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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, May 28, 2013 -- For the week ending May 26, 2013, clear skies combined with warmer temperatures allowed producers to make good progress planting corn, soybeans, and cotton, 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, western half of the State were limited in most cases. Lack of moisture and above normal temperatures caused range and pasture conditions to decline in the western third of the state. Livestock producers were turning cattle out onto short pastures with some culling reported due to short pastures and feed supplies. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 18 percent very short, 24 short, 54 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 28 percent very short, 29 short, 41 adequate, and 2 surplus. Producers averaged 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crops Report: The winter wheat crop was 98 percent jointed, near 100 a year ago and 99 average. The crop was 74 percent headed, well behind 100 a year ago and 91 average. The condition rated 24 percent very poor, 21 poor, 27 fair, 24 good, and 4 excellent.

Corn planting was 88 percent complete, behind 100 last year and 95 average. Fifty-two percent of the crop was emerged, well behind 92 last year and 74 average.

Sorghum planting was 14 percent complete, behind 45 last year and 26 average. The crop was 2 percent emerged, behind 20 last year and 9 average.

Soybean planting was 37 percent complete, well behind 74 last year and 52 average. The crop was 8 percent emerged, behind 47 last year and 25 average.

Cotton planting was 31 percent complete, well behind 71 last year and 39 average.

Sunflower planting was 4 percent complete, behind last year's 23 and 12 average.

Alfalfa first cutting was 23 percent complete, well behind 97 last year and 62 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of range and pasture rated 30 percent very poor, 23 poor, 24 fair, 20 good, and 3 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 35 percent very short, 28 short, 37 adequate, and 0 surplus. Stock water supplies rated 18 percent very short, 22 short, 58 adequate, and 2 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-05-28-2013.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 26, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.2	6.4	6.9	5.3	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.3	4.4	5.7	5.8	6.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	31	26	65	8	12	12	2	4	1	18	13	28
Short	36	44	30	25	38	23	9	15	7	24	21	45
Adequate	33	30	5	63	49	59	83	76	78	54	60	28
Surplus	0	0	0	4	1	6	6	5	14	4	6	0
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	61	40	69	31	24	21	4	12	5	28	25	17
Short	33	47	29	33	39	39	12	23	12	29	29	45
Adequate	6	13	2	35	37	40	80	64	76	41	44	37
Surplus	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	7	2	2	1
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	92	96	96	99	99	100	99	99	100	98	92	100
Winter Wheat Headed	27	56	66	80	91	91	60	88	89	74	41	100
Corn Planted	87	82	84	89	89	94	94	93	83	88	70	100
Corn Emerged	52	34	49	51	40	62	61	37	64	52	19	92
Sorghum planted	28	14	14	7	12	16	9	11	33	14	5	45
Soybeans Planted	32	26	57	56	35	35	60	26	9	37	14	74
Soybeans Emerged	7	3	22	15	5	12	10	3	1	8	47	25