



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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**Agricultural Summary:** Dry conditions and warm daytime temperatures covered the State in the early part of last week, while the State also experienced the lowest nighttime temperatures yet this fall season as a cold front moved through on Saturday. A few areas even saw their first frost. Highs were in the 80's and 90's, reaching 97 degrees Fahrenheit at the weather station in Garden City. Night time lows reached into the 30's and 40's. It was dry all week across Kansas as all but three counties reported no precipitation, and those three reported 0.1 inch or less. Topsoil moisture supplies were reported at 11 percent very short, 23 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. The subsoil moisture supplies were rated at 9 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Producers averaged 6.6 days suitable for field work, the highest yet this year. This allowed them to make good progress harvesting corn, soybeans, and sorghum, planting wheat and completing the last cutting of alfalfa for the season.

**Field Crop Report:** Excellent harvest weather and good drying conditions allowed farmers to rapidly get their crops out of the field last week. At the same time, the dry conditions have caused some of the wheat producers to delay planting until moisture conditions improve. **Corn** was reported at 98 percent mature, ahead of 87 percent the previous year and the 5-year average of 92 percent. Harvest was 69 percent complete by week's end, ahead of only 29 percent last year and 48 percent for the 5-year average. This is about 2 weeks ahead of the average and 5 weeks ahead of 2009's delayed harvest. **Sorghum** matured advanced 20 points last week to reach 72 percent, well ahead of 36 percent last year and the 5-year average of 52 percent. Twenty-four percent of the sorghum for grain has been harvested, ahead of 4 percent last year and 15 percent for the 5-year average. This is about 1 week ahead of the average and 5 weeks ahead of last year's delayed harvest. Sorghum condition was rated as 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Seventy-three percent of the **soybean** crop had leaves dropping, an increase of 19 points from the previous week. This is the same as last year, but is still behind the 5-year average of 78 percent. Kansas farmers harvested 12 percent of the State's soybean acreage last week to reach 19 percent complete, ahead of both 16 percent last year and the 5-year average of 18 percent. The condition of the crop was rated as 4 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** producers had planted 45 percent of the acreage by the end of the week, an increase of 24 points from the previous week but still behind 49 percent last year and the 5-year average of 53 percent. Twelve percent of the crop has emerged compared to 20 percent last year and 23 percent for the 5-year average. The Kansas **cotton** crop with bolls opened reached 85 percent, well ahead of 40 percent last year and the 5-year average of 48 percent. A few producers have started harvesting their crop. The condition of the cotton crop was rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Eighty-nine percent of **sunflowers** were reported as having ray flowers dry, ahead of 85 percent last year but behind 91 percent for the 5-year average. Seventy-one percent of the sunflowers were reported having turned yellow, slightly ahead of 70 percent last year but behind the 5-year average of 80 percent. Forty-two percent of sunflowers were reported as having turned brown, ahead of 26 percent last year and 39 percent for the 5-year average, while 6 percent of sunflowers were reported as harvested, compared to 4 percent last year and 9 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 86 percent complete at week's end, ahead of both 72 percent last year and 80 percent for the 5-year average.

**Feed Supplies Report:** Range and pasture condition was rated at 5 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were reported at 5 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated at 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated at 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

### Crop Conditions for the Week Ending 10/03/10

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair (Percent)	Good	Excellent
Cotton	1	4	23	63	9
Sorghum	3	9	29	50	9
Soybeans	4	12	34	43	7
Sunflowers	1	5	28	58	8
Range & Pasture	5	14	36	42	3

### Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District for the Week Ending 10/03/10

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Corn Harvested	42	57	77	53	94	89	63	68	96	69	54	29	48
Sorghum Mature	66	67	83	64	75	74	75	62	84	72	52	36	52
Sorghum Harvested	10	28	27	10	28	35	18	11	59	24	13	4	15
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	85	73	77	78	81	81	79	70	56	73	54	73	78
Soybeans Harvested	45	18	31	28	35	27	8	10	14	19	7	16	18
Winter Wheat Planted	71	58	50	31	38	44	13	19	15	45	21	49	53
Winter Wheat Emerged	24	27	10	4	6	11	3	3	2	12	4	20	23

### Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for the Week Ending 10/03/10

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable												
For Fieldwork	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.2	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	4.9	5.9
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	18	30	37	3	5	9	0	0	0	11	7	3
Short	51	48	42	14	31	20	5	10	8	23	20	13
Adequate	31	22	21	81	59	70	89	89	88	64	67	80
Surplus	0	0	0	2	5	1	6	1	4	2	6	4
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	18	22	31	7	7	4	0	1	1	9	7	4
Short	46	43	44	20	34	23	4	17	14	26	25	13
Adequate	36	35	25	71	58	73	95	81	84	64	66	80
Surplus	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	3

