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# News Release

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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, May 19, 2014 -- For the week ending May 18, 2014, cool temperatures slowed crop development and frost warnings and freezing temperatures kept many farmers from putting seed in the ground, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Concerns of possible freeze damage to corn and wheat were common across the eastern third of the State. Temperatures averaged 6 to 12 degrees below normal across most of Kansas and dipped below 30 degrees in many areas. Spotty rains in central and eastern Kansas helped relieve drought pressure, but dry patterns in western Kansas continued. With pasture grasses shortened by drought, some producers were turning cattle out onto failed wheat. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 33 percent very short, 40 short, 27 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 37 percent very short, 40 short, 23 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 26 percent very poor, 33 poor, 29 fair, 11 good, and 1 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 97 percent, ahead of 90 last year but equal to the five-year average. Winter wheat headed was 71 percent, well ahead of 36 last year but near 70 average.

Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 53 fair, 33 good, and 3 excellent. Corn planted was 86 percent complete, ahead of 64 last year and 82 average. Corn emerged was 52 percent, ahead of 17 last year and 47 average.

Cotton planted was 21 percent complete, compared to 10 last year and 16 average.

Sorghum planted was 7 percent, compared to 4 last year and 11 average. Sorghum emerged was 1 percent, compared to 0 last year and 2 average.

Soybeans planted was 32 percent complete, ahead 12 last year and near 30 average. Soybeans emerged was 7 percent, ahead of 1 last year but near 8 average.

Sunflowers planted was 3 percent, compared to 1 last year and 4 average.

Alfalfa hay condition was 9 percent very poor, 24 poor, 43 fair, 22 good, and 2 excellent. Twenty-two percent of alfalfa first cutting was complete, well ahead of 8 last year but behind 32 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 17 percent very poor, 25 poor, 39 fair, 18 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 32 short, 48 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 National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-05-19-2014.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&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, Soil Moisture, and Crop Progress, by District  
for the Week Ending May 18, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.9	6.5	6.4	6.1	5.4	5.3	3.9	5.2	5.0	5.7	6.2	5.4
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	43	45	59	36	37	36	0	6	17	33	33	13
Short	44	46	30	44	41	42	16	33	45	40	41	21
Adequate	13	9	11	20	22	22	83	61	38	27	26	59
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	49	48	64	42	49	30	8	8	18	37	35	25
Short	43	47	29	43	37	49	23	39	38	40	42	29
Adequate	8	5	7	15	14	21	69	53	44	23	23	44
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Jointed	93	97	96	99	99	99	94	95	99	97	92	90
Winter Wheat Headed	30	62	77	54	85	88	50	68	87	71	46	36
Corn Planted	74	66	83	88	94	96	94	96	99	86	72	64
Corn Emerged	18	20	37	38	71	82	72	82	94	52	35	17
Sorghum Planted	4	6	3	2	14	15	11	17	47	7	3	4
Soybeans Planted	17	7	40	41	31	30	43	30	20	32	16	12
Soybeans Emerged	2	2	8	6	9	8	8	9	7	7	1	1