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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, August 26, 2013 -- For the week ending August 25, 2013, temperatures returned to normal levels across most of Kansas after an unusually cool first half of August, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fields wet from rains earlier in the month dried out in the hot, windy conditions last week, with no significant precipitation reported throughout the State. Farmers were able to catch up on haying and herbicide spraying activities, along with wheat planting preparation. Additionally, most row crops benefited from the warmer temperatures. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 20 short, 65 adequate, and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 14 percent very short, 19 short, 62 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn in dough was 87 percent, behind 96 last year and 92 average. Corn dented was 37 percent, well behind 80 last year and 64 average. One percent of the crop was mature, behind 50 last year and 22 average. Corn condition rated 11 percent very poor, 17 poor, 32 fair, 34 good, and 6 excellent.

Sorghum heading was 86 percent, ahead of 76 last year and 81 average. Sorghum coloring was 16 percent, behind 33 last year and 25 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 10 poor, 32 fair, 46 good, and 8 excellent.

Soybeans were 91 percent blooming, behind 94 last year and 95 average. Setting pods were 72 percent, compared to 75 last year and 78 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 30 fair, 51 good, and 9 excellent.

Cotton squaring was 93 percent, behind 99 last year and 100 average. The portion of the crop setting bolls was 67 percent, behind 86 last year and 86 average. Cotton with open bolls was 2 percent, behind 18 last year and 8 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 45 fair, 35 good, and 11 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 85 percent, equal to 85 last year and near 82 average. Twenty percent of the sunflowers were in the ray flower dried stage, behind 38 last year and 25 average. Crop that had turned yellow was 3 percent, behind 16 percent last year and 7 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 43 fair, 38 good, and 3 excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 80 percent complete, behind 89 last year and 91 average. The fourth cutting was 6 percent complete, behind 28 last year and 20 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of range and pasture rated 16 percent very poor, 17 poor, 29 fair, 34 good, and 4 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 16 short, 69 adequate, and 8 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-08-26-2013.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 August 25, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.0	5.7	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.2	3.3	5.5	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	39	17	13	10	0	0	2	1	0	8	7	54	
Short	46	26	33	23	13	7	19	17	6	20	12	22	
Adequate	15	57	52	65	72	73	77	71	86	65	63	22	
Surplus	0	0	2	2	15	20	2	11	8	7	18	2	
Subsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	58	26	31	16	6	0	1	3	2	14	13	65	
Short	36	31	32	29	13	10	17	12	4	19	18	29	
Adequate	6	43	37	52	75	79	80	74	86	62	60	6	
Surplus	0	0	0	3	6	11	2	11	8	5	9	0	
Crop Progress	Percent												
Corn Dough	63	87	91	88	97	96	96	94	94	87	74	96	
Corn Dent	16	31	33	17	55	64	47	45	53	37	19	80	
Sorghum Headed	96	86	85	89	79	88	89	84	75	86	70	76	
Sorghum Coloring	23	19	10	12	11	27	13	17	29	16	7	33	
Soybeans Blooming	87	86	95	100	92	96	98	90	75	91	85	94	
Soybeans Setting Pods	60	50	66	96	72	75	88	63	41	72	56	75	