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Agricultural Summary: Kansas producers saw only light rainfall last week along with another week of below normal temperatures. Only seven stations received over one-quarter inch of precipitation, led by Emporia with 0.59 inches. Although temperatures were cooler than normal across most of the State, highs were above 90 degrees at eight stations with the weekly high of 97 degrees at Ashland. Lows ranged from 32 degrees at Oberlin and Alton in the north to the low 50's in the southern areas of the Kansas. Kansas farmers averaged 6.3 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture supplies declined slightly to 38 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 34 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies were unchanged from last week at 45 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 27 percent adequate. Producers were busy planting wheat, harvesting corn, and beginning to harvest soybeans, sorghum, and sunflowers.

Field Crop Report: Warm, dry conditions have allowed row crop harvest to progress as corn advanced 10 points while soybean, sorghum, and sunflower harvesting were just beginning. As of Sunday, Kansas **corn** producers had harvested 42 percent of their crop, behind 52 percent last year, but ahead of the 5-year average of 34 percent. Producers in the Southeast District have only 6 percent of their crop remaining to be harvested, while the northern districts have harvested less than a quarter of their crop. Eighty-eight percent of the corn crop has reached maturity, behind 2010 at 92 percent but ahead of the 5-year average of 84 percent. Corn condition declined slightly to 25 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 21 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Leaves are dropping on 46 percent of the **soybean** acreage, behind 52 percent last year and 57 percent for the 5-year average. Two percent of the soybeans were reported as harvested, compared to 6 percent last year and 3 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition was reported at 26 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 20 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Six percent of the **sorghum** crop remains to be headed, while 74 percent has turned color, well behind 95 percent for the previous year and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Twenty-three percent of the sorghum has matured, behind 49 percent last year and 35 percent for the 5-year average. A few

sorghum producers had begun harvesting their crop and were 2 percent complete, compared to 12 percent last year and 8 percent for the 5-year average. The crop's condition was rated as 25 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Twenty percent of the Kansas **winter wheat** crop had been planted, the same as last year but behind the 5-year average of 23 percent. Four percent of the crop had emerged, compared to 3 percent last year and 6 percent for the 5-year average. Forty-four percent of the **cotton** crop had bolls opening, behind 66 percent in 2010, but ahead of the 5-year average of 35 percent. The cotton condition was reported at 19 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 20 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Eighty-four percent of the **sunflower** crop had ray flowers dried, ahead of 80 percent last year and 81 percent for the 5-year average. Seventy percent of the crop had turned yellow, ahead of 55 percent last year and 63 percent for the 5-year average, while 41 percent had already turned brown, ahead of 22 percent last year and the 5-year average of 19 percent. Kansas sunflower producers have harvested 2 percent of their crop, the same as both last year and the 5-year average. The condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 55 percent complete, well behind 75 percent last year and 69 percent for the 5-year average.

Feed Supplies Report: The range and pasture condition was reported at 36 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 16 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies in Kansas were rated at 13 percent very short, 19 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated 26 percent very short, 30 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. The stock water supplies were 28 percent very short, 22 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Livestock producers were weaning calves and selling cull cows. Many producers were reported to be concerned about a shortage of hay supplies and the depletion of the water supply before the colder weather arrives.

Kansas Crop Progress for the Week Ending September 25, 2011

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Winter Wheat Planted	20	8	20	23
Winter Wheat Emerged	4	NA	3	6
Corn Matured	88	72	92	84
Corn Harvested	42	32	52	34
Sorghum Headed	94	91	100	100
Sorghum Turning Color	74	64	95	89
Sorghum Matured	23	12	49	35
Sorghum Harvested	2	1	12	8
Soybeans Leaves Dropped	46	29	52	57
Soybeans Harvested	2	NA	6	3
Cotton Bolls Opened	44	35	66	35
Sunflower Ray Flowers Dry	84	76	80	81
Sunflower Turned Yellow	70	57	55	63
Sunflower Turned Brown	41	24	22	19
Sunflower Harvested	2	NA	2	2
Alfalfa 4th Cutting	55	44	75	69

