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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, May 13, 2013 -- For the week ending May 12, 2013, many areas of the west central and central Kansas received precipitation along with cool temperatures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. Statewide, the weekly average temperature continued to be below normal. Producers took advantage of dry conditions at the beginning of last week to plant corn and prepare fields for planting of other row crops. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 18 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 26 percent very short, 29 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Producers averaged 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crops Report: The winter wheat crop was 80 percent jointed, behind 100 percent a year ago and 96 percent average. The crop was 9 percent headed, well behind 97 percent a year ago and 3 weeks behind 52 percent average. The condition rated 21 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. After review of the crop following unusual weather in April, just under half of the crop had no freeze damage.

Corn planting was 31 percent complete, well behind 88 percent last year and 73 percent average. Five percent of the crop was emerged, well behind 60 percent last year and over 2 weeks behind 36 percent average.

Sorghum planting was 1 percent complete, behind the 9 percent last year and 6 percent average.

Soybean planting was 1 percent complete, behind the 37 percent last year and 18 percent average.

Cotton planting was 1 percent complete, behind the 24 percent last year and 7 percent average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of range and pasture was rated as 34 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 13 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 37 percent very short, 32 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Stock water supplies rated 19 percent very short, 25 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Many producers started moving cattle to pastures last week, despite slow growth due to the cool conditions. Stock water supplies improved in areas that received rain.

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-05-13-2013.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 May 12, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.6	4.1	5.7	3.2	2.9	4.0	1.8	1.4	1.4	3.2	3.0	6.0
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	37	20	49	3	4	8	2	3	2	14	14	8
Short	37	34	38	14	18	17	6	8	3	18	19	27
Adequate	26	46	13	80	76	62	80	73	52	57	54	63
Surplus	0	0	0	3	2	13	12	16	43	11	13	2
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	65	40	62	27	16	18	4	11	7	26	27	8
Short	29	44	32	36	35	41	16	21	13	29	31	28
Adequate	6	16	6	37	47	41	77	66	66	42	40	63
Surplus	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	14	3	2	1
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	33	44	87	87	94	98	85	94	97	80	67	100
Winter Wheat Headed	0	1	4	1	4	26	0	3	30	9	3	97
Corn Planted	27	16	31	33	30	63	30	14	33	31	17	88
Corn Emerged	0	1	2	1	15	11	2	2	19	5	2	60