



# CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION

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**Agricultural Summary:** Kansas producers saw another week of dry conditions while temperatures were mostly above normal which allowed harvesting of row crops to advance toward completion. High temperatures were in the 80's across the State while lows were in the 20's to mid-30's. Dry weather continued as only 12 of the 52 stations recorded more than one tenth of an inch of precipitation, led by McDonald with 0.34 inch and Goodland with 0.32 inch. Kansas farmers averaged 6.7 days suitable for field work last week with only the Northwest District having less than 6 days suitable. Topsoil moisture supplies declined for another week to 35 percent very short, 35 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 43 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 25 percent adequate. Farmers continued to plant the last of their winter wheat and harvest the remaining fall crops.

**Field Crop Report:** Favorable weather conditions allowed producers to make good progress harvesting their fall crops last week as sorghum harvest advanced 23 points, sunflowers advanced 19 points, soybeans advanced 12 points and corn advanced 8 points. Just 7 percent of the **corn** was left to be harvested by Sunday, compared to 4 percent remaining last year, and the 5-year average of 21 percent. The Northwest District had the most remaining at 17 percent of the corn acreage unharvested. **Soybean** harvest was complete on 86 percent of the acreage, the same as last year but ahead of 71 percent for the 5-year average. **Sorghum** harvest reached 60 percent complete by the end of last week, behind 82 percent last year but ahead of 50 percent for the 5-year average. Kansas **winter wheat** producers had only 4 percent of their crop

left to be planted as of Sunday bringing the total to 96 percent, the same as last year but ahead of the 5-year average of 91 percent. Eighty-one percent of the crop had emerged, ahead of 73 percent the previous year and 75 percent for the 5-year average. Wheat condition was rated as 4 percent excellent, 40 percent good, 44 percent fair, 9 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. Ninety-two percent of the **cotton** crop had bolls opening, behind 100 percent in 2010 but ahead of the 5-year average of 88 percent. Fourteen percent of the cotton has been harvested, behind 25 percent last year but the same as the 5-year average. The cotton condition was rated as 19 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 20 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Only 3 percent of the **sunflower** crop has yet to turn brown, while fifty-seven percent had been harvested, behind 60 percent last year but well ahead of the 5-year average of 43 percent. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 83 percent complete, well behind 99 percent last year and 96 percent for the 5-year average.

**Feed Supplies Report:** The range and pasture condition was reported at 37 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 13 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies in Kansas were rated at 11 percent very short, 19 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated at 28 percent very short, 31 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. The stock water supplies were 31 percent very short, 21 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Some producers reported increased concerns about the low stock water supplies as the historically dry months of winter draw near.

**Kansas Crop Progress for the Week Ending October 30, 2011**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Winter Wheat Planted	96	92	96	91
Winter Wheat Emerged	81	70	73	75
Corn Harvested	93	85	96	79
Sorghum Matured	96	86	100	92
Sorghum Harvested	60	37	82	50
Soybeans Harvested	86	74	86	71
Cotton Bolls Opened	92	87	100	88
Cotton Harvested	14	10	25	14
Sunflowers Turned Brown	97	92	90	89
Sunflowers Harvested	57	38	60	43
Alfalfa 4th Cutting	83	82	99	96

