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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, February 3, 2014 -- For the month of January 2014, dry conditions prevailed across most of Kansas according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The snowfall during the month did not bring much moisture, as most of the State saw less than half the normal precipitation. Average monthly temperatures were cooler than normal for most of the eastern two thirds of Kansas. The western third of the State saw around normal temperatures, with the warmest being in the far northwest. Farmers in areas with little to no snow cover were concerned with winterkill on their wheat crop. Some farmers began top dressing their wheat and got an early start to applying anhydrous ammonia. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 19 percent very short, 38 short, 42 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 20 percent very short, 37 short, 43 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 17 poor, 45 fair, 33 good, and 2 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Declining stock water supplies and extreme weather swings were the biggest concerns of livestock producers. Sheep and lamb conditions were 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 39 fair, 56 good, and 3 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses were 18 percent below normal, 81 normal, and 1 above normal. Cattle and calf conditions were 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 36 fair, 58 good, and 3 excellent. Cattle and calf losses were 13 percent below normal, 85 normal, and 2 above normal. Hay and forage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 10 short, 77 adequate, and 8 surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 11 percent very short, 19 short, 69 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and KSU Extension Service.

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