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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, October 21, 2013 -- For the week ending October 20, 2013, temperatures were cooler than normal, with precipitation hindering harvest progress across most of the State, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports of rain early in the week in eastern half of the State slowed harvest, while several inches of snow in northwest Kansas late in the week affected some unharvested milo and prevented farmers from harvesting their crops. There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 29 short, 59 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 33 short, 49 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 87 percent, near 90 last year and 85 average. Emerged was 61 percent, near 59 last year and 60 average. Wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 60 good, and 3 excellent.

Ninety-eight percent of the corn crop was mature, near 100 last year and 99 average. Corn harvest was 68 percent complete, behind 93 last year, and 73 average. Corn condition rated 12 percent very poor, 15 poor, 30 fair, 33 good, and 10 excellent.

Sorghum coloring was 99 percent, equal to 99 last year and 99 average. Sorghum mature was 83 percent, near 81 last year and 80 average. Sorghum harvested was 36 percent, near 35 last year and 32 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 31 fair, 40 good, and 9 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 95 percent, equal to last year and near 94 average. Soybeans harvested was 60 percent, ahead of 56 last year and 58 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 36 fair, 42 good, and 8 excellent.

Cotton with open bolls was 81 percent, behind 95 last year and 85 average. Three percent of the crop was harvested, behind 8 last year and 5 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 46 fair, 36 good, and 7 excellent.

Ninety-nine percent of the sunflower acreage was in the ray flower dried stage, near 100 last year 98 average. The portion of crop that had turned yellow was 98 percent, near 96 percent last year and 94 average. Sunflowers that turned brown were 86 percent, equal to last year but ahead of 78 average. Sunflowers harvested was 34 percent, behind 38 last year but ahead of 26 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 16 poor, 44 fair, 31 good, and 3 excellent.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 86 percent complete, ahead of 81 last year but equal to 86 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of range and pasture rated 18 percent very poor, 18 poor, 31 fair, 30 good, and 3 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 11 percent very short, 16 short, 71 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-10-21-2013.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 October 20, 2013**

| | NW | WC | SW | NC | C | SC | NE | EC | SE | LAST STATE | LAST WEEK ^{1/} | LAST YEAR |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Days Suitable for Fieldwork | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 4.8 | | 5.9 |
| Topsoil Moisture | Percent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short | 17 | 11 | 24 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9 | | 35 |
| Short | 28 | 16 | 31 | 44 | 36 | 30 | 42 | 20 | 18 | 29 | | 30 |
| Adequate | 52 | 70 | 45 | 45 | 53 | 60 | 55 | 77 | 71 | 59 | | 35 |
| Surplus | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 3 | | 0 |
| Subsoil Moisture | Percent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short | 41 | 22 | 35 | 26 | 10 | 4 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 18 | | 51 |
| Short | 37 | 20 | 36 | 44 | 36 | 36 | 31 | 35 | 22 | 33 | | 33 |
| Adequate | 22 | 58 | 29 | 30 | 52 | 60 | 41 | 62 | 73 | 49 | | 16 |
| Surplus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Crop Progress | Percent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winter Wheat Planted | 97 | 94 | 93 | 89 | 87 | 82 | 79 | 52 | 48 | 87 | | 90 |
| Winter Wheat Emerged | 82 | 76 | 75 | 58 | 59 | 45 | 36 | 22 | 24 | 61 | | 59 |
| Corn Mature | 99 | 96 | 98 | 95 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 99 | 96 | 98 | | 100 |
| Corn Harvested | 77 | 69 | 86 | 55 | 90 | 92 | 36 | 64 | 83 | 68 | | 93 |
| Sorghum Coloring | 99 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 99 | | 99 |
| Sorghum Mature | 75 | 95 | 78 | 83 | 84 | 80 | 94 | 91 | 77 | 83 | | 81 |
| Sorghum Harvested | 35 | 39 | 38 | 30 | 42 | 33 | 19 | 20 | 53 | 36 | | 35 |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves | 100 | 100 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 98 | 98 | 97 | 82 | 95 | | 95 |
| Soybeans Harvested | 82 | 66 | 46 | 88 | 82 | 57 | 71 | 42 | 23 | 60 | | 56 |

1/ Not available.