**Kansas Crop Conditions for the Week Ending October 30, 2011**

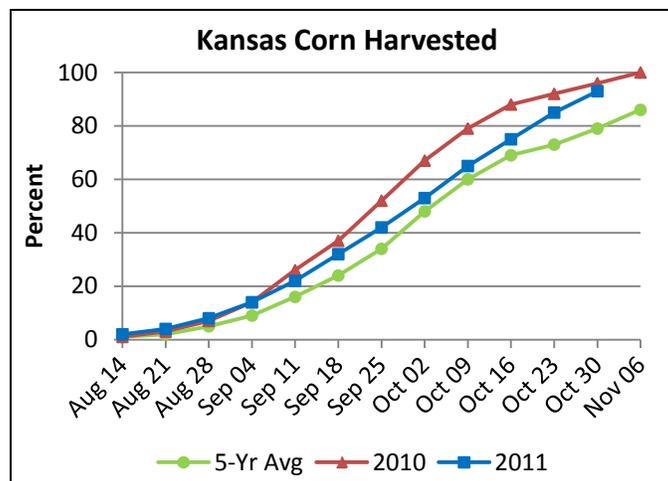
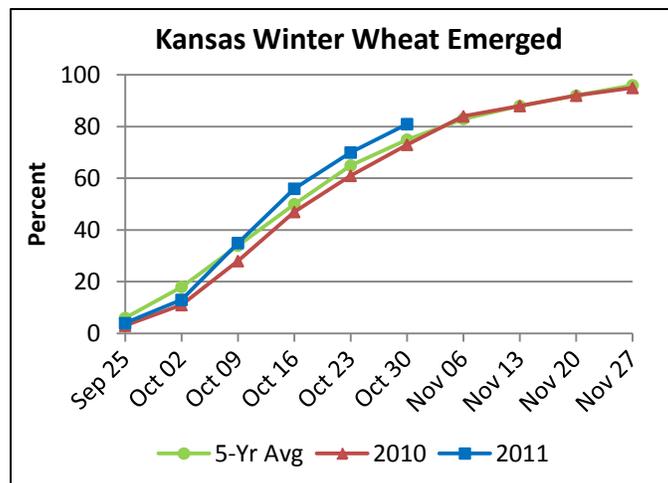
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Cotton	19	15	44	20	2
Wheat	3	9	44	40	4
Range & Pasture	37	27	22	13	1

**Feed and Water Supplies for the Week Ending October 30, 2011**

Type	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent			
Feed Grain	11	19	66	4
Hay and Forage	28	31	38	3
Stock Water	31	21	47	1

## Days Suitable, Soil Moisture, and Crop Progress by District for the Week Ending October 30, 2011

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.7	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	1	11	66	9	31	38	21	50	55	35	32	20
Short	18	27	24	46	41	35	41	41	38	35	33	37
Adequate	80	60	10	43	28	27	38	9	7	29	34	43
Surplus	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	5	20	79	9	43	61	17	59	58	43	44	15
Short	20	35	19	37	43	31	34	35	33	32	31	35
Adequate	71	44	2	54	14	8	49	6	9	25	25	50
Surplus	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Emerged	94	90	69	82	89	75	58	58	55	81	70	73
Corn Harvested	83	87	96	88	100	99	94	99	99	93	85	96
Sorghum Harvested	52	64	51	63	64	60	73	60	84	60	37	82
Soybeans Harvested	96	93	81	97	90	78	96	90	66	86	74	86



