



CROP WEATHER

Kansas Agricultural Statistics

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Agricultural Summary: Kansas received very light and scattered showers that varied widely with only a handful of counties receiving greater than 1 inch. Producers across the State averaged 5.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture is rated at 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated at 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Primary farm activities involved cutting hay, preparing for wheat planting, and harvesting high moisture corn and silage.

Field Crop Report: Ninety-one percent of **corn** is in the dough stage, compared to 99 percent last year and 97 percent for the 5-year average. Sixty-eight percent has dented, compared to 90 percent in 2007 and 81 percent for the 5-year average. Fifteen percent of corn has matured, compared to 35 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Corn condition is rated 4 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Eighty-six percent of **sorghum** is headed, compared to 96 percent for the previous year and 90 percent for the 5-year average. Forty percent is coloring, compared to 57 percent last year and 47 percent for the 5-year average. Three percent is rated mature, the same as in 2007 but behind the 5 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Eighty-eight percent of **soybeans** are setting pods, compared to 91 percent for both previous year and the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Ten percent of **cotton** is in the bolls open stage, which had not begun at this time last year, but compares to 7 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Eighty-five percent of the **sunflowers** are blooming, compared to 98 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty-nine percent is in the ray flower dry stage, compared to 41 percent in 2007 and 43 percent for the 5-year average. Eight percent is in the bracts yellow stage, compared to 12 percent for the previous year and 14 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Thirty-nine percent of the fourth cutting of **alfalfa** has been completed, compared to 47 percent for the previous year and 41 percent for the 5-year average.

Feed Supplies Report: Range and pasture conditions were rated at 7 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were estimated at 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

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Crop Conditions for Week Ending 08/31/08

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	4	9	36	42	9
Sorghum	3	9	29	48	11
Soybeans	1	4	27	49	19
Cotton	5	10	25	50	10
Sunflowers	1	7	25	60	7
Range & Pasture	7	10	28	47	8

Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District as of 08/31/08

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Corn Dough	75	99	77	100	98	100	99	100	100	91	89	99	97
Corn Dent	36	67	36	95	90	79	84	91	93	68	53	90	81
Corn Mature	2	4	1	49	36	21	4	24	40	15	5	35	35
Sorghum Headed	84	87	65	96	86	91	100	93	94	86	80	96	90
Sorghum Coloring	21	38	20	40	45	54	79	55	54	40	24	57	47
Sorghum Mature	1	1	0	2	2	14	0	1	4	3	2	3	5
Soybeans Podded	72	91	76	97	84	94	98	90	60	88	78	91	91

Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for Week Ending 08/31/08

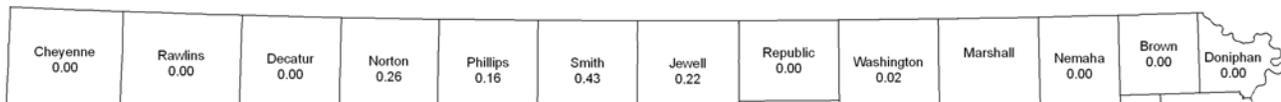
	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable For Fieldwork	6.0	7.0	6.4	4.9	4.8	6.2	5.8	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.4	6.0
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	7	26	9	0	1	3	4	0	9	6	4	10
Short	22	41	35	3	10	30	23	37	9	21	21	38
Adequate	56	33	56	93	69	65	71	63	78	67	68	51
Surplus	15	0	0	4	20	2	2	0	4	6	7	1
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	14	22	31	1	4	3	1	0	11	8	7	6
Short	33	37	57	10	13	29	19	21	5	22	21	40
Adequate	49	41	12	86	77	67	77	79	84	68	70	54
Surplus	4	0	0	3	6	1	3	0	0	2	2	0

TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 08/31/08 at 7:00 a.m.

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	90	50	72	91	63	.00	SC	Hesston	96	59	77	91	68	.03
WC	Tribune	90	55	72	81	71	.00	NE	Powhatt	89	53	71	90	68	.02
SW	Garden Cty	92	60	76	87	74	.00	NE	Manhat	93	52	73	86	70	.00
NC	Scandia	90	52	72	83	64	.05	EC	Ottawa	99	58	76	90	68	2.54
C	Hays	95	59	75	92	64	.00	EC	Slvr Lk	94	52	73	83	70	.00
SC	Hutch	101	57	77	81	70	.48	EC	Rossvl	93	52	73	84	72	.00
SC	St John	99	61	79	86	68	.08	SE	Parsons	94	59	76	82	70	.14

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 7:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county).

PRECIPITATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008 at 7:00 a.m.



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