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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, August 17, 2015 - For the week ending August 16, 2015, most of the State received less than half of an inch of rain and near normal temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 22 short, 70 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 6 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 32 fair, 48 good, and 10 excellent. Corn dough was at 77 percent, equal to last year, and near the five-year average of 80. Dented was 32 percent, ahead of 27 last year, but behind 41 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 37 fair, 49 good, and 6 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 86 percent, near 88 last year and average. Setting pods was 61 percent, equal to last year, and near 57 average. Dropping leaves rated 1 percent.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 59 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum headed was 78 percent, ahead of 61 last year and 65 average. Sorghum coloring was 16 percent, ahead of 9 last year and 10 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 very poor, 2 poor, 30 fair, 60 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 52 percent, near 55 last year, but behind 66 average. Ray flowers dried rated 3 percent.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 33 fair, 55 good, and 5 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 86 percent, ahead of 71 last year and 74 average. Fourth cutting was 17 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 6 average.

Cotton condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 27 fair, 53 good, and 10 excellent. Cotton squaring was 89 percent, near 85 last year and 92 average. Setting bolls was 52 percent, ahead of 37 last year, but behind 60 average. Bolls opening rated 2 percent, near 5 last year and 4 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Conditions: Pasture and range condition rated 2 very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 51 good, and 10 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 8 short, 88 adequate, and 2 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-08-17-2015.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 August 16, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.2	6.2	5.6	6.2	6.8	5.9	6.2	6.0	5.7	6.0
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	3	4	5	4	4	1	2	1	1	3
Short	30	18	22	23	28	12	21	30	18	22
Adequate	55	75	70	70	66	76	74	64	79	70
Surplus	12	3	3	3	2	11	3	5	2	5
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	11	6	9	10	6	1	0	2	2	6
Short	28	19	24	26	23	13	6	25	13	20
Adequate	55	75	66	64	71	81	92	68	85	72
Surplus	6	0	1	0	0	5	2	5	0	2
Corn Dough	51	76	70	69	89	88	89	90	96	77
Corn Dented	24	7	14	17	56	45	41	48	64	32
Soybeans Blooming	86	94	97	84	89	94	93	76	80	86
Soybeans Setting Pods	72	69	71	67	69	66	74	43	48	61
Sorghum Headed	76	88	77	71	79	77	69	61	70	78
Sorghum Coloring	15	14	14	4	22	29	2	11	41	16