Kansas Crop Conditions for the Week Ending September 25, 2011

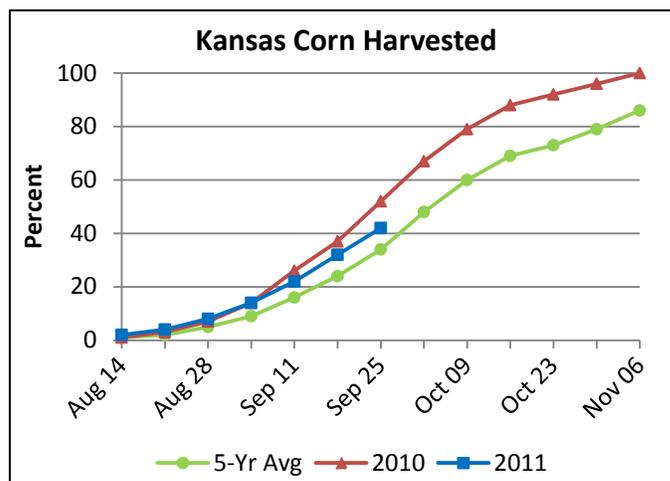
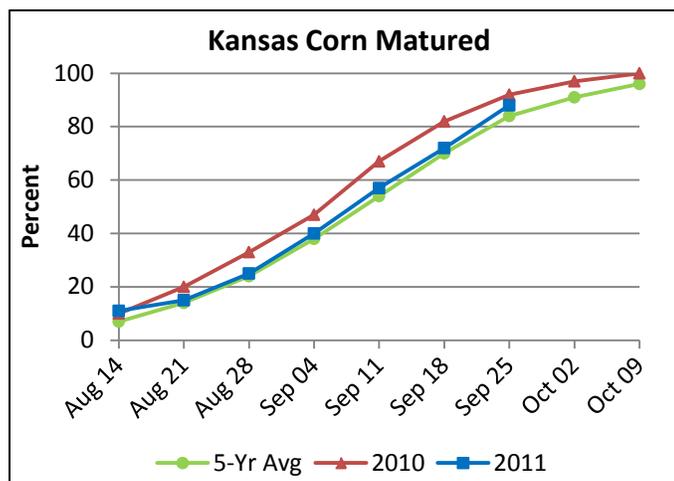
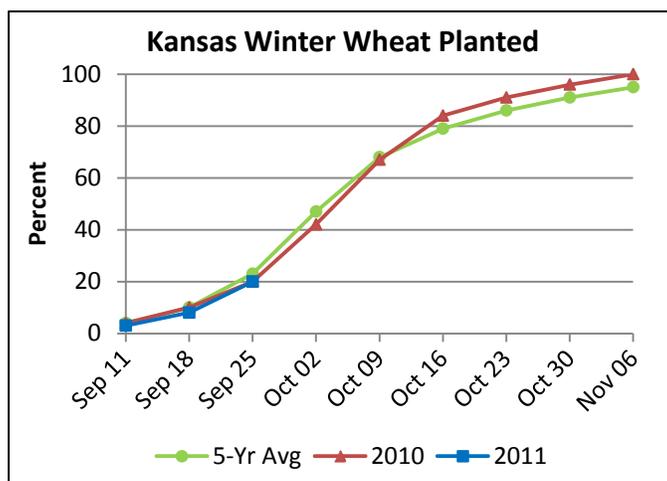
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Corn	25	23	26	21	5
Sorghum	25	24	27	18	6
Soybean	26	26	23	20	5
Cotton	19	19	39	20	3
Sunflower	5	14	36	39	6
Range & Pasture	36	23	24	16	1

Feed and Water Supplies for the Week Ending September 25, 2011

Type	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent			
Feed Grain	13	19	65	3
Hay and Forage	26	30	41	3
Stock Water	28	22	49	1

Days Suitable, Soil Moisture, and Crop Progress by District for the Week Ending September 25, 2011

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.4	5.8	6.6	6.3	6.3	5.3	6.3	5.7	4.9	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	10	28	86	9	41	63	6	35	36	38	41	8	
Short	48	36	13	25	31	28	12	35	31	28	24	21	
Adequate	42	36	1	66	28	9	81	30	31	34	33	65	
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	6	
Subsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	13	28	90	6	47	75	6	49	54	45	45	7	
Short	43	38	9	31	36	23	15	30	35	28	28	25	
Adequate	44	34	1	62	17	2	78	21	11	27	27	66	
Surplus	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Crop Progress	Percent												
Winter Wheat Planted	38	44	25	9	10	12	5	10	4	20	8	20	
Winter Wheat Emerged	6	16	6	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	NA	3	
Corn Matured	79	78	86	81	99	99	93	99	100	88	72	92	
Corn Harvested	14	24	39	18	69	78	22	81	94	42	32	52	
Sorghum Headed	100	97	87	100	93	92	100	100	99	94	91	100	
Sorghum Turning Color	98	86	51	90	71	69	98	85	90	74	64	95	
Sorghum Matured	31	19	15	28	17	26	41	25	67	23	12	49	
Soybeans Leaves Dropped	78	59	37	68	32	45	53	43	29	46	29	52	



