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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 18, 2013 -- For the week ending March 17, 2013, most areas of Kansas saw only light amounts of precipitation with above normal temperatures in the west and below normal temperatures in the east, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. The Kansas wheat crop has started to green up with the warmer temperatures. Producers were top dressing wheat and cool season grasses. Lack of soil moisture is a concern for spring planting and for development of the wheat crop. Spring calving continued active with most livestock producers concerned about stock water supplies. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 19 percent very short, 30 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Kansas subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 42 percent very short, 41 percent short, 17 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Producers averaged 4.1 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 Kansas winter wheat crop was 3 percent jointed, compared to 11 percent a year ago and 5 percent average. The condition of the crop was rated as 10 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 2 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. Eighty-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 48 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 4 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were 19 percent very short, 26 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were 37 percent very short, 37 percent short, 25 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 39 percent very short, 30 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 0 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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=KS&region=HPRCC)

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