



# CROP WEATHER

## Kansas Agricultural Statistics

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation was heavy across the State, with most counties receiving greater than half an inch of rain. Producers across the State averaged 5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture is rated as 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated as 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Primary farm activities involved cutting hay, planting wheat, and harvesting corn, soybeans, sorghum, and sunflowers.

**Field Crop Report:** Seventy-nine percent of the **wheat** has been planted compared to 67 percent in 2007 and 75 percent for the 5-year average. Fifty-one percent has emerged, compared to 34 percent previous year and 44 percent for the 5-year average. Wheat condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Ninety-two percent of **corn** has matured, compared to 100 percent last year and 99 percent for the 5-year average. Forty-five percent has been harvested, compared to 79 percent for 2007 and 75 percent for the 5-year average. Corn condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Ninety-five percent of the **sorghum** is coloring, compared to 100 percent last year and 97 percent for the 5-year average. Fifty-six percent is rated mature, compared to 85 percent for 2007 and 72 percent for the 5-year average. Seventeen percent has been harvested, compared to 34 percent last year and 31 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Eighty-eight percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to 90 percent last year and 92 percent for the 5-year average. Forty-six percent has been harvested, compared to 39 percent previous year and 42 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated as 3 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 21 percent excellent. Seventy-five percent of **cotton** is in the bolls open stage, compared to 67 percent last year and 63 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated as 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Ninety-one percent of **sunflowers** are in the bracts yellow stage, the same as the previous year but behind the 5-year average of 92 percent. Fifty-one percent are mature, compared to 74 percent for last year and 71 for the 5-year average. Ten percent has been harvested, compared to 25 percent in 2007 and 26 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Eighty-four percent of the fourth cutting of **alfalfa** has been completed, compared to 87 percent last year and 86 percent for the 5-year average.

**Feed Supplies Report:** Range and pasture conditions were rated as 4 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated as 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were estimated as 5 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

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### Crop Conditions for Week Ending 10/12/08

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	2	2	26	65	5
Corn	3	9	28	49	11
Sorghum	2	8	25	52	13
Soybeans	0	3	24	52	21
Cotton	5	10	25	50	10
Sunflowers	1	5	25	57	12
Range & Pasture	4	10	28	50	8

### Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District as of 10/12/08

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Wheat Planted	94	91	98	89	78	69	62	44	34	79	64	67	75
Wheat Emerged	61	67	65	66	39	48	29	13	25	51	31	34	44
Corn Mature	87	77	79	99	98	100	98	98	99	92	84	100	99
Corn Harvested	31	42	50	34	75	70	43	64	86	45	34	79	75
Sorghum Coloring	98	98	73	97	98	99	100	90	99	95	90	100	97
Sorghum Mature	44	50	54	71	57	80	73	56	85	56	41	85	72
Sorghum Harvested	12	10	10	18	14	37	18	15	49	17	10	34	31
Soybeans Dropping	98	92	88	98	90	88	96	85	65	88	76	90	92
Soybeans Harvested	58	33	26	65	49	39	49	25	27	46	21	39	42

### Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for Week Ending 10/12/08

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable For Fieldwork	4.2	4.8	6.0	4.4	4.8	3.8	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.0	6.7	5.5
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	9
Short	17	20	15	5	4	2	13	19	16	11	21	35
Adequate	75	74	84	89	84	85	72	77	77	80	69	54
Surplus	8	0	1	6	12	13	15	3	7	8	3	2
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	2	29	25	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	8	8
Short	18	35	22	6	10	4	1	4	22	12	15	38
Adequate	80	36	52	89	81	94	83	95	78	80	74	53
Surplus	0	0	1	4	6	1	16	1	0	3	3	1

**TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 10/12/08 at 7:00 a.m.**

Station		Temperature					Precip	Station		Temperature					Precip
		Air			Soil 4"					Air			Soil 4"		
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min		Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	
NW	Colby	79	40	57	74	49	.85	SC	Hesston	81	41	64	76	52	.92
WC	Tribune	82	38	57	71	56	.81	NE	Powhatt	79	39	63	76	53	.02
SW	Garden Cty	90	41	60	73	58	2.22	NE	Manhat	83	38	64	72	59	.09
NC	Scandia	81	39	63	68	50	.90	EC	Ottawa	81	39	64	69	53	.01
C	Hays	81	41	61	75	50	2.15	EC	Slvr Lk	81	39	65	69	58	1.64
SC	Hutch	80	42	64	67	59	1.48	EC	Rossvl	82	38	64	69	61	1.14
SC	St John	81	43	65	73	57	.94	SE	Parsons	79	38	64	68	59	.00

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 OCTOBER 12, 2008 at 7:00 a.m.**

