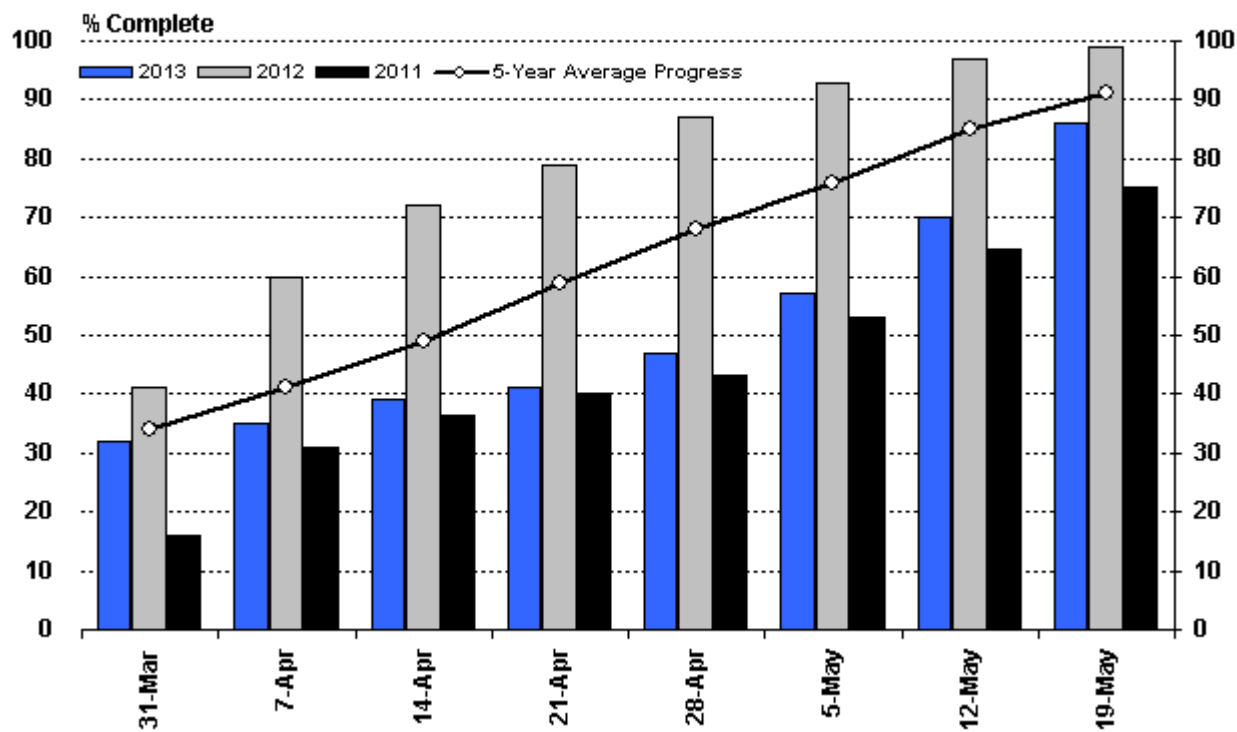
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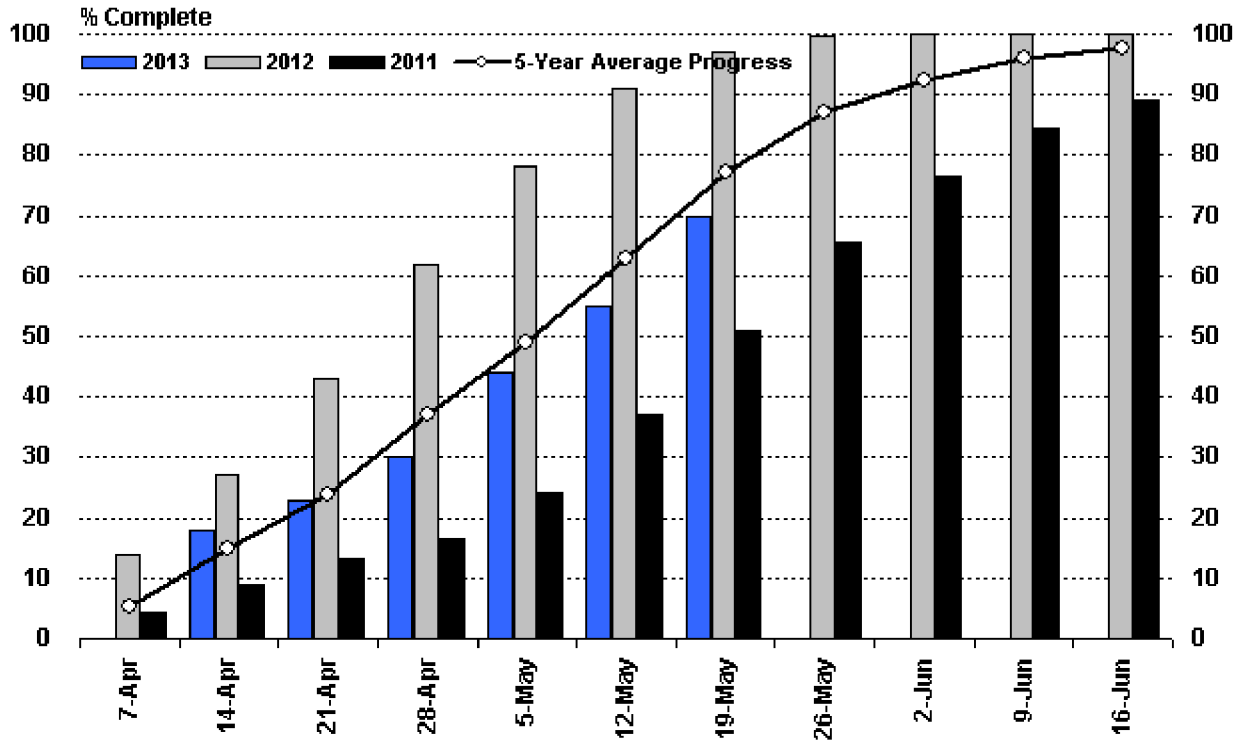
This week's % of crop harvested  
 Last week's % harvested  
 Average % harvested for date

