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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Manhattan, KS** – For the week ending August 28, 2016, cool, wet conditions dominated the weather pattern, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 4 percent very short, 13 short, 75 adequate, and 8 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 15 short, 78 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 25 fair, 56 good, and 12 excellent. Corn dough was 92 percent, equal to last year, and near the five-year average of 93. Dented was 64 percent, near 63 last year and equal to average. Mature was 15 percent, near 14 last year, but behind 23 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 55 good, and 13 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 96 percent, near 94 last year and 95 average. Setting pods was 82 percent, near 78 last year and 79 average. Dropping leaves was 2 percent, near 5 last year and 4 average.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 59 good, and 15 excellent. Sorghum headed was 96 percent, near 94 last year, and ahead of 85 average. Coloring was 50 percent, ahead of 42 last year, and well ahead of 30 average. Mature was 3 percent, near 2 both last year and average.

Cotton condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 29 fair, 64 good, and 4 excellent. Cotton squaring was 93 percent, equal to last year, and near 97 average. Setting bolls was 65 percent, behind 74 last year and 77 average. Bolls opening was 7 percent, near 8 last year and 10 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 28 fair, 63 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 89 percent, near 85 last year and 86 average. Ray flowers dried was 15 percent, near 17 last year, and behind 27 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 31 fair, 58 good, and 6 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 94 percent complete, near 95 last year, but ahead of 89 average. Fourth cutting was 43 percent complete, ahead of 37 last year, and well ahead of 22 average.

**Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 24 fair, 61 good, and 10 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 6 short, 90 adequate, and 3 surplus.

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

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:  
<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2016/CropProg-08-29-2016.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>

**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture and Crop Progress by District  
 For the Week Ending August 28, 2016**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
<b>Days Suitable for Fieldwork</b>	5.5	5.5	5.4	3.3	2.9	4.6	3.1	2.5	5.2	4.4
<b>Topsoil Moisture</b>	<b>Percent</b>									
Very Short	10	4	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
Short	28	19	17	9	10	3	11	8	12	13
Adequate	54	76	72	80	70	83	82	79	83	75
Surplus	8	1	0	10	19	14	6	13	5	8
<b>Subsoil Moisture</b>	<b>Percent</b>									
Very Short	6	3	5	2	1	0	4	0	1	3
Short	35	17	23	10	10	3	20	13	7	15
Adequate	52	80	71	82	80	91	74	87	91	78
Surplus	7	0	1	6	9	6	2	0	1	4
<b>Corn Dough</b>	82	91	92	97	97	93	94	98	97	92
<b>Corn Dented</b>	37	57	49	79	68	76	74	84	82	64
<b>Corn Mature</b>	3	3	10	12	29	14	8	25	55	15
<b>Soybeans Blooming</b>	95	97	97	98	91	88	100	97	97	96
<b>Soybeans Setting Pods</b>	81	88	83	92	78	67	88	83	78	82
<b>Sorghum Headed</b>	98	99	94	96	98	90	95	93	95	96
<b>Sorghum Coloring</b>	58	68	50	37	44	44	40	58	62	50

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