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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, September 15, 2014 -- For the week ending September 14, 2014, a cold front at mid-week caused a significant drop in temperatures across Kansas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall totals of a half to two inches were reported in the northern half of the State. Average temperatures were 4 to 10 degrees cooler than normal. Light frost was reported in isolated areas in the north central and northwest. Activities included fertilizing, seeding wheat and harvesting corn. There were 4.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture rated 8 percent very short, 24 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 16 percent very short, 31 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was at 5 percent equal to last year and the five-year average.

Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 10 poor, 29 fair, 42 good, and 13 excellent. Corn dented was 90 percent, near 87 last year and 93 average. Corn mature was 47 percent, ahead of 30 last year, but behind 57 average. Corn harvested was 18 percent, ahead of 7 last year, but behind 23 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 10 poor, 32 fair, 45 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum headed was 97 percent, near 100 last year and 96 average. Sorghum coloring was 67 percent, near 68 last year and 69 average. Sorghum mature was 14 percent, ahead of 5 last year, but near 12 average. Sorghum harvested was 2 percent ahead of 0 last year, but equal to the average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 36 fair, 41 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 22 percent, equal to last year and near 24 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 32 fair, 52 good, and 6 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 95 percent, near 99 last year and 98 average. Ray flowers dried was 52 percent, behind 71 last year and 66 average. Sunflowers turning yellow was 28 percent, behind 47 last year and 42 average. Sunflowers turning brown was 2 percent, behind both last year and average at 11.

Cotton conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 34 fair, 53 good, and 7 excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 91 percent, ahead of 83 last year, but behind 96 average. Cotton bolls opening was 25 percent, ahead of 14 last year, but near the average of 27.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 39 fair, 38 good, and 7 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 95 percent complete, behind 100 last year, but near 97 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 47 percent complete, ahead of 40 last year, but near 46 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 16 poor, 41 fair, 33 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 17 short, 75 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-09-15-2014.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 September 14, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.3	4.8	5.7	3.4	3.7	6.4	4.2	5.1	5.8	4.9	4.8	5.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	14	6	20	4	3	7	2	4	5	8	9	15
Short	29	24	29	23	19	31	12	23	24	24	25	44
Adequate	56	64	51	68	72	61	86	70	71	66	64	40
Surplus	1	6	0	5	6	1	0	3	0	2	2	1
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	25	14	36	24	9	7	7	8	10	16	18	20
Short	37	31	27	41	31	29	25	32	28	31	32	39
Adequate	37	49	37	33	57	62	68	60	62	52	49	41
Surplus	1	6	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Planted	2	10	14	0	2	4	3	4	2	5	2	5
Corn Dented	83	81	84	96	97	94	94	97	99	90	77	87
Corn Mature	15	23	32	40	81	73	48	86	89	47	36	30
Corn Harvested	7	3	3	5	35	30	8	36	72	18	12	7
Sorghum Headed	99	98	96	96	98	96	100	100	95	97	94	100
Sorghum Coloring	73	76	47	65	69	80	84	92	79	67	50	68
Sorghum Mature	1	12	7	5	24	39	8	23	52	14	9	5
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	41	31	26	29	32	31	15	16	17	22	11	22