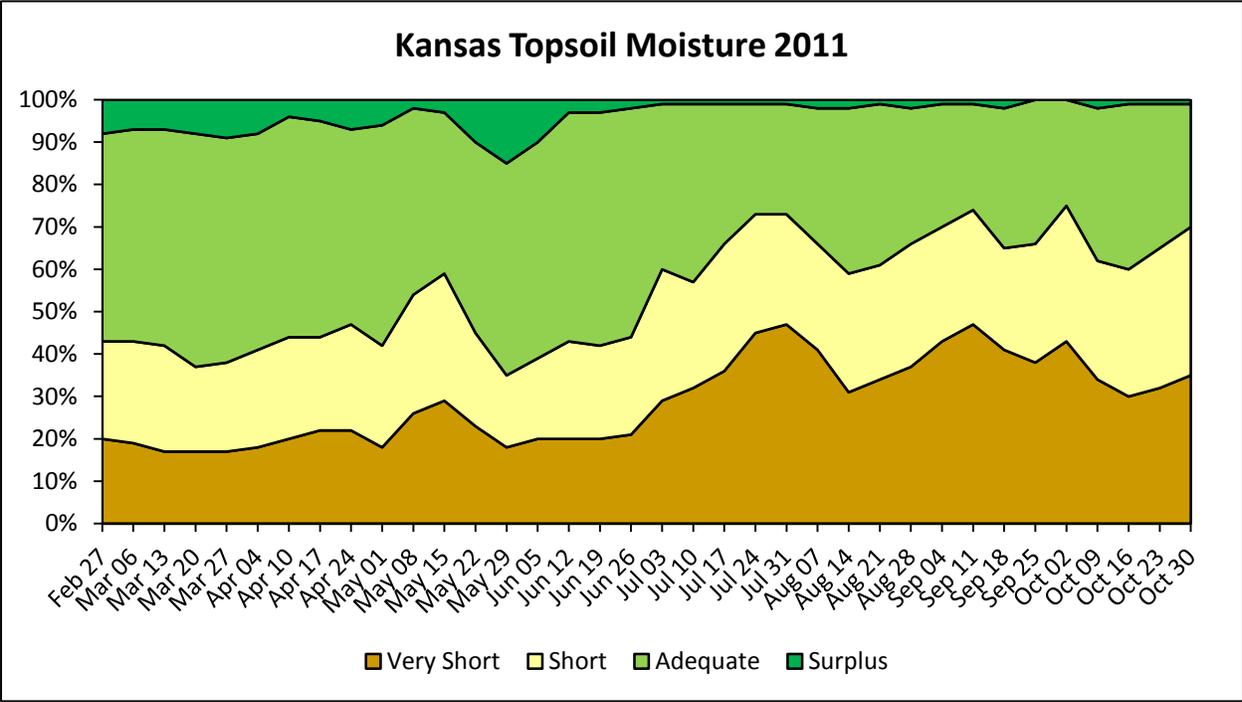
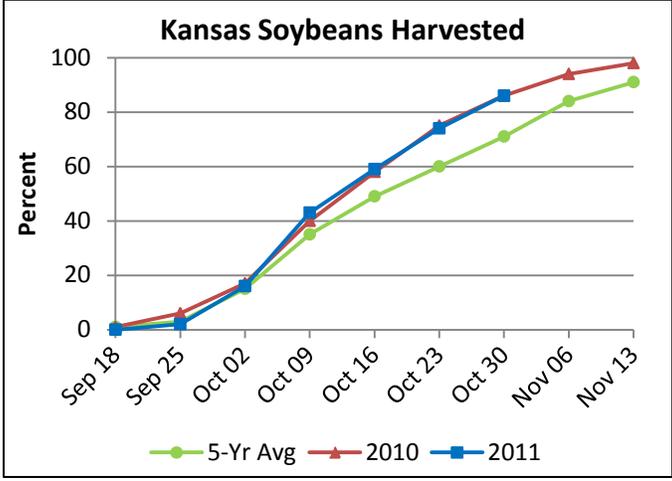
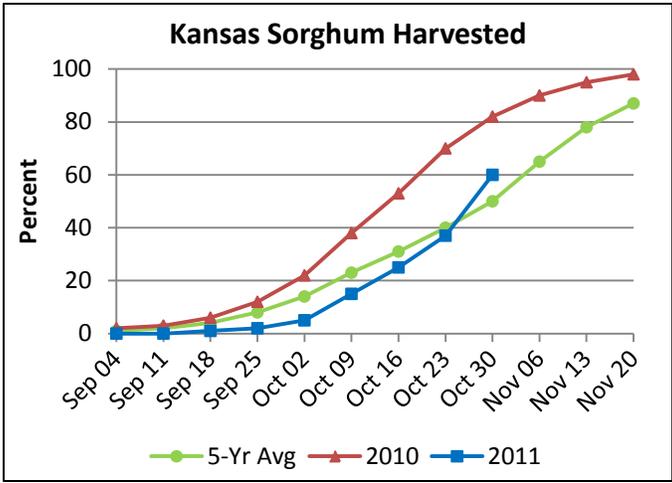
## Temperature and Precipitation Data from October 23 - 30, 2011 <sup>1/</sup>

