



# CROP WEATHER

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**Agricultural Summary:** Mild temperatures, windy conditions, and light, widely scattered precipitation last week allowed producers 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

**Field Crop Report: Wheat** condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 14 percent excellent. Four percent of the wheat is jointed, 1 point above last year but the same as the 5-year average. Wheat freeze damage reports indicate 84 percent of the wheat has not been damaged, 14 percent with light damage, and 2 percent with moderate damage. Early reports estimate that 2 percent of Kansas wheat has been lost to winterkill. Reports of wind damage indicate 77 percent of the wheat with no damage, 19 percent with light damage, and 4 percent with moderate damage. Insect reports indicate 81 percent with no infestation, 17 percent with light infestation, and 2 percent with moderate infestation. Disease reports indicate 73 percent with no presence, 22 percent with light presence, and 5 percent with moderate presence. Thirty-three percent of **oats** have been planted, compared with 20 percent last year and 27 percent for the 5-year average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Range and pasture conditions are rated 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies are rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies are rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies are rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Cooperating Agencies**  
**Kansas State Research & Extension Service**  
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**Kansas Department of Agriculture**

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 03/13/05

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
03/13/05	1	3	27	55	14
03/06/05	1	5	19	59	16
03/15/04	14	22	32	28	4
Range & Pasture	1	11	46	40	2

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 03/13/05

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.6	4.8	6.8	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.4	4.2	4.0	5.5	NA	2.8
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	0	4	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	1	5
Short	26	22	15	26	8	3	32	1	0	15	11	15
Adequate	74	74	84	74	90	84	62	98	86	81	73	64
Surplus	0	0	1	0	1	13	0	1	14	3	15	16
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	7	2	6	6	0	0	6	0	0	3	NA	24
Short	45	17	20	52	20	2	22	0	0	21	NA	28
Adequate	48	79	73	42	78	97	72	99	83	73	NA	40
Surplus	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	17	3	NA	8

