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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, September 16, 2013 -- For the week ending September 15, 2013, hot and dry conditions across Kansas gave way to cooler temperatures and some much needed moisture, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The rains missed the Southeast, and parts of the East Central and South Central Districts, but were significant in areas of northwest Kansas. The moisture helped improve the potential for the upcoming wheat crop. Besides cutting the last of the hay for the season, farmers were harvesting high-moisture corn and chopping sorghum and corn silage. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 43 short, 42 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 20 percent very short, 39 short, 41 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 5 percent, equal to 5 last year and near 6 average.

Corn dented was 89 percent, behind 98 last year and 95 average. Thirty-three percent of the crop was mature, well behind 84 last year and 61 average. Corn harvested was 8 percent complete, well behind 50 last year, and 24 average. Corn condition rated 14 percent very poor, 19 poor, 28 fair, 31 good, and 8 excellent.

Sorghum coloring was 71 percent, ahead of 67 last year but near 70 average. Sorghum mature was 6 percent, behind 18 last year and 14 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 8 excellent.

Soybean setting pods were 97 percent, near 94 last year and 98 average. Soybeans dropping leaves were 24 percent, behind 32 last year and 27 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 12 poor, 37 fair, 43 good, and 5 excellent.

The portion of the cotton crop setting bolls was 84 percent, behind 99 last year and 99 average. Cotton with open bolls was 15 percent, behind 44 last year and 28 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 41 fair, 35 good, and 8 excellent.

Seventy-four percent of the sunflower acreage was in the ray flower dried stage, near 75 last year but ahead of 68 average. The portion of crop that had turned yellow was 52 percent, behind 60 percent last year but ahead of 42 average. Sunflowers that turned brown were 13 percent, behind 23 last year but ahead of 10 average. Condition rated 8 percent very poor, 16 poor, 42 fair, 31 good, and 3 excellent.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 43 percent complete, behind 46 last year and 50 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** The condition of range and pasture rated 16 percent very poor, 21 poor, 32 fair, 27 good, and 4 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 11 percent very short, 18 short, 69 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-09-16-2013.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 September 15, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	2.8	4.4	4.4	5.1	5.6	6.2	6.1	6.9	6.8	5.5	6.8	5.3
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	7	12	18	12	5	8	30	21	11	14	20	41
Short	19	19	45	36	37	49	28	68	59	43	48	30
Adequate	70	65	32	50	57	43	42	11	30	42	31	28
Surplus	4	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	41	25	44	21	10	3	30	7	10	20	19	56
Short	52	20	32	43	35	35	32	64	37	39	39	31
Adequate	7	54	24	36	54	62	38	29	53	41	41	13
Surplus	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Planted	1	13	12	0	1	2	0	2	4	5	2	5
Corn Dent	85	83	88	84	99	98	86	93	96	89	75	98
Corn Mature	26	17	37	9	64	51	20	42	51	33	13	84
Corn Harvested	2	6	4	2	13	13	1	2	19	8	3	50
Sorghum Coloring	72	83	60	65	72	76	72	74	80	71	51	67
Sorghum Mature	3	10	5	1	6	7	15	17	21	6	2	18
Soybeans Setting Pods	90	99	91	100	100	99	99	100	91	97	94	94
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	27	25	9	40	32	22	28	15	8	24	9	32