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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, April 29, 2013 -- For the week ending April 28, 2013, cold weather continued in Kansas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. Average temperatures were well below normal last week although the weekend saw a return of warmer conditions. Low temperatures again dropped below freezing in many areas. Precipitation in the form of rain and even some snow occurred mostly in the East Central and Southeast Districts but was not widespread enough to have a significant impact on the State's topsoil moisture ratings. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 20 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 30 percent very short, 33 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Producers averaged 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Weather Report: Precipitation and temperature data are now being provided through the High Plains Regional Climate Center. See link below for the latest updates. A link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic is also provided.

Field Crops Report: The winter wheat crop was 53 percent jointed, behind 100 percent a year ago and 78 percent average. The wheat crop was 1 percent headed, well behind 70 percent a year ago, and 19 percent average. The condition of the crop was rated as 18 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

Corn planting was 7 percent complete, well behind 53 percent last year and 35 percent average. Corn emerged was 1 percent complete, behind 23 percent last year and 10 percent average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of Kansas range and pasture was rated as 38 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 9 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies were rated as 35 percent very short, 34 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Stock water supplies rated 24 percent very short, 28 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and KSU Extension Service.

District level data is provided on the back page.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-04-29-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=KS®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?KS,HP

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District
for the Week Ending April 28, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.9	5.4	4.7	2.4	1.8	3.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	2.7	3.0	5.6
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	35	42	50	4	7	10	5	5	1	16	15	4
Short	40	33	33	18	28	17	6	11	5	20	23	16
Adequate	25	25	17	75	65	61	77	78	48	54	53	74
Surplus	0	0	0	3	0	12	12	6	46	10	9	6
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	61	50	64	27	24	27	7	16	11	30	33	5
Short	33	38	28	42	39	46	33	31	11	33	35	21
Adequate	6	12	8	31	37	27	59	53	68	35	31	71
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	2	1	3
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	3	17	55	30	72	81	45	56	85	53	43	100
Corn Planted	3	0	5	2	14	15	6	7	22	7	5	53