



News Release

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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, August 24, 2015 - For the week ending August 23, 2015, cool, wet conditions dominated the weather pattern, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 6 percent very short, 21 short, 72 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 31 fair, 47 good, and 12 excellent. Corn dough was at 87 percent, equal to last year and near the five-year average of 89. Dented was 53 percent, ahead of 48 last year, but near 57 average. Mature was 8 percent, near 12 last year, but behind 20 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 36 fair, 49 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 91 percent, near 94 last year and 93 average. Setting pods was 71 percent, behind 76 last year, but near 72 average. Dropping leaves rated 3 percent, near 0 last year and 2 average.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 59 good, and 10 excellent. Sorghum headed was 89 percent, ahead of 78 last year and 79 average. Sorghum coloring was 29 percent, ahead of 20 last year and average. Mature rated 1 percent, equal to last year and average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 very poor, 2 poor, 30 fair, 60 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 78 percent, ahead of 70 last year, but near 79 average. Ray flowers dried rated 10 percent, ahead of 2 last year, but behind 20 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 34 fair, 54 good, and 5 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 93 percent, ahead of 82 last year and 84 average. Fourth cutting was 28 percent ahead of 13 last year and 14 average.

Cotton condition rated 0 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent. Cotton squaring was 92 percent, near 94 last year and 96 average. Setting bolls was 63 percent, ahead of 53 last year, but behind 73 average. Bolls opening rated 4 percent, behind 10 last year, but near 8 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Conditions: Pasture and range condition rated 2 very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 50 good, and 10 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 8 short, 87 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-08-24-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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 24, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.2	5.1	4.2	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.7	4.9	5.4
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	4	4	4	5	4	1	1	5	0	3
Short	33	18	15	27	28	9	26	24	12	20
Adequate	53	75	77	66	66	79	71	67	81	72
Surplus	10	3	4	2	2	11	2	4	7	5
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	12	6	7	10	6	1	1	4	0	6
Short	32	19	23	27	23	10	15	28	10	21
Adequate	52	75	69	63	71	88	84	64	90	72
Surplus	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	1
Corn Dough	68	80	88	87	94	98	94	96	99	87
Corn Dented	42	25	40	39	71	74	54	67	85	53
Corn Mature	1	0	0	0	14	13	5	7	41	8
Soybeans Blooming	92	97	99	94	92	98	96	82	87	91
Soybeans Setting Pods	81	82	84	76	80	82	80	56	56	71
Sorghum Headed	87	95	89	91	89	85	79	78	82	89
Sorghum Coloring	28	32	25	14	35	40	13	32	52	29