



CROP WEATHER

Kansas Agricultural Statistics

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Agricultural Summary: The State of Kansas received light precipitation in the eastern third of the State. Producers averaged 4.1 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated at 8 percent very short, 16 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated at 7 percent very short, 15 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Primary farm activity involved fertilizing pastures, top dressing wheat, beginning weed control, and seeding oats.

Field Crop Report: Wheat is estimated at 4 percent jointed, compared to 8 percent in 2007 and 5 percent for the 5-year average. Wheat condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Wind damage to the wheat crop across the state was 87 percent no damage, 10 percent having light damage, 2 percent with moderate damage, and 1 percent with severe wind damage. Freeze damage to wheat has been rated at 86 percent with no damage, 11 percent with light damage, and 3 percent of the wheat has moderate freeze damage. Overall winterkill to the 2008 wheat crop was rated at 83 percent with no winterkill, 14 percent with light winterkill, and 3 percent with moderate winterkill. Early reports place the amount of the wheat crop acreage that has been lost to winterkill is 4 percent of the total. Insect infestation of the wheat crop is rated at 92 percent none, and 8 percent light. Disease infestation is rated at 88 percent none, 11 percent light, and 1 percent moderate. **Oats** planted is 30 percent complete, compared to 27 percent in 2007 and 34 percent for the 5-year average.

Feed Supplies Report: Range and pasture conditions were rated at 10 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were estimated at 4 percent very short, 13 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Livestock activities primarily involved calving and lambing around the State.

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CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 03/16/08

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
03/17/08	5	18	35	36	6
03/09/08	6	16	37	35	6
03/18/07	1	5	24	50	20
Range & Pasture	10	17	36	34	3

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 03/16/08

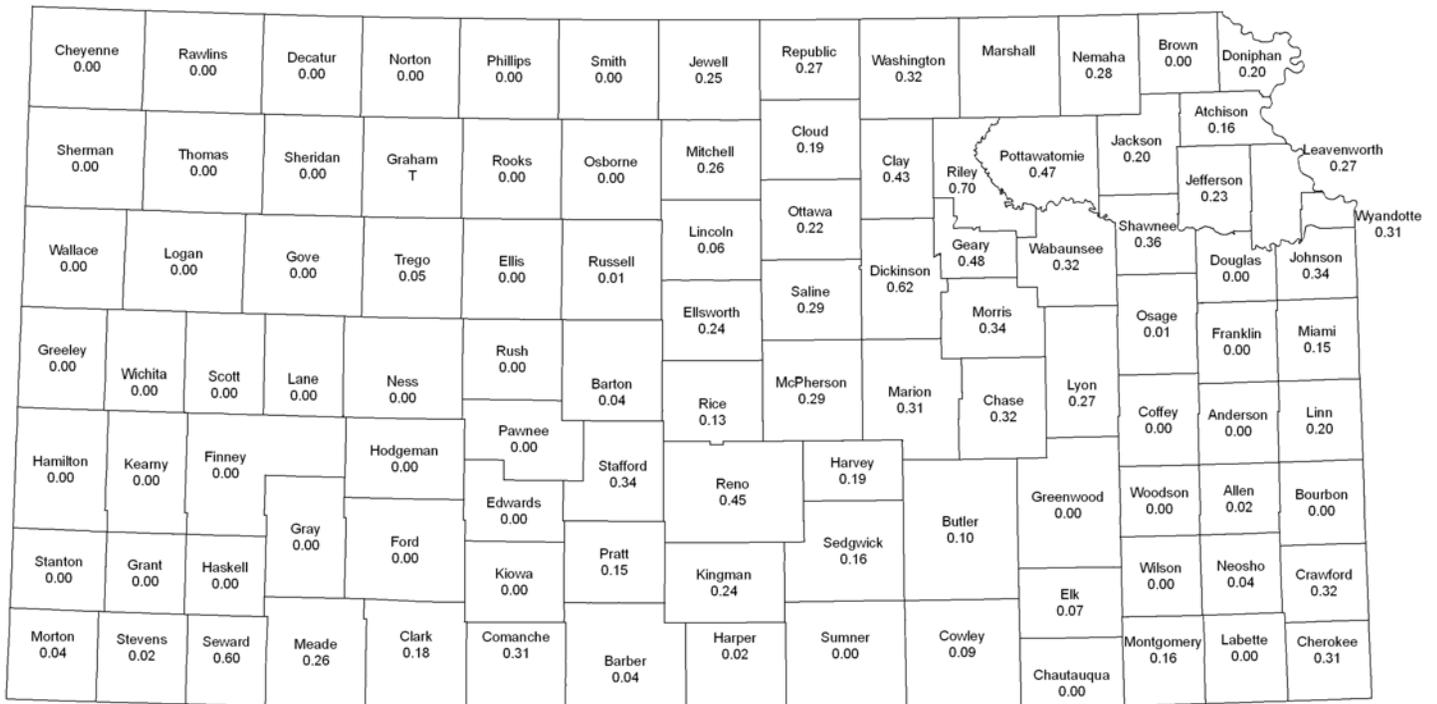
	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable For Fieldwork	4.8	6.8	7.0	4.7	4.7	5.9	1.4	1.7	2.5	4.1	3.0	5.1
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	8	26	60	1	0	2	0	0	0	8	5	2
Short	64	40	36	7	8	22	0	0	0	16	12	13
Adequate	28	34	4	88	75	76	94	73	60	64	61	82
Surplus	0	0	0	4	17	0	6	27	40	12	22	3
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	3	25	48	1	0	6	0	0	0	7	3	3
Short	68	35	23	12	16	15	0	0	0	15	16	22
Adequate	29	40	29	87	76	79	84	76	76	69	71	73
Surplus	0	0	0	0	8	0	16	24	24	9	10	2

TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 03/16/08

Station		Temperature					Precip	Station		Temperature					Precip
Dist	City	Air			Soil 4"			Dist	City	Air			Soil 4"		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min			Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min		
NW	Colby	70	15	41	54	34	.01	SC	Hesston	72	25	45	53	35	.36
WC	Tribune	71	13	42	50	37	.02	NE	Powhatt	72	20	40	50	34	.26
SW	Garden Cty	76	18	44	55	37	.00	NE	Manhat	74	19	42	51	33	.44
NC	Scandia	71	13	41	50	32	.34	EC	Ottawa	76	24	44	51	35	.27
C	Hays	73	19	43	52	30	.01	EC	Slvr Lk	73	23	42	47	33	.18
SC	Hutch	73	25	46	47	38	.00	EC	Rossvl	73	24	42	48	35	.22
SC	St John	74	21	46	54	34	.03	SE	Parsons	80	22	47	60	34	.04

Data collected by Automated Stations (above) may differ from official stations (below). Automated stations report through midnight on Sunday. Official reporting stations data are through 8:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county).

PRECIPITATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 2008



T – Precipitation less than .005. Omission of an entry indicates report not received.