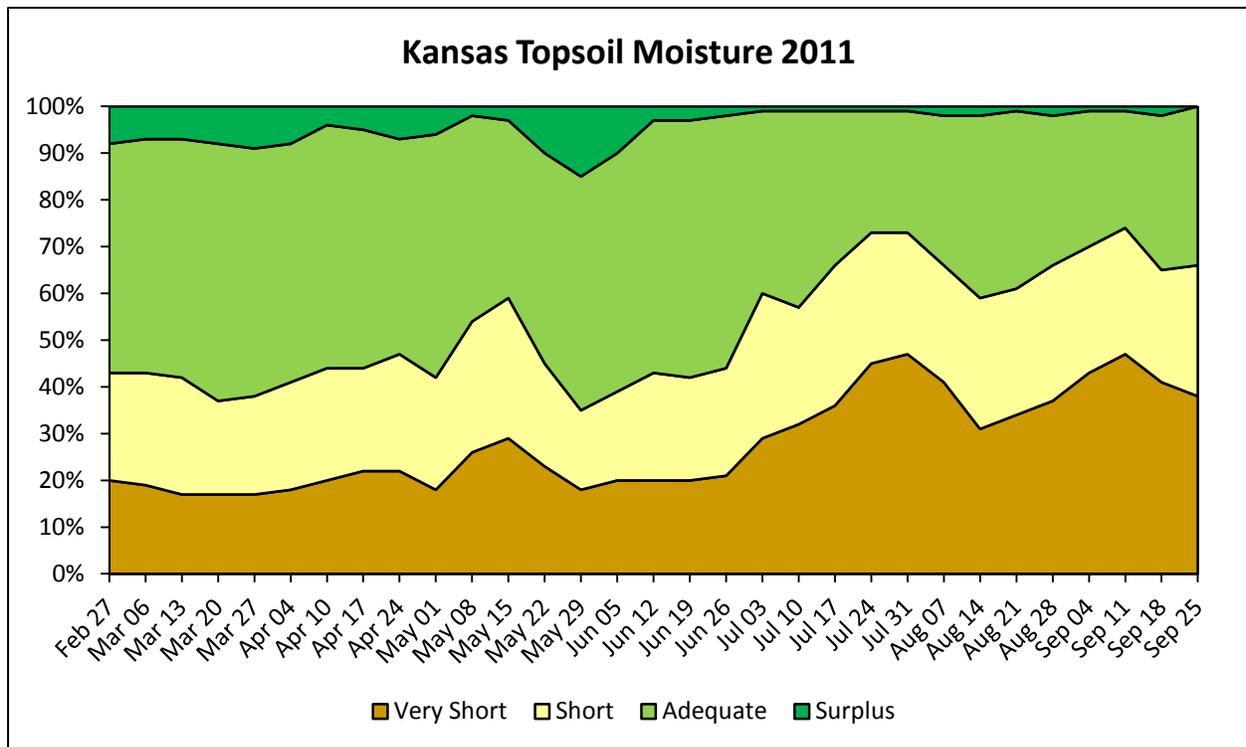
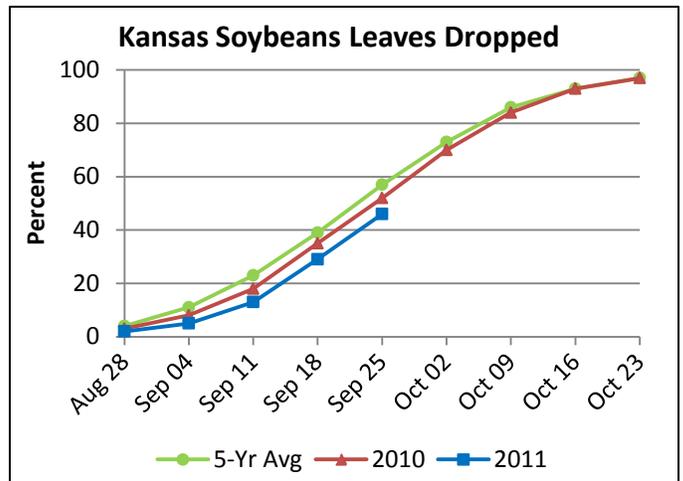
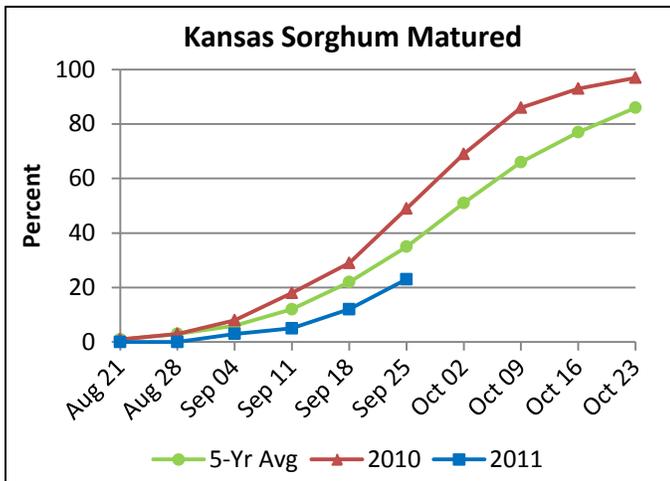
