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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 25, 2013 -- For the week ending March 24, 2013, precipitation was isolated to a few areas in the Northwest and East Central Districts of Kansas while the entire State saw below normal temperatures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. Kansas wheat producers continued top dressing their crop and spraying for weeds. Livestock producers continued to be challenged with below normal temperatures and freezing precipitation as spring calving progressed. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 17 percent very short, 30 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Kansas subsoil moisture supplies were rated 42 percent very short, 40 percent short, 18 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 5 percent jointed, compared to 33 percent a year ago and 13 percent average. The condition of the crop was rated as 11 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 40 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.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of Kansas range and pasture was rated as 49 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 3 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 36 percent very short, 37 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 37 percent very short, 31 percent short, 32 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®ion=HPRCC

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

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District
for the Week Ending March 24, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.6	5.3	5.6	3.0	3.7	5.5	3.5	2.6	4.1	4.1	4.1	2.5	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	40	25	34	5	15	9	7	12	9	17	19	7	
Short	36	36	37	21	33	33	33	23	24	30	30	12	
Adequate	20	39	29	73	52	57	60	64	56	50	48	60	
Surplus	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	11	3	3	21	
Subsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	67	43	55	40	40	40	28	34	30	42	42	9	
Short	33	42	33	46	43	47	49	42	35	40	41	24	
Adequate	0	15	12	14	17	13	23	24	35	18	17	59	
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	
Crop Progress	Percent												
Winter Wheat Jointed	1	0	7	0	2	11	0	3	11	5	3	33	