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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, August 18, 2014 -- For the week ending August 17, 2014, precipitation was limited to the northern half of the State, with totals less than a half inch in most areas. Temperatures were cooler than normal in the eastern half of Kansas and normal to slightly above normal in the west according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dryland row crops that have been missed by the recent rain were showing signs of stress. Farmers have been busy preparing wheat fields for seeding, applying fertilizer, and cutting hay and silage. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 13 percent very short, 32 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 19 percent very short, 35 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 9 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 13 excellent. Corn in the dough stage was 79 percent, ahead of 72 last year, and near five-year average of 81. Corn dented was 30 percent, ahead of 18 last year, but behind 42 average. Corn mature was 4 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 13 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 46 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum headed was 65 percent, near 68 last year and average. Sorghum coloring was 10 percent, near 6 last year and equal to the average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 37 fair, 44 good, and 9 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 89 percent, near 85 last year and equal to the average. Soybeans setting pods was 63 percent, ahead of 54 last year and near 60 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 57 percent, behind 63 last year and 71 average.

Cotton conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 36 fair, 51 good, and 7 excellent. Cotton squaring was 87 percent, near 86 last year, but behind 95 average. Cotton setting bolls was at 38 percent, behind 43 last year and well behind 69 average. Cotton bolls opening was at 6 percent, ahead of 1 last year and near the average of 4.

Alfalfa hay conditions were 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 39 fair, 37 good, and 8 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 73 percent complete, ahead of 50 last year, but behind 78 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 3 percent complete, near 1 last year, but behind 7 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 17 poor, 40 fair, 34 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 17 short, 74 adequate, and 1 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-08-18-2014.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®ion=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 August 17, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	LAST STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for	6.0	6.5	6.6	4.9	6.3	6.6	5.0	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.4	3.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	21	12	23	16	8	5	4	8	12	13	10	7
Short	35	29	32	43	49	16	25	37	35	32	30	12
Adequate	43	54	44	40	41	77	71	53	53	53	58	62
Surplus	1	5	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	19
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	36	18	34	36	11	2	11	10	9	19	18	14
Short	35	37	30	47	48	20	20	37	40	35	33	18
Adequate	28	39	35	17	40	76	69	53	51	45	48	58
Surplus	1	6	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	10
Crop Progress	Percent											
Corn Dough	53	69	80	88	95	87	90	94	95	79	66	72
Corn Dented	2	13	14	44	63	45	33	58	69	30	12	18
Sorghum Headed	70	69	48	67	70	70	80	74	75	65	43	68
Sorghum Coloring	7	8	1	8	16	27	19	28	39	10	4	6
Soybeans Blooming	67	88	71	93	92	90	99	93	77	89	83	85
Soybeans Setting Pods	35	60	34	76	68	60	79	69	38	63	52	54