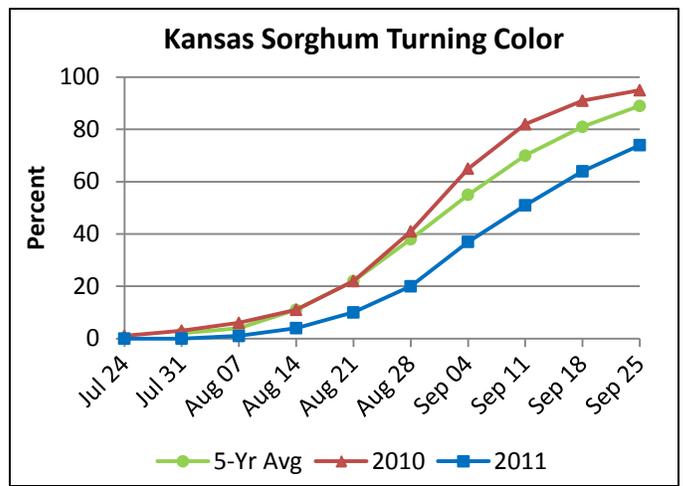
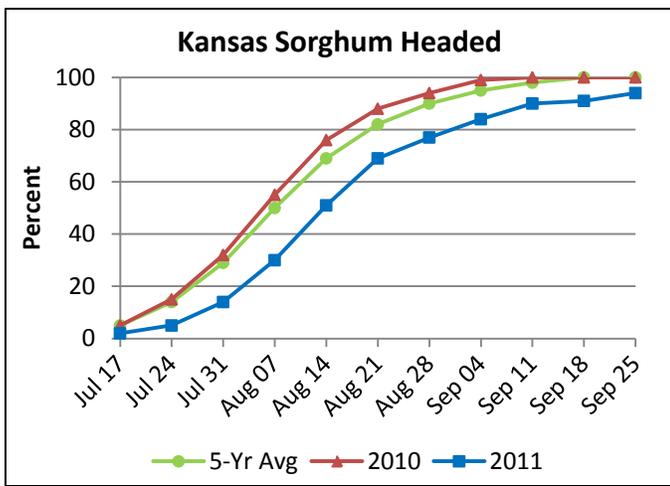
Temperature and Precipitation Data from September 18 - 25, 2011 ^{1/}

