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Agricultural Summary: Last week temperatures were normal in the Western counties and below normal in the Eastern counties. Rains were heaviest across the central area of the state and into the southeast, where there was a pocket of heavy rainfall in and around Montgomery County. Producers across the State averaged only 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture is rated as 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated as 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Fieldwork activities for the week included cutting alfalfa, harvesting silage and corn, and planting winter wheat.

Field Crop Report: Wet field conditions last week halted field work in many areas of the State where corn producers were hoping to begin harvesting. Only three percent of the **corn** crop has been harvested, behind both last year at 5 percent and the 5-year average of 18 percent. Eighty-six percent of the corn is in the dent stage, behind 2008 at 93 percent and 95 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty-one percent is mature, behind 39 percent for the previous year and 61 percent for the 5-year average. Corn condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 20 percent excellent. Sixty-six percent of **sorghum** is coloring, ahead of 61 percent for last year but behind 73 percent for the 5-year average. Four percent is mature, behind both the previous year and the 5-year average which are 9 percent and 17 percent, respectively. Sorghum condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Twenty-two percent of the **soybeans** are dropping leaves, ahead of 19 percent for the previous year but behind 32 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 27 percent excellent. Four percent of the **winter wheat** has been planted, behind 5 percent for last year and the 5-year average of 7 percent. Thirteen percent of the **cotton** have bolls opening, behind 16 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Ninety-five percent of the **sunflowers** are in bloom, behind 99 percent for both the previous year and the 5-year average. Fifty-four percent are in the ray flower dry stage, compared to 65 percent for last year and 66 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty-three percent have bracts yellow, behind both 2008 at 35 percent the 5-year average of 38 percent. Sunflower condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Thirty-eight percent of the fourth cutting of **alfalfa** has been completed, behind the previous year and the 5-year average at 54 and 61 percent respectively.

Feed Supplies Report: Range and pasture condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

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Crop Conditions for the Week Ending 09/13/09

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	5	25	48	20
Sorghum	1	4	20	56	19
Soybeans	1	3	17	52	27
Cotton	3	6	26	58	7
Sunflowers	2	7	21	61	9
Range & Pasture	2	6	28	52	12

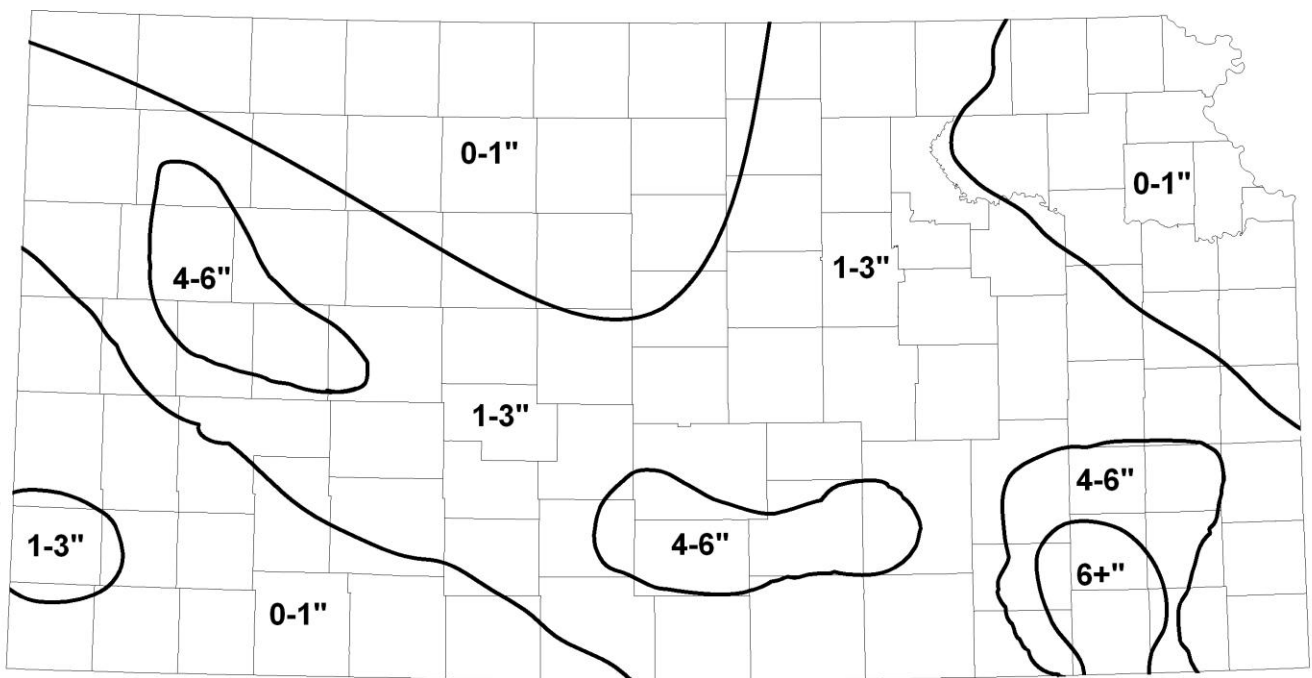
Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District as of 09/13/09

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Corn Dent	80	80	73	96	92	99	95	92	99	86	80	93	95
Corn Mature	16	10	13	84	47	40	38	24	53	31	22	39	61
Corn Harvested	4	1	2	1	2	4	2	1	14	3	2	5	18
Sorghum Coloring	61	55	66	74	63	63	86	79	71	66	49	61	73
Sorghum Mature	0	2	5	9	2	3	6	7	10	4	1	9	17
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	24	26	5	42	24	15	35	8	4	22	8	19	32

Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for the Week Ending 09/13/09

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable												
For Fieldwork	5.1	2.7	5.4	2.7	1.5	2.4	4.9	3.6	2.2	3.3	5.2	2.9
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Short	17	7	34	8	1	4	4	2	0	8	13	6
Adequate	67	79	56	78	75	77	81	84	66	74	81	64
Surplus	16	14	0	14	24	19	15	14	34	17	5	27
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	0	0	17	0	4	1	0	0	0	3	3	5
Short	17	17	43	9	14	22	3	2	0	13	18	11
Adequate	69	77	40	89	69	76	83	94	76	75	76	68
Surplus	14	6	0	2	13	1	14	4	24	9	3	16

Precipitation for September 7 – 13, 2009



Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center

The regular weekly weather data is unavailable for the week ending 09/13/09.