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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 31, 2014 -- For the week ending March 30, 2014, dry conditions continued for southwest Kansas, while areas in the eastern half and northwest received some much needed precipitation in the form of light rain and snow according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Totals were limited to less than a half inch. Temperatures were mild in the west but cooler than normal in the east, with a couple of extremely windy days that caused blowing soils, particularly in the southwest. Some farmers are planting cover crops and preparing row crop fields for planting. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 24 percent very short, 44 short, 32 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 23 percent very short, 43 short, 34 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** The wheat crop is in need of moisture in most areas. Comments of cut worms, wheat turning blue and blowouts were reported this week. Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 18 poor, 43 fair, 30 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 5 percent, compared to 12 last year and 21 average.

Corn planted was 1 percent complete, compared to 0 last year and 1 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** The dry, windy conditions have caused a drop in pond water levels and have been challenging for ranchers who burn pastures, and the cool temperatures have slowed grass growth. Cattle and calf conditions were 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 30 fair, 61 good, and 5 excellent. Cattle and calf losses were 24 percent below normal, 75 normal, and 1 above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions were 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 34 fair, 60 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses were 21 percent below normal, 77 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 13 percent very short, 23 short, 64 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.*

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[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)

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District  
for the Week Ending March 30, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.6	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	6.2	3.9	6.2	
Topsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	44	31	47	32	20	6	4	13	11	24	22	16	
Short	38	47	40	41	47	57	29	46	30	44	38	30	
Adequate	18	22	13	26	32	37	67	40	58	32	40	50	
Surplus	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	
Subsoil Moisture	Percent												
Very Short	39	31	48	37	17	5	4	8	12	23	21	41	
Short	44	52	37	40	55	45	39	37	27	43	42	40	
Adequate	17	17	15	23	28	50	55	54	61	34	37	18	
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	
Crop Progress	Percent												
Winter Wheat Jointed	0	2	9	0	6	11	2	8	9	5	3	12	

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