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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, October 28, 2013 -- The week ending October 27, 2013, had farmer's enjoying excellent harvest weather across Kansas with no precipitation and cooler than normal temperatures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were four to ten degrees below normal in the eastern half of the State and warmer in the western half. Producers were harvesting soybean fields as quickly as they would dry down, with sorghum harvest also progressing rapidly. Remaining corn fields have been slow to dry down. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 32 short, 56 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent very short, 35 short, 47 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 94 percent, near 95 last year and ahead of 90 average. Emerged was 74 percent, equal to last year and ahead of 72 average. Wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 38 fair, 55 good, and 4 excellent.

Corn harvest was 81 percent complete, behind 97 last year, but ahead of 78 average.

Sorghum mature was 94 percent, ahead of 92 last year and 90 average. Sorghum harvested was 53 percent, near 52 last year and ahead of 44 average. Condition rated 7 percent very poor, 15 poor, 31 fair, 39 good, and 8 excellent.

Soybeans harvested were 75 percent, ahead of 72 last year and 69 average.

Cotton with open bolls was 85 percent, behind 98 last year and 90 average. Eight percent of the crop was harvested, behind 24 last year and 11 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 51 fair, 34 good, and 5 excellent.

Sunflowers that turned brown were 93 percent, behind 94 last year, but ahead of 86 average. Sunflowers harvested was 47 percent, behind 53 last year but ahead of 38 average. Condition rated 7 percent very poor, 17 poor, 43 fair, 30 good, and 3 excellent.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 88 percent complete, ahead of 83 last year and near 89 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of range and pasture rated 17 percent very poor, 19 poor, 34 fair, 28 good, and 2 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 10 percent very short, 16 short, 72 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-10-28-2013.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 October 27, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	4.8	6.3
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	15	12	28	15	8	2	6	5	3	11	9	34
Short	33	16	30	45	34	34	35	36	24	32	29	32
Adequate	47	70	42	39	56	62	59	58	71	56	59	34
Surplus	5	2	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	0
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	41	22	39	31	11	2	13	5	5	18	18	49
Short	35	21	33	45	36	33	43	43	28	35	33	35
Adequate	24	57	28	23	51	65	44	52	67	47	49	16
Surplus	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Planted	100	99	98	97	92	94	93	63	63	94	87	95
Winter Wheat Emerged	88	92	82	73	65	72	62	42	29	74	61	74
Corn Harvested	92	87	93	75	95	96	58	75	94	81	68	97
Sorghum Mature	96	98	92	90	97	90	97	96	96	94	83	92
Sorghum Harvested	55	62	50	52	51	51	37	33	80	53	36	52
Soybeans Harvested	94	80	62	95	91	68	87	65	48	75	60	72

**District soil moisture ratings corrected 10/29/13.*