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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 17, 2014 -- For the week ending March 16, 2014, windy conditions and limited precipitation across much of the state drew down topsoil moisture supplies, with much of the western half of the Kansas continuing in severe drought, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Significant precipitation was limited to southeastern counties, where an inch or more was recorded. Available soil moisture continued to be a concern going into spring. Below normal temperatures limited wheat development which remained behind last year and average. Some spraying occurred during periods when winds were quiet. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 18 percent very short, 37 short, 45 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 20 percent very short, 37 short, 43 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 46 fair, 32 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 1 percent, compared to 3 last year and 5 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions were 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 62 good, and 4 excellent. Cattle and calf losses were 22 percent below normal, 76 normal, and 2 above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions were 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 36 fair, 58 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses were 20 percent below normal, 78 normal, and 2 above normal. Hay and forage supplies rated 4 percent very short, 13 short, 79 adequate, and 4 surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 11 percent very short, 21 short, 68 adequate, and 0 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 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/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District  
for the Week Ending March 16, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.2	6.3	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.0	4.3	5.8	5.4	5.7	2.9	4.1	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	43	27	33	32	10	3	3	6	8	18	16	19	
Short	42	48	46	31	44	41	17	29	26	37	33	30	
Adequate	15	25	21	36	45	56	80	62	64	45	50	48	
Surplus	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	3	
Subsoil Moisture													
Very Short	40	27	38	31	21	3	6	6	9	20	19	42	
Short	42	50	41	37	40	36	27	30	27	37	35	41	
Adequate	18	23	21	32	39	60	64	63	64	43	46	17	
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	