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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, May 20, 2013 -- For the week ending May 19, 2013, clear skies combined with warmer temperatures allowed producers to make good progress planting corn, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. Rain moved across portions of the State over the weekend, leaving an inch or more of precipitation across many areas of the north and east. This was accompanied by hail and damaging winds in some areas. Moisture accumulations across the drought stricken Southwest were limited in most cases. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 21 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 25 percent very short, 29 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Producers averaged 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crops Report: The winter wheat crop was 92 percent jointed, behind 100 percent a year ago and 99 percent average. The crop was 41 percent headed, well behind 100 percent a year ago and 74 percent average. The condition rated 21 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

Corn planting was 70 percent complete, behind 97 percent last year and 88 percent average. Nineteen percent of the crop was emerged, well behind 78 percent last year and nearly 2 weeks behind 55 percent average.

Sorghum planting was 5 percent complete, behind 25 percent last year and 14 percent average.

Soybean planting was 14 percent complete, well behind 61 percent last year and 35 percent average. The crop was 1 percent emerged, behind 26 percent last year and 10 percent average.

Cotton planting was 11 percent complete, well behind 47 percent last year and 18 percent average.

Sunflower planting was 1 percent complete, behind last year's 12 percent and 5 percent average.

Alfalfa first cutting was 9 percent complete, well behind 92 percent last year and 40 percent average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of range and pasture rated 29 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 34 percent very short, 30 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies rated 19 percent very short, 24 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Data for this 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-05-20-2013.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 19, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.0	5.9	6.9	5.7	5.6	6.1	6.1	5.8	4.3	5.8	3.2	6.8
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	26	21	48	6	7	11	2	1	1	13	14	17
Short	36	35	43	16	34	18	7	7	2	21	18	40
Adequate	38	44	9	75	58	65	86	89	71	60	57	42
Surplus	0	0	0	3	1	6	5	3	26	6	11	0
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	58	40	63	24	19	19	3	7	4	25	26	12
Short	35	45	33	36	40	39	11	20	9	29	29	37
Adequate	7	15	4	40	41	42	84	72	76	44	42	50
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	11	2	3	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	71	79	91	97	100	100	92	99	99	92	80	100
Winter Wheat Headed	4	19	38	25	52	65	7	46	76	41	9	100
Corn Planted	63	52	69	68	68	88	84	69	69	70	31	97
Sorghum planted	6	6	6	1	4	10	0	2	23	5	1	25
Soybean Planted	6	4	32	21	14	14	24	6	4	14	1	61
Corn Emerged	12	10	23	12	24	34	18	13	34	19	5	78