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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, September 29, 2014 -- For the week ending September 28, 2014, rain showers across central and northern Kansas slowed corn harvest and wheat seeding, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Western Kansas saw temperatures from two to ten degrees warmer than normal. Farmers took advantage of the mild weather to harvest crops, put up feed for cattle, and seed wheat. There were 5.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture rated 9 percent very short, 27 percent short, 62 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 31 percent, near last year and the five-year average of 30. Winter wheat emerged was 13 percent, ahead of 7 last year and 8 average.

Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 10 poor, 28 fair, 41 good, and 15 excellent. Corn dented was 97 percent, near 99 last year and 100 average. Corn mature was 74 percent, near 73 last year, but behind 87 average. Corn harvested was 35 percent, ahead of 25 last year, but behind 44 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 11 poor, 32 fair, 44 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 91 percent, near 92 last year and 87 average. Sorghum mature was 35 percent, ahead of 26 last year, but equal to the average. Sorghum harvested was 5 percent, near 3 last year and 7 average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 35 fair, 42 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 55 percent, behind 63 last year and 59 average. Soybeans harvested was 2 percent, behind 7 last year and 8 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 32 fair, 52 good, and 6 excellent. Ray flowers dried was 79 percent, behind 86 last year and average. Sunflowers turning yellow was 57 percent, behind 69 last year and average. Sunflowers turning brown was 20 percent, behind 44 last year and average at 37.

Cotton conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 56 good, and 5 excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 95 percent, near 99 last year, but behind 100 average. Cotton bolls opening was 42 percent, near 43 last year, but behind 53 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 40 fair, 37 good, and 7 excellent. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 70 percent complete, ahead of 59 last year and 64 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 16 poor, 42 fair, 33 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 9 percent very short, 18 short, 72 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-09-29-2014.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 28, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.4	6.6	6.2	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.9
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	11	7	28	7	3	9	1	4	5	9	8	13
Short	26	29	27	25	20	38	18	25	28	27	26	35
Adequate	61	58	45	64	71	52	81	68	67	62	64	50
Surplus	2	6	0	4	6	1	0	3	0	2	2	2
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	24	13	37	20	7	9	14	9	8	16	16	20
Short	35	33	29	41	26	35	21	28	32	31	31	38
Adequate	40	48	34	37	65	55	65	63	60	52	52	42
Surplus	1	6	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Planted	43	51	56	11	15	28	9	10	10	31	15	30
Winter Wheat Emerged	17	17	30	2	5	13	1	1	2	13	3	7
Corn Dented	95	94	95	100	100	98	99	98	100	97	94	99
Corn Mature	52	53	70	70	95	91	79	96	96	74	60	73
Corn Harvested	12	24	19	17	68	60	20	68	90	35	26	25
Sorghum Coloring	94	96	88	89	89	93	98	97	93	91	82	92
Sorghum Mature	28	32	27	28	39	59	30	45	64	35	23	26
Sorghum Harvested	0	2	3	1	11	12	2	11	41	5	3	3
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	73	66	47	66	61	58	58	48	37	55	38	63

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.