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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, May 18, 2015 - For the week ending May 17, 2015, precipitation was received statewide, with average rainfall near one inch, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some areas received up to three inches of rain. Temperatures averaged near normal. Activities included planting of spring crops and moving cattle to summer pasture. There were 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 12 short, 69 adequate, and 16 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 11 percent very short, 25 short, 59 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 10 percent very poor, 20 poor, 41 fair, 27 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 98 percent, near last year and the five-year average of 96. Headed was 86 percent, ahead of last year and average of 67. Coloring was at 5 percent.

Corn planted was at 78 percent, behind 84 last year, but near 82 average. Emerged was 53 percent, near 50 last year, but ahead of 47 average.

Soybeans planted was at 17 percent, behind 30 last year and 31 average. Emerged was 7 percent, near 6 last year and 8 average.

Sorghum planted was 6 percent, equal to last year and near 10 average. Emerged was 2 percent, near 1 last year and equal to the average.

Sunflowers planted was 1 percent, near last year and average of 3.

Cotton planted was at 7 percent, behind 20 last year, and 18 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Conditions: Pasture and range condition rated 4 very poor, 10 poor, 36 fair, 42 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 14 short, 74 adequate, and 6 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-05-18-2015.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 May 17, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.3	3.5	3.1	2.3	1.8	2.8	1.5	0.5	0.8	2.5
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	4	2	9	8	1	2	0	0	1	3
Short	19	15	21	21	7	7	3	7	4	12
Adequate	69	82	67	63	77	60	73	45	65	69
Surplus	8	1	3	8	15	31	24	48	30	16
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	18	8	26	19	8	2	2	3	2	11
Short	38	34	30	30	24	25	14	8	14	25
Adequate	44	57	42	49	59	71	77	69	69	59
Surplus	0	1	2	2	9	2	7	20	15	5
Winter Wheat Jointed	97	95	100	99	98	99	99	98	100	98
Winter Wheat Headed	65	82	87	78	92	98	71	85	96	86
Winter Wheat Coloring	0	1	9	0	5	10	0	0	9	5
Corn Planted	60	66	62	87	92	94	87	94	98	78
Corn Emerged	19	32	33	57	80	76	64	86	94	53
Soybeans Planted	7	5	13	20	22	25	17	14	11	17
Soybeans Emerged	1	2	3	5	12	10	7	8	6	7
Sorghum Planted	1	3	5	3	5	21	0	9	40	6