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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 21, 2016 – For the week ending March 20, 2016, temperatures averaged two to four degrees above normal in the east and near normal in western counties, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Up to a half an inch of moisture fell in west central areas and portions of the extreme northeast, while much of the State remained dry. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 9 percent very short, 37 short, 54 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 8 percent very short, 29 short, 62 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 36 fair, 51 good and 6 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 20 percent, ahead of 3 last year and the five-year average of 7.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 68 good and 6 excellent. Calving progress was 67 percent complete. Cattle and calves death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 58 average, and 41 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions was 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 28 fair, 68 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lambs death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 67 average, and 33 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 86 adequate, and 10 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 3 percent very short, 15 short, 81 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 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 March 20, 2016**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.1	5.3	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.0	6.5	5.8
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	13	5	22	7	7	2	3	2	4	9
Short	33	47	41	36	47	35	24	34	28	37
Adequate	52	48	37	57	45	63	73	63	67	54
Surplus	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	13	5	13	12	7	2	7	2	3	8
Short	37	29	36	26	28	25	13	23	30	29
Adequate	49	66	51	62	64	73	75	74	67	62
Surplus	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	1
Winter Wheat Jointed	3	5	22	6	14	41	6	26	48	20