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		
<b>Northwest District</b>										
Colby	81	25	47	+1	0.19	-0.09	19.23	-0.33	3,471	+544
Goodland	84	23	47	+2	0.32	+0.09	19.27	+0.76	3,390	+449
Hill City	86	26	51	+3	0.02	-0.26	19.65	-0.69	4,114	+714
McDonald	81	23	46	-1	0.34	+0.06	25.19	+4.85	3,248	+279
Oberlin	81	23	47	-1	0.12	-0.16	23.58	+2.54	3,313	+77
<b>West Central District</b>										
Healy	86	26	49	0	0.10	-0.18	16.73	-2.99	4,078	+618
Quinter	84	26	49	0	0.13	-0.16	21.50	-0.92	3,722	+399
Russell Springs	85	24	48	+1	0.10	-0.11	20.88	+3.39	3,685	+365
Tribune	84	23	48	+2	0.08	-0.13	21.56	+5.15	3,714	+606
<b>Southwest District</b>										
Ashland	87	26	53	+2	0.10	-0.22	8.32	-13.01	4,836	+814
Dodge City	85	31	55	+5	0.06	-0.22	6.38	-15.00	4,702	+1,095
Elkhart	84	30	52	+2	0.11	-0.10	7.25	-10.36	4,489	+727
Garden City	85	25	50	0	0.05	-0.16	9.20	-8.28	4,154	+622
Johnson	85	27	51	-2	0.26	+0.05	10.58	-3.15	4,271	+346
Liberal	88	30	55	+2	0.14	-0.14	7.69	-10.55	4,829	+893
<b>North Central District</b>										
Alton	87	23	48	-2	0.00	-0.35	24.85	+0.53	3,751	+192
Belleville	85	29	50	+2	0.00	-0.42	26.52	-1.77	3,796	+206
Beloit	87	27	51	0	0.00	-0.42	30.15	+5.02	4,121	+171
Clay Center	83	30	52	-2	0.00	-0.44	30.29	+1.86	4,001	-192
Concordia	85	31	56	+6	0.00	-0.35	28.02	+1.95	4,078	+353
Phillipsburg	84	26	49	-1	0.06	-0.22	29.08	+7.20	3,614	+34
<b>Central District</b>										
Ellsworth	85	26	50	0	0.16	-0.30	20.69	-6.21	4,120	+459
Great Bend	86	28	55	+2	0.07	-0.37	11.32	-13.05	4,562	+399
Hays	87	26	51	+2	0.05	-0.28	15.28	-5.43	4,241	+548
Herington	83	26	52	+1	0.04	-0.55	26.93	-5.27	4,086	+338
McPherson	85	28	53	+2	0.04	-0.45	18.96	-10.39	4,430	+555
Salina	86	27	55	+3	0.01	-0.53	16.34	-13.25	4,681	+537
<b>South Central District</b>										
Anthony	85	33	56	+3	0.01	-0.48	13.38	-14.80	5,024	+694
Hutchinson	86	25	55	+5	0.00	-0.49	12.24	-15.46	4,929	+1,013
Medicine Lodge	87	29	57	+5	0.05	-0.44	11.18	-14.55	5,286	+1,144
Newton	84	32	56	+3	0.04	-0.52	13.44	-14.61	4,807	+658
Pratt	86	28	53	-2	0.00	-0.45	13.93	-11.51	4,481	+314
Wichita	86	30	57	+4	0.01	-0.48	18.90	-8.24	5,161	+963
Wilmore	87	24	53	+3	0.05	-0.27	11.45	-10.96	4,736	+692
<b>Northeast District</b>										
Holton	82	24	51	0	0.00	-0.63	27.60	-6.15	3,708	+68
Horton	81	26	52	0	0.00	-0.63	31.33	-2.18	3,873	0
Leavenworth	83	30	53	+2	0.06	-0.67	29.54	-7.02	3,988	+164
Manhattan	85	31	54	+3	0.03	-0.53	25.53	-6.03	4,289	+313
Valley Falls	84	34	56	+4	0.07	-0.50	28.32	-5.81	4,221	+448
<b>East Central District</b>										
Emporia	84	28	57	+6	0.08	-0.51	20.71	-10.68	4,570	+760
Eskridge	81	35	54	+4	0.16	-0.40	23.42	-8.22	3,898	+352
Garnett	84	27	54	-1	0.18	-0.65	28.85	-6.47	4,273	+133
Lawrence	84	35	55	+1	0.13	-0.55	27.59	-7.73	4,273	+80
Ottawa	85	28	53	-2	0.09	-0.61	25.79	-8.63	4,098	-123
Tallgrass Prairie	85	28	53	+2	0.05	-0.54	23.47	-8.43	4,330	+517
Topeka	84	26	56	+5	0.09	-0.51	24.06	-9.20	4,577	+837
<b>Southeast District</b>										
Columbus	82	33	56	+2	0.02	-0.86	32.21	-5.69	4,639	+648
Howard	84	31	55	+2	0.05	-0.65	24.45	-8.73	4,575	+526
Iola	85	29	55	+2	0.01	-0.79	23.65	-13.24	4,402	+350
Parsons	85	30	55	+1	0.00	-0.84	27.71	-8.94	4,484	+454
Pittsburg	82	34	56	+2	0.00	-0.91	35.69	-4.09	4,728	+557
Winfield-Arkansas City	85	31	58	+4	0.00	-0.70	21.29	-11.72	5,249	+1,099

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

<sup>1/</sup> 7:00 a.m. Sunday to 7:00 a.m. Sunday.



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