



CROP WEATHER

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Agricultural Summary: Most of the State had dry, open weather for the majority of December. The Southeast section of the State received the most precipitation. Topsoil moisture is rated 14 percent very short, 38 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Field Crop Report: **Wheat** condition is rated 4 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Eighty percent of the State reported no wind damage to wheat, while 15 percent reported light wind damage, 4 percent reported moderate wind damage, and 1 percent reported severe wind damage. Freeze damage has been light, with 81 percent of the wheat having no damage, 13 percent receiving light damage, and 6 percent receiving moderate damage.

Pasture and Range Report: Feed grain supplies are rated 3 percent very short, 11 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies are rated 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Cattle remained on crop residue and wheat pasture in some areas last month.

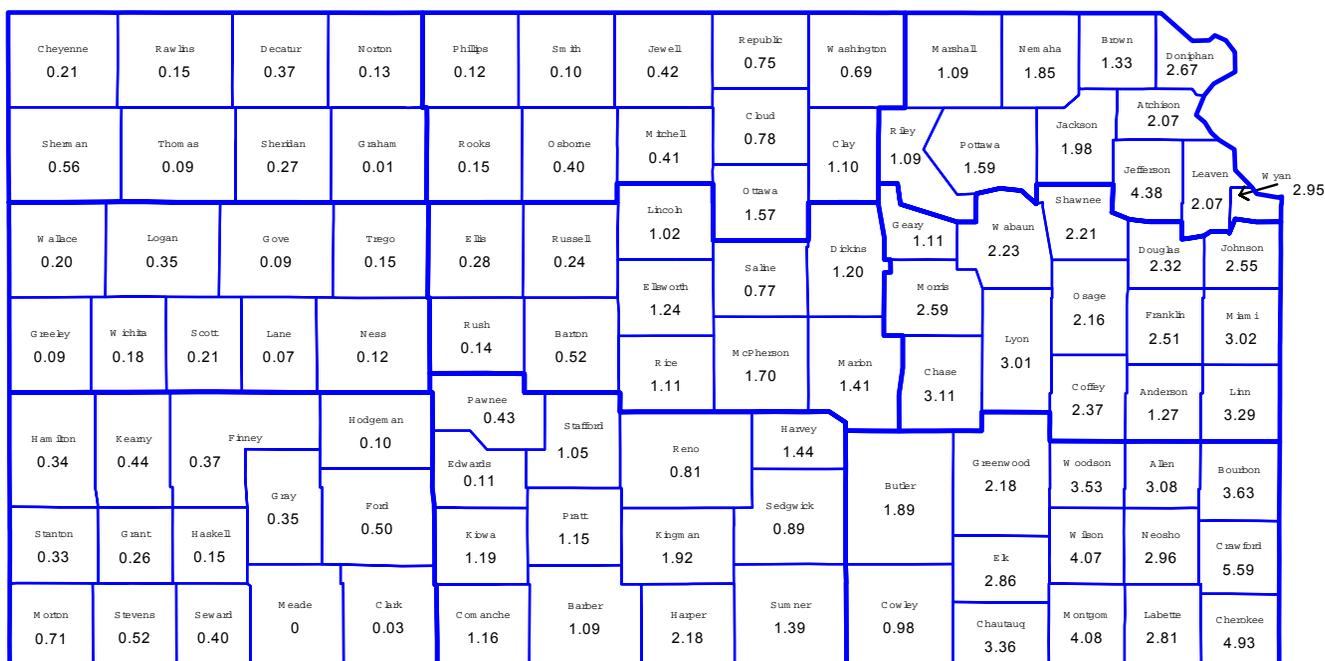
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TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2003

Station		Air Temp		Soil Temp 4 inch		Precip	Station		Air Temp		Soil Temp 4 inch		Precip
Dist	City	Max	Min	Max	Min	1/	Dist	City	Max	Min	Max	Min	1/
NW	Colby	63	11	44	29	NA	SC	Hesston	60	15	50	31	NA
WC	Tribune	67	7	38	23	NA	NE	Powhatt	55	19	49	34	NA
SW	Grdn Cty	68	12	46	32	NA	NE	Manhat	62	17	45	28	NA
NC	Scandia	56	11	43	30	NA	EC	Ottawa	57	16	52	38	NA
C	Hays	61	13	46	31	NA	EC	Slvr Lk	64	18	48	35	NA
SC	Hutch	60	13	62	38	NA	EC	Rossvl	60	17	45	29	NA
SC	St John	65	11	50	32	NA	SE	Parsons	63	24	44	27	NA

Data collected by Automated Stations and may differ from official stations as shown on the map below. Automated stations report through midnight on Sunday. Official reporting station data are through 8:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county). 1/ Gauges have been covered for the winter.

PRELIMINARY PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2003



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