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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. February 27, 2017 – For the month of February 2017, temperatures averaged six to twelve degrees above normal across the entire State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Most of the State remained dry, while portions of central and eastern Kansas received beneficial rainfall. The mild temperatures have been good for calving and some early fieldwork. Fertilizer application and weed management have begun in many areas. Topsoil moisture rated 21 percent very short, 34 short, 45 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 21 percent very short, 35 short, 44 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 16 poor, 36 fair, 40 good, and 3 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 25 fair, 67 good and 5 excellent. Calving progress was 28 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 63 average, and 36 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 86 good and 2 excellent. Lambing progress was 40 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 60 average, and 40 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 90 adequate, 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 2 percent very short, 13 short, 84 adequate, and 1 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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