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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, April 22, 2013 -- For the week ending April 21, 2013, the cold spell continued across Kansas, with average temperatures at least ten degrees below normal for most of the State, and lows dropping below freezing in many areas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. Warmer temperatures are needed for farmers to assess the freeze damage to their wheat crop. Rains in most of the eastern half of the State early in the week helped replenish some farm ponds, but halted early corn planting. Moisture accumulations between one and two inches were common, with isolated areas in far-northeast Kansas reporting more than three inches of much-needed precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 23 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 33 percent very short, 35 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Producers averaged 3.0 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 was 43 percent jointed, behind 96 percent a year ago and 63 percent average. The condition of the crop was rated as 16 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Farmers in the western third of State are still evaluating the impact of freezing temperatures on their crop, with more than half of the State's acreage reported as having no damage.

Corn planting was 5 percent complete, behind 30 percent last year and 20 percent average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of Kansas range and pasture was rated as 39 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 6 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Nearly 75 percent of hay and forage supplies were very short and short as it was rated as 36 percent very short, 35 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies rated 28 percent very short, 29 percent short, 42 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-04-22-2013.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®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 April 21, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.8	4.6	5.1	2.1	2.1	3.7	1.0	2.0	2.2	3.0	3.2	5.4
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	38	32	43	4	8	9	5	7	1	15	15	4
Short	39	40	36	18	27	21	10	17	11	23	25	12
Adequate	23	28	21	76	65	61	70	65	54	53	55	77
Surplus	0	0	0	2	0	9	15	11	34	9	5	15
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	61	48	59	33	26	29	12	28	15	33	36	5
Short	33	40	31	44	43	48	35	31	14	35	37	19
Adequate	6	12	10	23	31	23	53	37	69	31	26	73
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	3
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	2	11	44	12	53	74	23	50	78	43	35	96
Corn Planted	1	0	1	1	12	7	5	5	22	5	3	30