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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. March 20, 2017 – For the week ending March 19, 2017, temperatures averaged four to six degrees above normal in western counties, but a few degrees below normal in the eastern half of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Kansas remained dry, with limited amounts of precipitation received in a few eastern counties. Dry, windy conditions continued to pose a threat of wildfires across the State. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 29 percent very short, 45 short, 26 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 21 percent very short, 40 short, 39 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 17 poor, 38 fair, 36 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 10 percent, behind 18 last year, but near the five-year average of 8.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 68 good, and 7 excellent. Calving progress was 64 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 57 average, and 42 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 81 good, and 4 excellent. Lambing progress was 78 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 57 average, and 43 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 88 adequate, 6 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 4 percent very short, 13 short, 82 adequate, and 1 surplus.

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

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 March 19, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.3	7.0	6.8	6.1	6.7	6.4	6.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	47	42	57	16	9	14	15	13	17	29
Short	37	45	34	40	48	59	41	62	46	45
Adequate	16	13	9	44	43	27	44	25	37	26
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	38	25	48	9	8	8	7	5	11	21
Short	43	52	38	30	47	34	39	59	29	40
Adequate	19	23	14	61	45	58	54	36	60	39
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winter Wheat Jointed	4	3	3	4	7	23	2	7	24	10

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