Location	Weekly Temperatures				Precipitation (in.)				Growing Degree Days* Since April 1	
	Extremes		Avg.	DFN	Last Week		Since January 1		Total	DFN
	High	Low			Total	DFN	Total	DFN		
Northwest District										
Colby	87	36	61	-2	0.03	-0.25	16.36	-1.80	3,222	+422
Goodland	85	43	62	0	0.00	-0.21	16.83	-0.51	3,103	+294
Hill City	88	37	63	-2	0.04	-0.31	17.37	-1.43	3,771	+563
McDonald	86	37	60	-3	0.00	-0.28	22.70	+3.81	3,001	+184
Oberlin	86	32	58	-6	0.00	-0.30	20.76	+1.05	3,087	+4
West Central District										
Healy	89	41	63	-2	0.00	-0.35	14.40	-3.86	3,748	+487
Quinter	87	40	62	-3	0.00	-0.35	18.16	-2.75	3,440	+310
Russell Springs	88	41	63	-2	0.00	-0.28	16.98	+0.56	3,402	+254
Tribune	89	43	63	0	0.03	-0.25	19.03	+3.87	3,439	+484
Southwest District										
Ashland	97	44	67	-1	0.09	-0.40	6.95	-12.45	4,479	+752
Dodge City	95	44	66	+1	0.07	-0.26	5.25	-14.56	4,313	+953
Elkhart	94	47	67	+1	0.04	-0.31	5.92	-10.39	4,100	+604
Garden City	92	43	63	-3	0.00	-0.23	8.77	-7.67	3,832	+525
Johnson	93	47	66	-2	0.41	+0.13	7.99	-4.49	3,923	+304
Liberal	95	48	67	-1	0.10	-0.32	7.26	-9.28	4,414	+796
North Central District										
Alton	87	32	59	-7	0.00	-0.49	23.00	+0.58	3,490	+146
Belleville	83	40	60	-5	0.00	-0.63	25.97	+0.17	3,476	+112
Beloit	84	40	62	-6	0.00	-0.56	29.30	+6.51	3,795	+125
Clay Center	83	44	61	-8	0.02	-0.72	29.18	+3.45	3,675	-179
Concordia	83	43	62	-4	0.02	-0.54	27.63	+3.71	3,698	+231
Phillipsburg	86	38	60	-5	0.00	-0.44	25.92	+5.69	3,336	-34
Central District										
Ellsworth	82	42	61	-5	0.11	-0.46	19.17	-5.08	3,827	+402
Great Bend	88	45	64	-5	0.00	-0.49	9.75	-12.19	4,185	+366
Hays	88	40	63	-3	0.01	-0.34	13.81	-5.34	3,914	+457
Herington	84	42	61	-6	0.08	-0.68	25.64	-3.36	3,780	+296
McPherson	86	46	64	-4	0.09	-0.54	17.18	-9.48	4,062	+476
Salina	84	46	64	-5	0.04	-0.52	15.63	-11.08	4,280	+458
South Central District										
Anthony	87	52	67	-3	0.12	-0.58	11.31	-14.13	4,617	+650
Hutchinson	87	47	65	-3	0.03	-0.67	10.75	-14.08	4,513	+883
Medicine Lodge	90	50	68	+1	0.10	-0.46	9.03	-14.03	4,837	+1016
Newton	84	48	65	-4	0.01	-0.66	11.80	-13.39	4,384	+581
Pratt	88	47	65	-4	0.03	-0.53	13.31	-9.54	4,146	+342
Wichita	87	51	67	-2	0.00	-0.70	17.07	-7.23	4,700	+846
Wilmore	94	45	66	-2	0.03	-0.46	9.48	-11.06	4,377	+614
Northeast District										
Holton	83	37	60	-6	0.14	-0.89	27.23	-2.67	3,444	+62
Horton	86	42	61	-6	0.32	-0.70	31.25	+1.44	3,562	-11
Leavenworth	82	43	61	-6	0.20	-0.98	28.92	-3.24	3,666	+132
Manhattan	85	44	63	-4	0.02	-0.82	22.87	-5.43	3,930	+247
Valley Falls	83	43	63	-4	0.17	-0.95	27.85	-2.59	3,843	+357
East Central District										
Emporia	84	44	64	-3	0.59	-0.17	18.72	-9.50	4,161	+645
Eskridge	83	44	63	-3	0.16	-0.65	21.95	-6.68	3,578	+283
Garnett	83	45	62	-7	0.36	-0.55	28.17	-2.71	3,931	+159
Lawrence	83	44	63	-6	0.15	-0.90	26.38	-4.92	3,912	+83
Ottawa	82	45	62	-7	0.35	-0.63	25.45	-5.03	3,776	-80
Tallgrass Prairie	84	44	63	-4	0.15	-0.62	22.17	-6.69	3,970	+443
Topeka	85	43	63	-4	0.20	-0.84	23.63	-6.00	4,172	+701
Southeast District										
Columbus	81	52	64	-4	0.37	-0.74	31.12	-2.28	4,237	+590
Howard	84	50	65	-4	0.18	-0.73	23.81	-5.52	4,196	+487
Iola	83	47	64	-5	0.12	-0.89	23.27	-9.26	4,064	+359
Parsons	82	49	64	-4	0.15	-1.04	26.95	-4.97	4,116	+423
Pittsburg	83	51	65	-4	0.43	-0.83	34.20	-0.57	4,315	+507
Winfield-Arkansas City	85	50	67	-2	0.11	-0.64	19.73	-9.56	4,780	+984

Source: Agricultural Weather Information Service, Inc. © 2011 based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal (1970-2000).

* Corn growing degree days: (High Temp. - Low Temp.) / 2 - 50

^{1/} 7:00 a.m. Sunday to 7:00 a.m. Sunday.



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