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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, October 26, 2015 - For the week ending October 25, 2015, temperatures four to ten degrees above normal were experienced, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The western half of the State received up to three inches of rain, while the east remained mostly dry. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 14 percent very short, 38 short, 46 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 13 percent very short, 36 short, 51 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 13 poor, 44 fair, 36 good, and 5 excellent. Winter wheat planted was 91 percent, ahead of 86 last year, but equal to the five-year average. Emerged was 67 percent, near 70 both last year and average.

Corn harvested was 91 percent, ahead of 76 last year and 86 average.

Soybeans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 33 fair, 47 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 97 percent, near 98 both last year and average. Harvested was 70 percent, well ahead of 49 last year, but near 69 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 53 good, and 10 excellent. Sorghum mature was 96 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 91 average. Harvested was 66 percent, well ahead of 36 last year, and ahead of 50 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 57 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning yellow was 95 percent, ahead of 89 last year, but near 96 average. Bracts turning brown was 81 percent, near 79 last year, but behind 88 average. Harvested was 40 percent, ahead of 23 last year, but near 41 average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 95 percent, near 91 last year, but ahead of 88 average.

Cotton condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 77 percent, behind 86 last year and 91 average. Harvested was 13 percent, ahead of 5 last year, but near 11 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Conditions: Pasture and range condition rated 5 very poor, 14 poor, 38 fair, 38 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 17 short, 77 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-10-26-2015.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 25, 2015**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.7	4.3	3.7	5.0	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.5	5.2
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	28	7	5	24	25	4	27	12	10	14
Short	37	30	22	53	37	44	43	46	43	38
Adequate	35	61	63	23	37	52	29	42	47	46
Surplus	0	2	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	30	12	9	22	17	2	16	9	7	13
Short	36	30	29	48	39	31	52	46	33	36
Adequate	34	58	60	30	44	67	32	45	60	51
Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corn Harvested	81	85	90	90	98	97	93	98	99	91
Soybeans Drop Leaves	100	99	94	100	99	98	99	96	90	97
Soybeans Harvested	90	56	73	85	75	68	82	54	53	70
Sorghum Mature	96	98	97	96	97	95	89	84	97	96
Sorghum Harvested	72	74	59	57	74	69	21	33	75	66
Winter Wheat Planted	98	99	92	89	88	94	93	61	72	91
Winter Wheat Emerged	82	88	72	50	51	75	29	32	44	67