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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, August 19, 2013 -- For the week ending August 18, 2013, unseasonably cool temperatures spread across Kansas, with isolated thunderstorms bringing moisture to some areas of the State, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were reports of flooding in some low lying areas, along with yellowing soybeans and downed hay, as fields need to dry out. Where the rains missed and field conditions were drier, farmers were spraying pesticides, working hay fields, and preparing to plant their winter wheat crop. There were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 12 short, 63 adequate, and 18 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 18 short, 60 adequate, and 9 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn in dough was 74 percent, behind 92 last year and 83 average. Corn dented was 19 percent, well behind 72 last year and 48 average. Corn condition rated 11 percent very poor, 17 poor, 31 fair, 35 good, and 6 excellent.

Sorghum heading was 70 percent, ahead of 65 last year but equal to 70 average. Sorghum coloring was 7 percent, behind 20 last year and 13 average. Condition rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 32 fair, 45 good, and 7 excellent.

Soybeans were 85 percent blooming, behind 90 last year and 90 average. Setting pods were 56 percent, compared to 62 last year and 65 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 54 good, and 7 excellent.

Cotton squaring was 86 percent, behind 95 last year and 98 average. The portion of the crop setting bolls was 45 percent, behind 77 last year and 76 average. Cotton with open bolls was 1 percent, behind 9 last year and 4 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 43 fair, 37 good, and 9 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 65 percent, behind 75 last year and 71 average. Twelve percent of the sunflowers were in the ray flower dried stage, behind 32 last year and 15 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 14 poor, 46 fair, 34 good, and 2 excellent.

Third cutting of alfalfa was 52 percent complete, behind 87 last year and 86 average. The fourth cutting was 1 percent complete, behind 22 last year and 10 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** The condition of range and pasture rated 16 percent very poor, 19 poor, 28 fair, 33 good, and 4 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 10 percent very short, 15 short, 64 adequate, and 11 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-08-19-2013.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 August 18, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.4	3.8	3.9	3.6	2.6	2.0	4.9	2.0	2.4	3.3	2.0	6.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	26	16	16	9	0	2	1	0	1	7	8	74
Short	39	26	21	16	8	3	6	2	2	12	13	23
Adequate	35	57	60	65	64	54	87	72	63	63	53	3
Surplus	0	1	3	10	28	41	6	26	34	18	26	0
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	47	29	34	17	5	2	0	1	1	13	17	72
Short	43	30	31	27	13	9	12	5	2	18	18	24
Adequate	10	41	35	51	65	69	84	84	80	60	51	3
Surplus	0	0	0	5	17	20	4	10	17	9	14	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Corn Dough	39	67	78	78	91	90	89	88	87	74	59	92
Corn Dent	3	7	19	8	30	43	22	27	36	19	9	72
Sorghum Headed	71	76	71	70	58	78	73	65	49	70	53	65
Sorghum Coloring	7	9	4	4	6	14	4	6	6	7	2	20
Soybeans Blooming	75	81	88	99	87	93	96	82	58	85	82	90
Soybeans Setting Pods	40	36	49	80	58	54	79	45	22	56	43	62