



CROP WEATHER

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Agricultural Summary: Widespread rains fell across the State with the western third, the northeast and the very southeast corner all receiving over an inch. Norton county received the most with 2.40 inches followed by Brown county with 2.04 inches. Temperatures ranged from highs around 80 degrees early in the week to lows near 30 degrees by week's end. Precipitation and below normal temperatures limited producers to an average of only 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork, and to just a half of a day in the soaked northwest. Topsoil moisture supplies across Kansas were rated as 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Limited activities for the week included harvesting corn, sorghum, sunflowers, and soybeans, along with planting winter wheat.

Field Crop Report: Cool, damp weather again slowed harvest this past week, with corn harvest 33 points behind the 5-year average, sorghum harvest 32 points behind the average, and soybean harvest 20 points behind average. Forty-seven percent of the **corn** crop has been harvested, behind both last year at 59 percent and the 5-year average of 80 percent. Corn condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Eighty-five percent of the **sorghum** crop has reached maturity, ahead of 79 percent last year but behind the 5-year average of 88 percent. Farmers have harvested only 14 percent of the sorghum crop, behind 2008 at 25 percent and 46 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition is rated as 2 very poor, 6 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Ninety-six percent of the **soybeans** are dropping leaves, ahead of 93 percent last year but behind 98 percent for the 5-year average. Forty-eight percent of the crop has been harvested, behind 2008 at 59 percent and the 5-year average of 68 percent. The condition of the soybean crop is rated as 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 28 percent excellent. The precipitation and wet soils across the State again made wheat planting difficult, as farmers only planted 7 percent of the crop last week. Eighty percent of the **winter wheat** has been planted, behind last year's 83 percent and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Sixty-five percent has emerged, behind 72 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Wheat condition is rated as 2 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Sixty-five percent of the **cotton** has bolls opening, behind 94 percent for last year and 83 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated as 8 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. This is down 12 percentage points in the good to excellent category from the previous week. Five percent of the **sunflowers** have not reached the ray flower dry stage yet. Ninety percent have bracts yellow, behind both 2008, at 99 percent, and the 5-year average of 98 percent. Seventy-two percent of the sunflowers have reached maturity, behind 77 percent for last year and 87 percent for the 5-year average. Farmers had only harvested 14 percent of the crop by week's end, behind last year at 17 percent and 40 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Eighty-one percent of the fourth cutting of **alfalfa** has been completed, behind the previous year and the 5-year average at 99 and 98 percent, respectively.

Feed Supplies Report: Range and pasture condition was rated as 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

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Crop Conditions for the Week Ending 10/25/09

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	5	26	47	19
Sorghum	2	6	25	51	16
Soybeans	2	4	18	48	28
Cotton	8	16	33	37	6
Sunflowers	2	9	24	55	10
Winter Wheat	0	2	25	65	8
Range & Pasture	2	8	29	52	9

Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District as of 10/25/09

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Corn Harvested	28	31	56	36	63	53	52	45	71	47	44	59	80
Sorghum Mature	61	96	78	92	89	82	98	90	71	85	72	79	88
Sorghum Harvested	5	19	13	11	20	11	11	11	26	14	10	25	46
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	100	100	95	100	97	99	100	98	88	96	94	93	98
Soybeans Harvested	58	48	25	84	53	52	72	24	16	48	42	59	68
Winter Wheat Planted	87	88	89	89	83	85	86	41	40	80	73	83	89
Winter Wheat Emerged	77	73	73	70	63	63	67	28	22	65	48	72	72

Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for the Week Ending 10/25/09

