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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, February 29, 2016 – for the month of February 2016, temperatures averaged four to six degrees above normal, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The spring-like conditions prompted winter wheat to break dormancy early. Rain was needed to support growth and development. Producers in southern counties were beginning spring fieldwork activities. The mild conditions have been good for the calving season. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 31 short, 63 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 24 short, 68 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 35 fair, 51 good and 8 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 69 good and 6 excellent. Calving progress was 24 percent complete. Cattle and calves death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 61 average, and 39 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 31 fair, 67 good, and 2 excellent. Sheep and lambs death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 66 average, and 34 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 86 adequate, and 11 surplus.

Stock water supplies was 2 percent very short, 12 short, 84 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service agency and KSU Extension Service.

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

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