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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, April 20, 2015 - For the week ending April 19, 2015, precipitation of an inch or more was common across the eastern two-thirds of Kansas with heavier amounts in south central counties, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, southwestern counties remained mostly dry. Temperatures averaged two to six degrees above normal. Planting advanced slowly due to wet soils. Statewide, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 15 percent very short, 27 short, 52 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 21 percent very short, 36 short, 42 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 9 percent very poor, 19 poor, 46 fair, 24 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointing was at 62 percent, ahead of 38 last year, and 56 for the five-year average. Headed was 4 percent, ahead of 2 last year, but behind 8 average.

Corn planted was at 23 percent, near 20 last year, and 19 average. Emerged was 8 percent, near 5 last year, and ahead of 3 average.

Soybeans planted was at 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year and average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 29 fair, 64 good, and 5 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 70 average, and 30 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 27 fair, 68 good, and 5 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 63 average, and 37 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 83 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 15 percent very short, 27 short, 58 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service agency and KSU Extension Service.

District level data are 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/2015/CropProg-04-20-2015.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 April 19, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.4	3.6	4.4	2.8	2.1	4.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	15	13	38	19	21	4	3	2	2	15
Short	30	41	33	41	24	24	11	14	8	27
Adequate	47	45	29	40	51	60	82	70	63	52
Surplus	8	1	0	0	4	12	4	14	27	6
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	30	17	46	25	22	9	9	5	5	21
Short	44	44	30	45	42	42	26	22	22	36
Adequate	26	38	24	30	33	48	61	66	66	42
Surplus	0	1	0	0	3	1	4	7	7	1
Winter Wheat Jointed	30	33	70	32	80	85	65	61	90	62
Corn Planted	2	4	10	7	48	39	20	54	70	23
Corn Emerged	0	0	2	2	10	11	2	17	45	8