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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, August 31, 2015 - For the week ending August 30, 2015, cool, mostly dry conditions were experienced throughout much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 23 short, 67 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 7 percent very short, 22 short, 70 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 32 fair, 46 good, and 11 excellent. Corn dough was at 94 percent, near 93 last year and the five-year average of 95. Dented was 67 percent, near 64 last year and 71 average. Mature was 16 percent, behind 23 last year and 30 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 35 fair, 50 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 95 percent, near 99 last year and 97 average. Setting pods was 81 percent, behind 86 last year, but near 83 average. Dropping leaves rated 6 percent, near 5 last year and average.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 59 good, and 10 excellent. Sorghum headed was 95 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 87 average. Sorghum coloring was 47 percent, ahead of 33 last year and 35 average. Mature rated 2 percent, near 4 last year and 3 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 very poor, 2 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 88 percent, near 84 last year and 89 average. Ray flowers dried rated 20 percent, near 17 last year, but behind 33 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 55 good, and 6 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 96 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 91 average. Fourth cutting was 41 percent, ahead of 25 last year and average.

Cotton condition rated 0 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent. Cotton squaring was 94 percent, behind 99 last year and average. Setting bolls was 79 percent, ahead of 74 last year, and near 83 average. Bolls opening rated 9 percent, near 13 last year and 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-08-31-2015.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 30, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.9	6.8	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.2	5.3	4.7	6.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	13	5	4	8	9	1	2	1	1	5
Short	36	23	20	27	30	12	31	22	14	23
Adequate	41	72	73	65	57	76	66	73	77	67
Surplus	10	0	3	0	4	11	1	4	8	5
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	18	6	7	13	7	1	1	3	1	7
Short	30	20	25	27	27	11	19	25	11	22
Adequate	47	74	67	59	66	88	80	68	88	70
Surplus	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	1
Corn Dough	85	91	95	94	97	99	96	98	100	94
Corn Dented	52	43	62	58	82	86	71	76	92	67
Corn Mature	2	0	5	4	45	29	11	21	60	16
Soybeans Blooming	95	99	100	99	97	100	99	89	90	95
Soybeans Setting Pods	85	89	90	88	90	92	86	65	70	81
Soybeans Drop Leaves	22	1	4	10	10	12	0	2	5	6
Sorghum Headed	93	97	96	96	98	91	87	88	92	95
Sorghum Coloring	47	51	45	29	58	55	20	43	64	47