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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 4, 2013 -- For the week ending March 3, 2013, many areas of Kansas received much needed moisture with the East Central and Southeastern Districts receiving the heaviest amounts according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. The snow melt has improved the soil moisture levels in some areas of the state and stock ponds are showing slight improvement, although more moisture is still needed. Spring calving has started around the state. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 18 percent very short, 31 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Kansas subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 46 percent very short, 37 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. With the snow cover, producers only averaged 0.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Weather Report: Precipitation and temperature data are now being provided through the High Plains Regional Climate Center. See link below for the latest updates. A link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic is also provided.

Field Crops Report: The winter wheat crop condition was rated as 12 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 23 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Eighty-one percent of the crop had no wind damage, 14 percent had light wind damage, 4 percent had moderate wind damage, and 1 percent had severe wind damage. Eight-six percent of the crop had no freeze damage, 9 percent had light freeze damage, 4 percent had moderate freeze damage, and 1 percent had severe freeze damage.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of Kansas range and pasture was rated as 51 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 16 percent fair, and 2 percent good. Stock water supplies rated as 43 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 25 percent adequate. Feed grain supplies were 21 percent very short, 26 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were 38 percent very short, 37 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and KSU Extension Service.

District level data is provided on the back page.

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=KS®ion=HPRCC

Access the US Drought Monitor at:
http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?KS,HP

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District
for the Week Ending March 3, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	0.6	1.3	3.0	1.0	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.5	0.9	NA	5.2
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	38	21	33	13	15	9	17	23	3	18	27	11
Short	21	36	35	46	30	25	33	17	34	31	34	26
Adequate	37	43	31	39	55	32	50	54	39	42	36	60
Surplus	4	0	1	2	0	34	0	6	24	9	3	3
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	63	51	56	50	35	57	50	44	21	46	54	12
Short	28	35	36	39	47	37	27	37	40	37	35	33
Adequate	9	14	8	11	18	6	23	15	33	16	11	54
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	1	0	1