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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 16, 2015 -- For the week ending March 15, temperatures averaged 6 to 9 degrees above normal across the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. No significant precipitation was reported with the exception of extreme southeast Kansas, which received up to 4 tenths of an inch of rain. Producers reported an increase in activities with the recent mild weather, including fertilizer and herbicide application, and moving cattle off crop residue. There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 13 percent very short, 34 short, 52 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 18 percent very short, 37 short, 45 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 46 fair, 38 good, and 3 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 32 fair, 60 good, and 6 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 74 average, and 26 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 30 fair, 64 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 65 average, and 35 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 85 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 11 percent very short, 25 short, 63 adequate, and 1 surplus.

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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