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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, October 27, 2014 -- For the week ending October 26, 2014, up to one inch of rain fell in the northeast, while the west remained dry, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Above normal temperatures allowed fall harvest to progress and winter wheat to grow rapidly. Some producers were waiting for a hard freeze to harvest sorghum. The number of days suitable for field work was 6.2. Topsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 22 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 13 percent very short, 26 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 33 fair, 58 good, and 7 excellent. Winter wheat planted was at 87 percent, behind 93 last year, but near the five-year average of 91. Winter wheat emerged was 72 percent, equal to last year and near 70 average.

Corn harvested was 78 percent, near 79 last year and 81 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 31 fair, 44 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum mature was 90 percent, near 92 last year and 91 average. Sorghum harvested was 38 percent, behind 51 last year and 47 average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 35 fair, 43 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans harvested was 52 percent, well behind 73 last year and 70 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 6 excellent. Ray flowers dried was 96 percent, near 100 last year and average at 99. Sunflowers turning yellow was 90 percent, behind 100 last year and 97 average. Sunflowers turning brown was 81 percent, behind 92 last year and 88 average. Sunflowers harvested was at 25 percent, well behind 45 last year and 41 average.

Cotton conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 56 good, and 5 excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 87 percent, near 84 last year, but equal to the average. Cotton harvested was 5 percent, near 7 last year, but behind 11 average.

Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 91 percent complete, near 88 last year and 86 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 15 poor, 42 fair, 34 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 18 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-10-27-2014.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>

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**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture, and Crop Progress, by District
for the Week Ending October 26, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.7	6.8	6.8	5.9	6.2	6.4	5.2	4.7	4.8	6.2	5.5	6.3
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	10	4	12	7	0	7	0	1	4	5	5	11
Short	30	23	37	24	11	28	7	10	15	22	20	32
Adequate	59	73	50	68	85	60	89	86	75	71	70	56
Surplus	1	0	1	1	4	5	4	3	6	2	5	1
Subsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	23	9	33	20	3	9	1	4	5	13	13	18
Short	35	23	28	36	17	30	17	19	24	26	26	35
Adequate	42	65	39	44	77	59	80	76	71	60	59	47
Surplus	0	3	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	1	2	0
Crop Progress	Percent											
Winter Wheat Planted	95	96	95	88	85	89	50	57	49	87	78	93
Winter Wheat Emerged	85	86	86	64	71	72	30	38	30	72	58	72
Corn Harvested	60	67	77	72	95	97	72	96	97	78	66	79
Sorghum Mature	90	90	90	87	91	94	90	88	84	90	79	92
Sorghum Harvested	30	39	32	36	36	63	39	46	65	38	25	51
Soybeans Harvested	80	71	68	74	62	56	48	45	28	52	31	73