

CROP PROGRESS, CONDITON & COTTON YIELD

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Abstract

The weekly crop condition and progress reports issued by USDA NASS throughout the growing season are often a subject for market commentary. However, there is no known published research that investigates the relationship between crop progress, condition, and yield. This research investigates that relationship through an exploratory approach that examines the effect of various specifications on predictive ability. Results indicate that condition and ratings do provide significant information for cotton yield, while there is less evidence that progress readings are significant. Findings are being aggregated and prepared for eventual publication. Please contact the author if you are interested in viewing the results. A related project examines the relationship between crop condition and NOAA Drought Monitor ratings on abandonment.