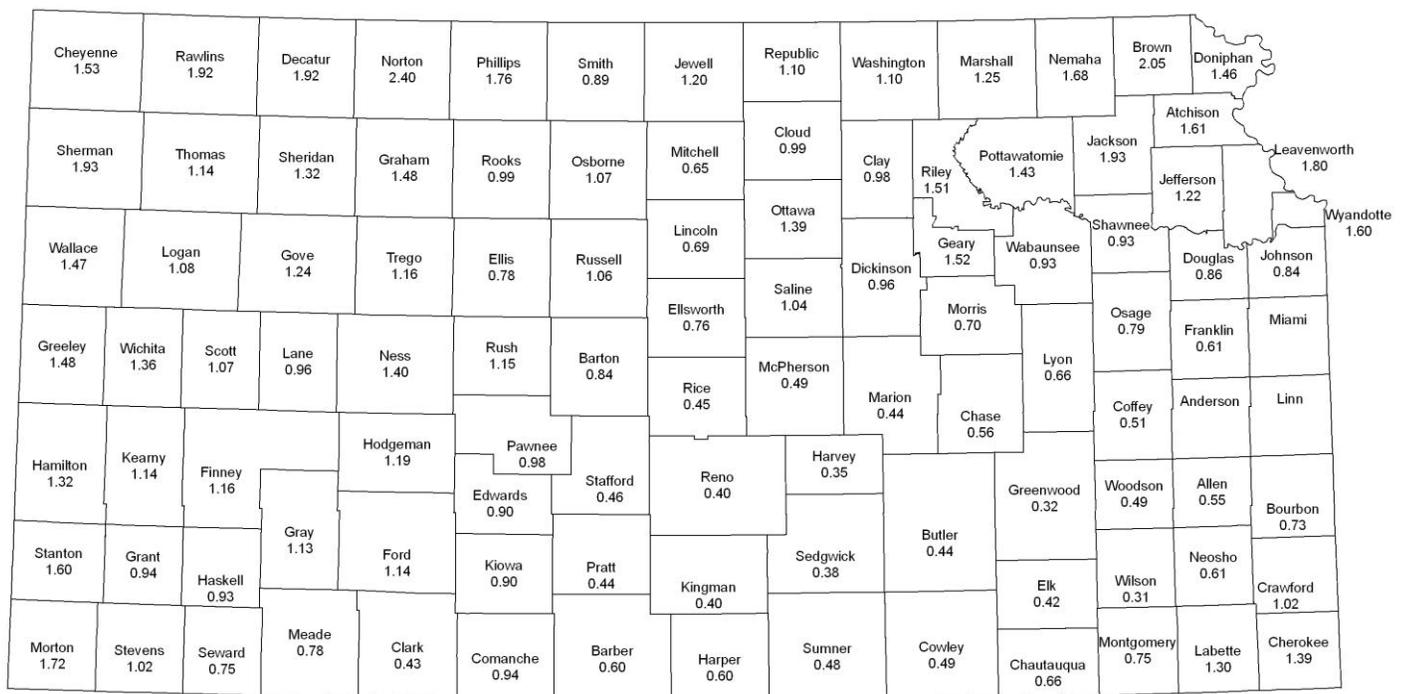
	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable												
For Fieldwork	0.5	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.2	1.5	2.0
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Short	0	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1
Adequate	73	92	72	77	73	81	60	93	42	72	75	73
Surplus	27	7	1	23	27	19	40	7	58	25	20	26
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	2	0	18	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	1
Short	10	5	35	2	11	3	0	1	0	7	8	7
Adequate	86	91	46	96	81	95	91	94	70	83	80	84
Surplus	2	4	1	2	5	2	9	5	30	8	9	8

Temp. and Precip. Data, Selected Sites, for the Week Ending 10/25/09

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	28	45	71	33	.93	SC	Hesston	75	32	55	63	48	.34
WC	Tribune	82	29	46	59	43	1.44	NE	Powhatt	72	30	54	64	43	.96
SW	Garden Cty	82	29	48	61	44	1.34	NE	Manhat	77	32	54	64	45	.52
NC	Scandia	77	27	50	62	39	.93	EC	Ottawa	76	32	55	63	43	1.25
C	Hays	81	32	51	69	39	.64	EC	Slvr Lk	77	30	55	61	48	.63
SC	Hutch	75	31	54	62	50	.36	EC	Rossvl	78	29	55	61	47	1.42
SC	St John	80	34	54	68	48	.43	SE	Parsons	74	33	55	61	48	.41

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 25, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.



Omission of an entry indicates report not received.