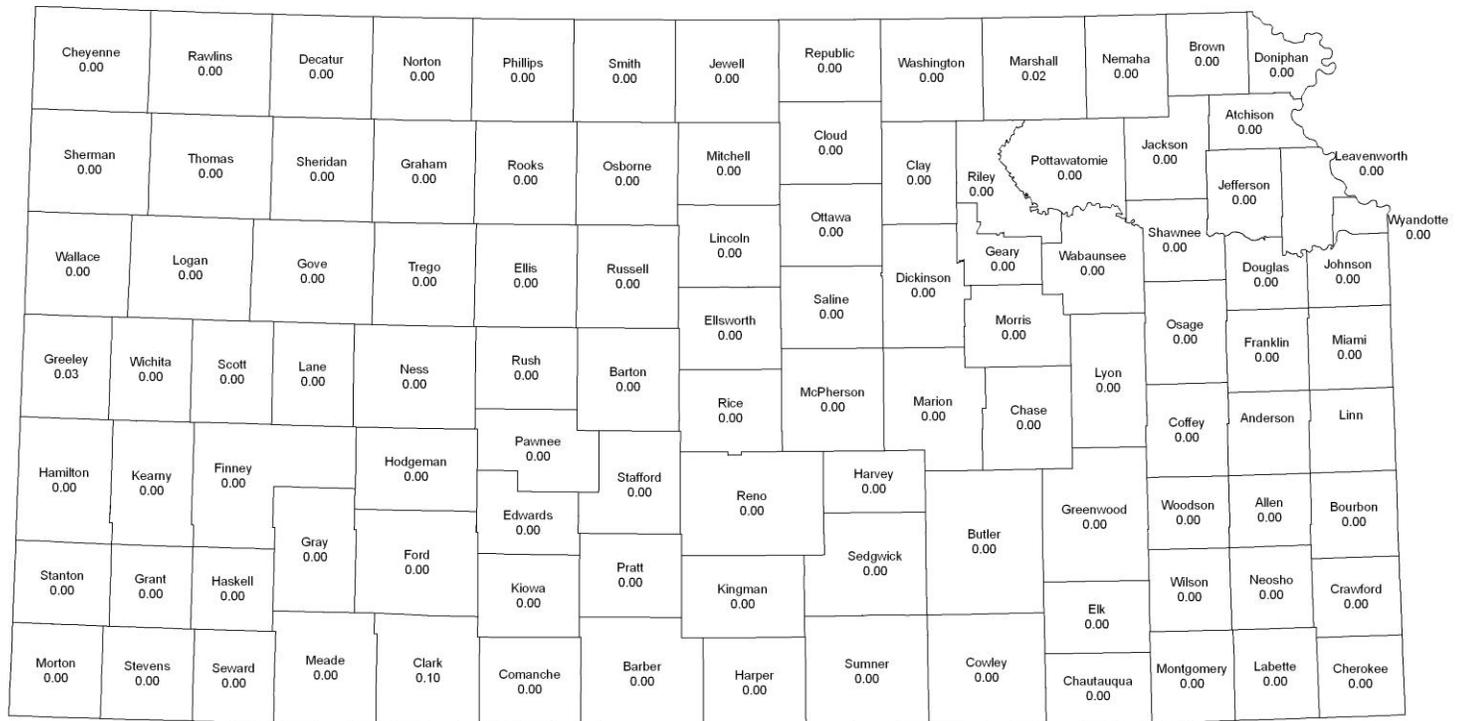


**Temp. and Precip. Data, Selected Sites, for the Week Ending 10/03/10**

Station		Temperature					Precip	Station		Temperature					Precip
		Air			Soil 4"					Air			Soil 4"		
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Precip	Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Precip
NW	Colby <sup>1/</sup>	88	42	61	78	62		.00	NE	Powhatt	81	35	59	81	
WC	Tribune	94	43	63	75	61	.00	NE	Manhat	89	34	61	80	47	.00
SW	Garden Cty	97	44	64	75	65	.00	EC	Ottawa <sup>1/</sup>	83	38	60	77	53	.00
NC	Scandia	91	31	60	69	49	.00	EC	Slvr Lk	85	34	59	69	57	.00
C	Hays <sup>1/</sup>	90	33	60	82	52	.00	EC	Rossvl	85	33	59	78	56	.00
SC	Hutch	85	34	60	70	60	.00	SE	Parsons	82	38	59	72	59	.00
SC	St John	92	33	60	77	57	.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).  
<sup>1/</sup>Soil temperatures are under bare ground.

**Precipitation for the Week Ending October 3, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.**



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