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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, October 13, 2015 - For the week ending October 11, 2015, temperatures averaged two to eight degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The southern half of the State received less than half of an inch of rain, while the north remained dry. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 14 percent very short, 39 short, 45 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 12 percent very short, 35 short, 53 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 69 percent, near 65 last year and 70 for the five-year average. Emerged was 34 percent, behind 40 last year, but near 38 average.

Corn harvested was 76 percent, well ahead of 55 last year and ahead of 68 average.

Soybeans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 34 fair, 47 good, and 9 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 83 percent, ahead of 77 last year, but equal to the average. Harvested was 31 percent, ahead of 17 last year, but behind 36 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum mature was 85 percent, well ahead of 63 last year and ahead of 66 average. Harvested was 37 percent, well ahead of 14 last year and ahead of 24 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 57 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 96 percent, ahead of 91 last year, but near 94 average. Bracts turning yellow was 77 percent, near 81 last year, but behind 86 average. Bracts turning brown was 49 percent, behind 54 last year and 67 average. Harvested was 5 percent, near 6 last year, but behind 18 average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 90 percent, ahead of 83 last year and 80 average.

Cotton condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 60 percent, near 64 last year, but behind 77 average. Harvested was 8 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 3 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Conditions: Pasture and range condition rated 4 very poor, 12 poor, 36 fair, 42 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 13 short, 82 adequate, and 1 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-10-13-2015.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 October 11, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.2	6.6	5.8	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.3
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	28	13	15	21	28	1	16	2	3	14
Short	36	43	37	49	39	31	34	40	42	39
Adequate	36	44	47	30	32	59	49	57	55	45
Surplus	0	0	1	0	1	9	1	1	0	2
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	29	11	18	17	15	1	8	4	2	12
Short	40	35	36	43	40	25	44	36	25	35
Adequate	31	54	46	40	45	74	48	59	73	53
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Corn Harvested	57	73	71	69	94	89	73	91	95	76
Soybeans Drop Leaves	98	95	86	97	94	87	85	71	64	83
Soybeans Harvested	54	32	49	50	46	31	37	11	10	31
Sorghum Mature	80	85	92	78	85	87	30	60	87	85
Sorghum Harvested	37	41	32	24	46	48	3	10	65	37
Winter Wheat Planted	87	86	76	62	57	68	43	38	37	69
Winter Wheat Emerged	41	60	38	19	19	40	10	13	15	34