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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, October 19, 2015 - For the week ending October 18, 2015, warm, dry weather prevailed statewide, providing good harvest conditions, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 19 percent very short, 40 short, 40 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 15 percent very short, 37 short, 48 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 82 percent, ahead of 76 last year, but near 84 for the five-year average. Emerged was 51 percent, behind 56 both last year and average.

Corn harvested was 85 percent, well ahead of 65 last year and ahead of 78 average.

Soybeans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 33 fair, 47 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 92 percent, ahead of 87 last year, but equal to the average. Harvested was 51 percent, well ahead of 29 last year, but near 52 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 10 excellent. Sorghum mature was 93 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 80 average. Harvested was 52 percent, well ahead of 24 last year and ahead of 35 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 57 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning yellow was 91 percent, ahead of 86 last year, but near 92 average. Bracts turning brown was 65 percent, near 66 last year, but behind 78 average. Harvested was 26 percent, ahead of 11 last year, but near 28 average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 92 percent, ahead of 87 last year and 85 average.

Cotton condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 67 percent, behind 75 last year and 86 average. Harvested was 11 percent, ahead of 2 last year and 5 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Conditions:** Pasture and range condition rated 4 very poor, 14 poor, 37 fair, 40 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 17 short, 78 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-10-19-2015.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 18, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
<b>Days Suitable for Fieldwork</b>	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.9
<b>Topsoil Moisture</b>	<b>Percent</b>									
Very Short	34	19	17	27	30	3	27	9	8	19
Short	35	38	38	51	38	38	40	45	45	40
Adequate	31	43	45	22	31	54	32	46	47	40
Surplus	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	1
<b>Subsoil Moisture</b>										
Very Short	35	12	19	20	16	2	15	7	7	15
Short	36	35	38	47	41	28	50	41	30	37
Adequate	29	53	43	33	43	70	35	52	63	48
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Corn Harvested</b>	68	82	84	84	96	94	85	96	97	85
<b>Soybeans Drop Leaves</b>	100	97	91	99	96	91	95	87	81	92
<b>Soybeans Harvested</b>	70	49	62	73	61	51	58	32	33	51
<b>Sorghum Mature</b>	90	96	95	91	95	93	70	77	94	93
<b>Sorghum Harvested</b>	50	61	48	39	58	59	9	26	73	52
<b>Winter Wheat Planted</b>	92	96	86	79	75	82	68	49	62	82
<b>Winter Wheat Emerged</b>	58	76	58	33	35	56	17	24	34	51