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# News Release

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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, April 15, 2013 -- For the week ending April 14, 2013, central and eastern areas of Kansas saw precipitation in the form of rain, ice, snow and isolated hail, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. Topsoil moisture conditions improved in areas that received the moisture; however, more is needed to have an impact on subsoil moisture supplies. Temperatures for the week were below normal with lows falling below freezing in the western half of the State. Producers were concerned about the impact of the low temperatures on their wheat crop but it is too early to determine the amount of damage. Some corn was planted early in the week where soil conditions allowed with producers eager to get into the fields. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 25 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 36 percent very short, 37 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Producers averaged 3.2 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 35 percent jointed, behind 89 percent a year ago and 47 percent average. The condition of the crop was rated as 12 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

Corn planting was 3 percent complete, behind 16 percent last year and 10 percent average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** The condition of Kansas range and pasture was rated as 41 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 7 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies were 36 percent very short, 35 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Stock water supplies rated 31 percent very short, 31 percent short, 37 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 National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-04-15-2013.pdf>

*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)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?KS,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?KS,HP)

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District  
for the Week Ending April 14, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.8	5.5	5.6	2.0	3.1	3.2	2.0	2.0	2.4	3.2	4.6	4.0
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	29	31	44	5	12	6	5	5	4	15	17	2
Short	41	40	37	22	34	18	13	14	13	25	29	8
Adequate	30	29	19	69	54	69	73	74	67	55	51	78
Surplus	0	0	0	4	0	7	9	7	16	5	3	11
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	62	47	64	36	34	29	20	26	19	36	38	4
Short	33	43	28	45	45	52	50	28	21	37	39	17
Adequate	5	10	8	19	21	19	30	43	60	26	22	74
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	5
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	2	8	36	10	36	66	15	25	59	35	22	89