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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, August 25, 2014 -- For the week ending August 24, 2014, average temperatures were four to eight degrees warmer than normal across Kansas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Northern tier counties received the most rain last week. While spotty rains in the southern half of Kansas left some farms dry. Row crops and pastures that have been missed by the recent rains are stressed. Many farmers were kept busy preparing wheat fields for fall seeding. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 15 percent very short, 36 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 22 percent very short, 36 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 10 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 12 excellent. Corn in the dough stage was 88 percent, near 85 last year and the five-year average of 90. Corn dented was 51 percent, ahead of 34 last year, but behind 59 average. Corn mature was 13 percent, ahead of 1 last year, but behind 20 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 33 fair, 45 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum headed was 80 percent, near 84 last year and 81 average. Sorghum coloring was 22 percent, ahead of 15 last year, but near 21 average. Sorghum mature was 1 percent, near 0 last year and equal to the average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 39 fair, 40 good, and 8 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 78 percent, ahead of 70 last year, but near 75 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 33 fair, 50 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 72 percent, behind 82 last year and 81 average. Ray flowers dried was 2 percent, behind 19 last year and 24 average.

Cotton conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 35 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent. Cotton squaring was 95 percent, near 92 last year and 98 average. Cotton setting bolls was at 55 percent, behind 64 last year and well behind 81 average. Cotton bolls opening was at 11 percent, ahead of 2 last year and near the average of 8.

Alfalfa hay conditions were 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 39 fair, 37 good, and 7 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 83 percent complete, ahead of 76 last year, but behind 87 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 15 percent complete, ahead of 5 last year, but equal to the average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 17 poor, 42 fair, 31 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 18 short, 73 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-08-25-2014.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 for Fieldwork, Soil Moisture, and Crop Progress, by District
for the Week Ending August 24, 2014

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.0	6.3	6.8	4.8	6.7	6.4	5.5	6.8	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.8
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	20	11	29	14	13	8	4	19	16	15	12	8
Short	32	33	29	37	52	28	37	45	42	36	33	19
Adequate	47	51	41	48	35	63	59	35	42	48	54	64
Surplus	1	5	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	9
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	35	18	39	35	15	7	11	20	18	22	18	14
Short	35	38	26	46	52	26	34	45	33	36	34	19
Adequate	29	38	35	19	33	65	55	35	49	42	47	61
Surplus	1	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
Crop Progress	Percent											
Corn Dough	71	85	86	93	98	94	94	97	97	88	79	85
Corn Dented	25	39	32	65	85	68	58	78	78	51	30	34
Corn Mature	0	1	1	4	43	26	2	36	50	13	4	1
Sorghum Headed	86	85	71	80	81	83	91	83	82	80	64	84
Sorghum Coloring	22	16	10	19	27	43	31	46	52	22	10	15
Soybeans Setting Pods	58	69	58	88	80	81	85	85	58	78	63	70