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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 23, 2015 -- For the week ending March 22, temperatures averaged 4 to 8 degrees above normal across the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Light precipitation was reported in the southwest and northeast Kansas with amounts up to .75 inch. Producers reported an increase in field activities with the recent mild weather, including fertilizer and herbicide application, planting preparation, and moving cattle off crop residue. The lack of moisture was a concern in a number of western counties. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 14 percent very short, 35 short, 50 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 19 percent very short, 39 short, 42 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 13 poor, 42 fair, 37 good, and 4 excellent.

Oats planted was 18 percent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 31 fair, 61 good, and 6 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 73 average, and 27 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, 10 short, 84 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 12 percent very short, 27 short, 61 adequate, and 0 surplus.

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[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)

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