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Agricultural Summary: After an unusually wet, cool month of October, Kansas farmers were finally relieved with some warm, dry weather the first week of November. High temperatures reached the 70's and low 80's, and precipitation was very limited with only light amounts reported in the North Central and Northeast districts. With the change in the weather last week producers averaged 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies across Kansas were rated as 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Activities for the week included catching up on corn, sorghum, sunflower, and soybean harvest, along with planting winter wheat.

Field Crop Report: Farmers took full advantage of the weather last week as harvest progressed substantially despite all row crops still being well behind the average progress. Sorghum and sunflowers advanced the most, gaining 20 percentage points each, while soybeans advanced 17 points and corn advanced 16 points. Sixty-eight percent of the **corn** crop has been harvested, behind both last year at 80 percent and the 5-year average of 93 percent. Ninety-six percent of the **sorghum** crop has reached maturity, ahead of last year at 95 percent but behind the 5-year average of 98 percent. Thirty-seven percent of the sorghum crop has been harvested, behind 2008 at 56 percent and 75 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Seventy-two percent of the **soybean** crop has been harvested, behind 2008 at 82 percent and the 5-year average of 88 percent. Ninety percent of the **winter wheat** has been planted, behind last year's 94 percent and the 5-year average of 97 percent. Seventy-eight percent has emerged, behind 86 percent last year and the 5-year average of 87 percent. Wheat condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 14 percent excellent. Eighty-eight percent of the **cotton** has bolls opening, behind 100 percent for last year and 96 percent for the 5-year average. Three percent of the cotton crop has been harvested, behind 9 percent last year and 24 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated as 7 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Ninety-eight percent of **sunflowers** have bracts yellow, behind 100 percent for both 2008 and the 5-year average. Ninety-two percent have reached maturity, behind 99 percent for last year and 98 percent for the 5-year average. Farmers have harvested 40 percent of the crop by week's end, behind last year at 58 percent and 74 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Eighty-four percent of the fourth cutting of **alfalfa** has been completed, behind the previous year and the 5-year average both at 100 percent.

Feed Supplies Report: Range and pasture condition was rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated as 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated as 2 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

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Crop Conditions for the Week Ending 11/08/09

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	2	5	23	51	19
Cotton	7	13	37	35	8
Sunflowers	2	8	24	56	10
Winter Wheat	1	3	21	61	14
Range & Pasture	2	7	30	53	8

Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District as of 11/08/09

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Corn Harvested	44	47	77	55	82	79	78	58	88	68	52	80	93
Sorghum Mature	90	98	97	99	97	88	100	99	93	96	89	95	98
Sorghum Harvested	22	43	37	33	43	38	46	23	51	37	17	56	75
Soybeans Harvested	79	84	61	94	74	88	84	56	49	72	55	82	88
Winter Wheat Planted	90	98	95	95	93	96	89	49	49	90	83	94	97
Winter Wheat Emerged	85	93	85	86	79	75	78	37	34	78	70	86	87

Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for the Week Ending 11/08/09

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	
Days Suitable													
For Fieldwork	4.8	6.2	6.1	4.7	5.2	6.8	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.6	2.1	5.6	
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)													
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Short	4	3	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	5	
Adequate	82	97	93	94	89	90	89	94	85	90	68	84	
Surplus	14	0	0	6	11	9	9	6	15	8	30	10	
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)													
Very Short	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	
Short	9	5	19	2	14	1	1	0	0	6	6	7	
Adequate	78	95	74	95	80	98	94	95	79	87	77	88	
Surplus	13	0	0	3	5	1	5	5	21	6	16	4	

Temp. and Precip. Data, Selected Sites, for the Week Ending 11/08/09

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	81	30	51	64	34	.00	SC	Hesston	74	34	56	67	48	.00
WC	Tribune	81	29	51	51	43	.00	NE	Powhatt	75	27	51	67	40	.03
SW	Garden Cty	82	29	52	63	49	.00	NE	Manhat	78	28	53	68	43	.07
NC	Scandia	74	27	50	55	38	.13	EC	Ottawa	76	33	57	62	42	.04
C	Hays	79	28	53	68	38	.09	EC	Slvr Lk	77	28	54	58	45	.01
SC	Hutch	76	31	55	58	48	.00	EC	Rossvl	77	26	54	58	45	.02
SC	St John	81	30	55	69	42	.00	SE	Parsons	75	34	58	60	48	.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 November 8, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.

