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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, October 20, 2014 -- For the week ending October 19, 2014, up to one inch of rain fell in the east, while the west remained dry, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were near normal. Activities included seeding wheat and harvesting row crops. The number of days suitable for field work was 5.5. Topsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 13 percent very short, 26 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was at 78 percent, behind last year and the five-year average of 84. Winter wheat emerged was 58 percent, equal to last year and near 56 average.

Corn mature was 96 percent, near 97 last year and 99 average. Corn harvested was 66 percent, equal to last year, but behind 75 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 32 fair, 43 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum mature was 79 percent, near 80 last year and 81 average. Sorghum harvested was 25 percent, behind both last year and average at 34.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 35 fair, 42 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 88 percent, behind last year and average at 94. Soybeans harvested was 31 percent, well behind 58 last year and 57 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 32 fair, 52 good, and 6 excellent. Ray flowers dried was 94 percent, near last year and average at 98. Sunflowers turning yellow was 86 percent, behind 97 last year and 94 average. Sunflowers turning brown was 67 percent, behind 84 last year and 80 average. Sunflowers harvested was at 12 percent, well behind 33 last year and 29 average.

Cotton conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 56 good, and 5 excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 77 percent, near 79 last year, but behind 83 average. Cotton harvested was 2 percent, near 3 last year and 5 average.

Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 88 percent complete, near 85 last year and 84 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 15 poor, 41 fair, 35 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 18 short, 74 adequate, and 2 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-10-20-2014.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>

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**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture, and Crop Progress, by District  
for the Week Ending October 19, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.1	5.6	5.1	4.6	3.8	5.5	4.2	4.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	9	4	12	7	1	7	0	1	4	5	5	9
Short	26	19	33	22	9	28	4	12	15	20	20	29
Adequate	64	75	53	69	82	59	86	80	69	70	66	59
Surplus	1	2	2	2	8	6	10	7	12	5	9	3
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	23	8	33	20	4	9	2	4	6	13	13	18
Short	34	23	28	36	17	30	17	20	25	26	27	33
Adequate	43	65	39	43	74	60	79	74	63	59	58	49
Surplus	0	4	0	1	5	1	2	2	6	2	2	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Planted	92	93	89	70	72	82	37	40	38	78	67	84
Winter Wheat Emerged	72	75	76	42	52	56	22	27	26	58	42	58
Corn Mature	93	96	95	93	100	100	100	100	99	96	93	97
Corn Harvested	44	55	57	51	89	93	62	93	96	66	56	66
Sorghum Mature	78	82	75	73	82	89	78	83	82	79	65	80
Sorghum Harvested	14	25	19	21	27	48	11	33	59	25	15	34
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	100	93	90	93	93	92	92	88	72	88	78	94
Soybeans Harvested	62	46	47	46	36	40	28	23	16	31	18	58