Current **67**  
 Last week **43**  
 Average **76** U.S. Total for: 19-May

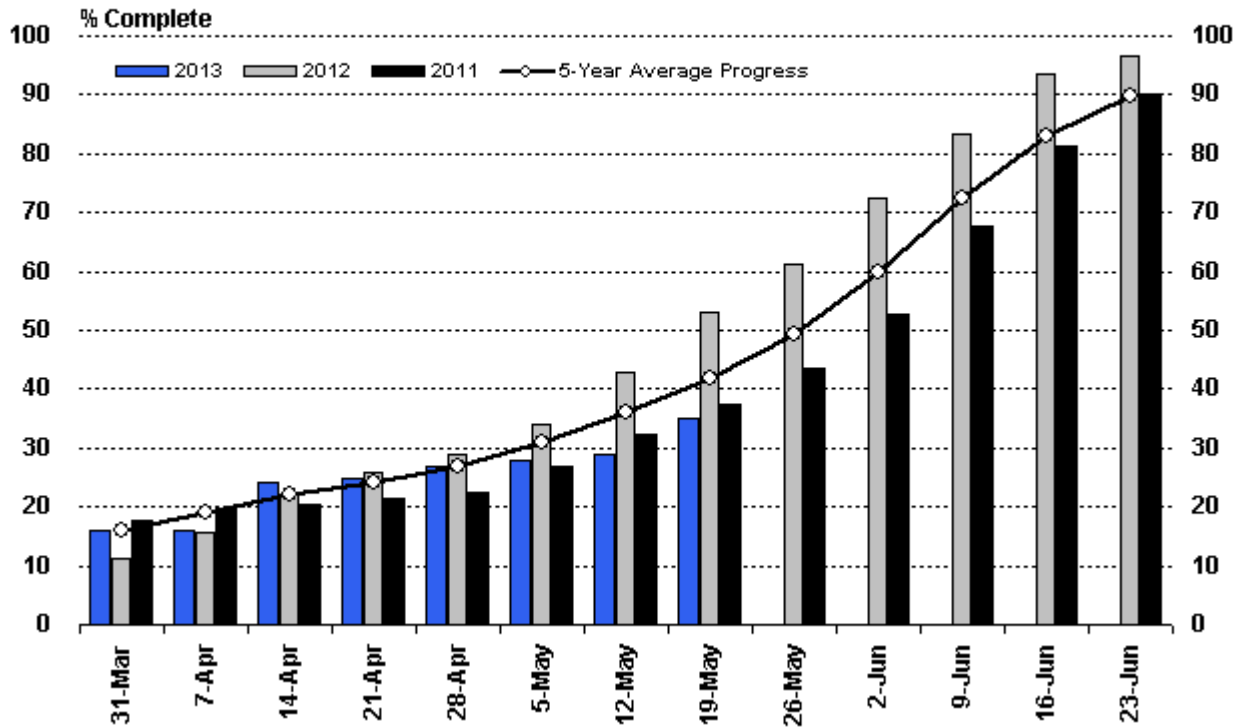
### US Oats Planting Progress



### US Barley Planting Progress



### US Sorghum Planting Progress





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