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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 24, 2014 -- For the week ending March 23, 2014, dry conditions prevailed for another week with precipitation limited to a quarter of an inch or less across portions of northern Kansas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. As a result, soil moisture supplies continued their downward trend with less than half of the state reporting adequate supplies. Windy conditions were again noted with soils blowing in portions of the western half of the state. Temperatures continued to average below normal, slowing wheat development. Corn planting was noted in some southeastern counties. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 22 percent very short, 38 short, 40 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 21 percent very short, 42 short, 37 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 16 poor, 46 fair, 31 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 3 percent, compared to 5 last year and 11 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions were 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 30 fair, 61 good, and 5 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, 35 fair, 59 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, 78 adequate, and 5 surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 12 percent very short, 22 short, 66 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®ion=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 23, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.7	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.7	6.3	5.7	6.6	5.7	5.9	5.7	4.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	36	30	43	32	18	5	3	12	11	22	18	17
Short	37	47	40	37	44	47	20	35	31	38	37	30
Adequate	27	23	17	30	37	48	77	52	57	40	45	50
Surplus	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	39	29	43	34	16	3	6	8	11	21	20	42
Short	43	50	38	40	52	42	26	34	27	42	37	40
Adequate	18	21	19	26	32	54	64	57	62	37	43	17
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	1