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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, May 12, 2014 -- For the week ending May 11, 2014, heat and high winds caused further deterioration of the Kansas wheat crop, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Blowing and drifting dirt continues to be a concern in southwest Kansas, as some fields are too dry and barren to hold the topsoil against the strong winds. Isolated areas of the State received rain late Sunday with some reports of hail and flash flooding. The rain showers were not enough to relieve drought conditions. Temperatures averaged 6 to 15 degrees above normal for the eastern half of the State and the Southwest. In the Northwest, reports of sub-freezing night temperatures brought weekly averages down to about normal. Some farmers took advantage of the 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week to plant row crops, while others were waiting for rain before putting more seed in the ground. Topsoil moisture rated 33 percent very short, 41 short, 26 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 35 percent very short, 42 short, 23 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 23 percent very poor, 33 poor, 31 fair, 12 good, and 1 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 92 percent, ahead of 78 last year but near the five-year average of 93. Winter wheat headed was 46 percent, well ahead of 8 last year but near 47 average.

Corn planted was 72 percent complete, well ahead of 29 last year and 63 average. Corn emerged was 35 percent, ahead of 5 last year and 30 average.

Cotton planted was 12 percent complete, compared to 1 last year and 6 average.

Sorghum planted was 3 percent, compared to 1 last year and near 4 average.

Soybeans planted was 16 percent complete, ahead 1 last year and near 15 average. Soybeans emerged was 1 percent compared to 0 last year and 3 average.

Sunflowers planted was 1 percent, compared to 0 last year and equal to the average.

Alfalfa hay condition was 8 percent very poor, 23 poor, 43 fair, 25 good, and 1 excellent. Ten percent of alfalfa first cutting was complete, ahead of 0 last year but well behind 20 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** The hot, windy days have slowed grass growth in many dry areas. Pasture and range condition rated 15 percent very poor, 24 poor, 40 fair, 20 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 32 short, 48 adequate, and 0 surplus.

*Data for this 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://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-05-12-2014.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=KS&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture, and Crop Progress, by District  
for the Week Ending May 11, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	5.8	5.6	6.0	6.2	5.4	3.2
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	40	40	59	31	37	43	3	5	18	33	31	14
Short	43	50	32	50	36	43	18	31	43	41	39	18
Adequate	17	10	9	19	27	14	78	63	39	26	30	57
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	11
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	48	42	60	41	44	30	13	7	18	35	32	26
Short	43	53	30	45	40	51	17	39	39	42	42	29
Adequate	9	5	10	14	16	19	70	53	43	23	26	42
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	76	94	90	91	97	99	90	92	98	92	78	78
Winter Wheat Headed	5	24	49	25	59	76	6	40	69	46	15	8
Corn Planted	50	40	63	74	80	94	87	92	97	72	52	29
Corn Emerged	7	7	18	16	40	64	50	67	86	35	19	5
Soybeans Planted	6	2	14	19	15	16	21	17	12	16	4	1